

# Table Bay Transvaal takeover?

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TRANSVAAL and Natal yachting clubs will be out to break the Cape stranglehold on the Joko-Lipton Challenge Cup in Table Bay from August 25 to 31.

For three years now, the trophy for South Africa's premier offshore regatta has gone to Zee-koevlei Yacht Club, and the country's top L26 SX Stainless Steel will be crewed by the same men who took her to victory last year. The only change this time, is in the name, which is now MS and A Stainless.

Twenty six boats entered the all-L26 race last year, and with Transvaal and Natal more determined than ever to stop the Cape run, a bigger entry is expected this time to do battle for one of the most valuable prizes in world yachting — the R500 000 silver-gilt trophy donated by Sir Thomas Lipton in 1909.

"The round-the-buoys races, which are a feature of the regatta, really bring out the competitive spirit," said veteran Cape sailor Eric Bongers, chairman of the organising committee. "It's the fight to the finish aspect that makes the race so popular."

Entries for the Lipton close on July 26.



WE ARE SAILING . . . SX Stainless Steel won the Joko Lipton Challenge Regatta last year. This year, under a new name (MS and A Stainless), the same crew, will attempt to repeat the feat in Table Bay from August 25-31. Entries for the race close on June 26.

# Sailing probe launched

THE Transvaal Sailing Association will run a workshop following a questionnaire sent to every sailor in the province, writes Dave Beattie.

The workshop will be at Victoria Lake Club on June 15, starting at 10 am.

The questionnaire was designed to elicit opinions on club and class associations and determine the popularity of sailing as a sport and leisure activity.

The response showed that while junior training in the province was thought to be "good" more attention should be paid to adult training.

The report backs also showed that early starters in sailing were usually more competitive and dedicated, tending to make sailing their lifetime sport. Those who started sailing as adults, had a higher percentage drop-out rate and tended toward cruising rather than racing much sooner in their careers.

Eighty-three percent thought their clubs were well managed; but a number of clubs fell far short of the mark.

Suggestions will be examined in detail in an effort to come up with guidelines that will help clubs and make sailing a more rewarding experience for sailors and their families.