

New Sprog Contest

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Opposed

DURBAN yachtsmen are unhappy at the proposed date for the 1968-69 Natal Sprog championships.

This event, which traditionally has been held in Durban over Easter, is scheduled to take place at the Wagendrift Dam, near Estcourt, from August 31 to September 2.

Local Sprog sailors point out that the water and weather are still very cold at that time of the year, and could provide a miserable week-end for those yachtsmen who trail their boats to the Midlands.

REGATTA

In addition, the regatta is only two months away, and it is quite likely that most Sprog owners will still be refitting their boats for the coming Summer season. It is a fact that many yachts are never ready for the Durban opening cruise in October, so not more than a handful of craft will be ready in September.

The changing of the venue and time of the Sprog championships is in accordance with the Natal Yachting Association's policy of moving Provincial events to other centres around the Province.

SMALLER CLUBS

This policy has merit, but in their enthusiasm they ought not to place too great a burden on the smaller clubs in the Province.

The Natal Sprog championships has for many years been one of the most keenly contested regattas in the country.

There is a danger this year that the next champion will score only a hollow victory in a mediocre fleet. The NYA must reconsider this date soon.