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# Tight finish in first Lipton Cup yacht race

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DURBAN. — After the first round of the Lipton Cup yacht races this week the competition among the 23 entries is wide open.

Yesterday saw the two most favoured yachts, Point Yacht Club's B2G2, skippered by Graham Dibb, and Omega Heatwave from Royal Cape, skippered by Etienne van Cuyck, finishing down the fleet in fifth and sixth positions respectively.

B2G2 went straight to the front at the start and was first round the first marker. But she was pressed, not by a favourite, but by the entry from Victoria Lake Club in Germiston, Tatoosh, skippered by Robbie Willcox.

But by the time the boats reached the weather marker for the second time last year's winner, Galactica, the first inland yacht in the 80-year history of the cup to win the challenge, had swept into first place.

The battle for the finish was thrilling as six boats challenged for the line and Bruce Savage, sailing the University of Natal Yacht Club's Element, beat Defence Force Simon's Town's Roy Heiner in Cape Columbine by half a boat length.

Galactica, having held the lead to the last tack, was third, followed by Tatoosh, Omega Heatwave and B2G2.

Today's conditions were again light.