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SA duo win tune-up race in world yachting contest

JOHANNESBURG — There was much joy in the South African camp in Cadiz, Spain, on Wednesday night after Dave Hudson and crewmate Dave Kitchen won the tune-up race of the Flying Dutchman class world yachting championships.

Sailing their new chartered boat, Port Owen, the two beat current Olympic Gold medallist, Bojsen-Moller of Denmark, with the rest of the fleet sailing in their wake.

Hudson was the last South African to sail in a Flying Dutchman world championship back in 1974.

Other South Africans doing well in

the European warm-up events are the Soling class team of Bruce Savage, Giles Stanley and Rick Mayhew.

The trio finished fourth in the European Soling championships in Copenhagen, among a fleet of 40 boats which included all the top names of the fleet.

The crew will shortly be heading to the Spa regatta in Holland — another leg of the Olympic tune-up circuit — after completing maintenance work on their rudder in an effort to improve the speed of the boat. — Sapa