

# Cape sailors take a breather from the battle



## Durban yachtsmen lead Lipton Cup in cliff-hanger race

By Norman Sheriff

AS THE 1985 Lipton Cup Challenge fleet goes into the final race today, the whole series is a cliff-hanger with two Durban yachts vying for first place overall.

The yachts are B2G2 of the Point Yacht Club and Element PGM of Natal University. Barling a disaster, one of these two yachts will win South Africa's most coveted yachting trophy.

Yesterday's race caused saw an upset with B2G2 disqualified for being over the line at the start. After one general recall and one single recall, which was ignored, the fleet got away well in a steady 8-10 knot north-easterly with a moderate well.

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SAILORS in the Lipton Cup yacht race series relaxed a little at a disco-braai party at Point Yacht Club last night. Among those who made the most of it were (left to right) Tony Gardner, Etienne van Wyk, Philip Gardyne, Titch Mitchell and Gary Lyttle, all of the Royal Cape Yacht Club.

Olympic course, the Cape yacht, Omega Heatwave, was leading B2G2 and Cape Columbine. The first seven yachts then pulled clear with Omega Heatwave moving into a controlling lead she did not lose.

Second over the finish line was Cape Columbine, followed by Galactica which took third place after B2G2 was disqualified. Then came Element PGM, Tatoosh and Halycon.

Overall results after four races are: 1 Element PGM (Natal U), 2 Cape Columbine (Defence, Simon's Town), 3 Galactica (Transvaal YC), 4 Tatoosh (Victoria Lake), 5 Omega Heatwave (Royal Cape YC), 6 Red Robin (Midmar YC), 7 Warrior (Island Sailing Club), 8 B2G2 (Point YC), 9 Halycon (Zeekoevlei YC), 10 Garfunkel (Bluff YC).