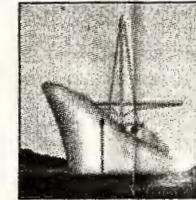


# Preparations for NCS gather momentum

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Masters' Regatta for Lasers and Sprogs happens next weekend and should be a lot of fun for the over-35s. First race is not before 10am on Saturday, May 31 and the entry fee is R50.

This is certainly an excellent opportunity to get away from those irritating 21-year-olds who keep on winning most of the races in the Sprogs.

the light shifty breezes made the conditions a bit frustrating (for those of us who were not able to read them properly!).

At the moment, dinghy fleet sizes are down a bit although this is sure to change when people realise that the Single-handed Regatta (incorporating the Finn Provincials) is only two weekends away and the Laser Nationals is part of the NCS Regatta (at the beginning of July).

□ The Island Sailing Club

□ The Single-handed Regatta was mentioned earlier on. This is open to single-handed classes (eg: Lasers and Finns), or double-handed boats where the helmsmen want to give the crews the weekend off.

Last year's edition was well attended (particularly by the Finn sailors who seem keen on regattas where no travelling to the venue is required) and the 1997 version is a must for any Sprog skipper who has bleated recently about being unable to find a crew.

PREPARATIONS among the sailors for the NCS Regatta are starting to gain momentum, shown by the gradual increase in the number of keelboats joining in the Sunday racing.

The Rose Bowl series finished last weekend and a total of nine boats (representing about 50 people) made up the biggest fleet seen on a Sunday for some time.

Last weekend's top performer was Owens Corning Warrior, skippered by Ernie Shaw, who is clearly hoping to repeat his class winning performance in last year's NCS Regatta.

Ernie won all three races and is also looking good for the L34 and IMS Provincial Championships, due to happen on 14-16 June.

The L26s are also due to sail their KZN Champs over the same weekend but, as yet, no L26s have managed to start putting in time on the water.

□ The dinghies were also active last weekend although

PICTURE: ROY DUNSTER

TOP PERFORMER: Owens Corning Warrior on the right

