



Ready to be shipped to Durban is Port Elizabeth's only entry in the Crystic Ocean Challenge, with her crew (from the left) IAN LITTLEJOHN, VINCE GILL, DAVE DAVIES and VAUGHAN BREWIS. Adding a bit of glamour is MERYL LA TROBE.

Picture: Evert Smith

PE entry in Durban yacht race

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THE ensign of Port Elizabeth's Zwartkops Yacht Club will be flown in Durban next month when, for the first time in many years, Port Elizabeth will have an entry in the annual Crystic Ocean Challenge.

The yacht, Bernhardine II, has been entered by the

ZYC in the week-long event.

In an interview this week the owner of Bernhardine II, Mr Ian Littlejohn, said the Sweet Pea class yacht had been entered in the IOR II class (International Off-shore Racing class II).

It had come second in this class during the recent

Kwikot Week in Algoa Bay and he was looking forward to competing again against the winner, the Durban yacht, Red Flyer.

The 7,3-metre yacht has been shipped to Durban and Mr Littlejohn and his crew of four will leave for Durban next week for the start on the race week on

July 2, from the Point Yacht Club.

Mr Littlejohn said ocean-going racing had been dormant at the Zwartkops Yacht Club in recent years.

Bernhardine II was the first ocean racer to be entered by the club in a competition in many years.

Although based at a river estuary, the Zwartkops Yacht Club had long-standing links with the sea and the Royal Navy.

In the 1930s Admiral Evans, of the Royal Navy, regularly visited the club as naval ships patrolled the east coast.

He gave the club the ensign from HMS Discovery, the polar exploration ship used by Scott's expedition. One of his relatives died with Scott in the Antarctic.