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CRAIG Miller will be the only South African skipper competing in the Clipper 05-06 round-the-world yacht race starting in September

Durban Clipper skipper thrilled to be chosen

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DURBAN man Craig Miller could not hide his excitement yesterday on learning that he had won the race to skipper the yacht Durban Clipper in the Clipper 05-06 round -the-world race.

Miller will be the only South African skipper in the race. His credentials include wins

in the Vasco Da Gama race and second place in the Cape to Rio race.

eThekweni Mayor Obed Mlaba said he was proud of Miller and hoped he would make Durban and the country proud.

The 68-foot yacht, which was sponsored by Durban Africa, will set sail from Liverpool, England, when the race gets under way in September.

Durban will be a stopover in the race in November.

A visibly excited Miller said he would do his best to ensure success in the race.

He said: "I'm thrilled to have this opportunity to represent the city of my birth. There were over 400 applicants and the judges were strict and I was able to get the job.

"I will take great pride in

representing the city of Durban around the world, as our racing yacht takes on international teams.

"I believe that it will be a great challenge to lead a crew of relatively inexperienced sailors safely and competitively on this round-the-world yacht race and, as a competitive skipper, I will take even more pride in winning the race for my home city."