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David looking brilliant

AS the 73-strong Laser fleet competing in the Manser Saxon Brilliant Signs national championships go into the final round today, it looks all over bar the shouting for Durban skipper David Hibberd of the University of Natal Yacht Club, writes **Norman Sheriff**.

Barring a complete disaster, he should be the overall winner after the six races which make up the regatta.

Yesterday's fifth round began in ideal conditions, but later the wind gusted up to 25 knots and the sea began to rise. There were several retirements due to gear failure.

Hibberd showed his champion's style by leading from start to finish, hotly pursued by three Cape yachts. Second was Garry Holliday with Peter Wilson third and Bruce Howard fourth.

Zeekoevlei yachtsmen especially have done well in this regatta and currently have five out of the top 10 positions.

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Offshore Durban

Overall after 5 races: 1 David Hibberd (UNYC), 2 G Holliday (ZYC), 3 C Richards (SADF), 4 P Shaw (ZYC), 5 B Howard (UCTYC), 6 P Wilson (ZYC), 7 Ian Ainslie (UNYC), 8 Rowan Clark (SADF), 9 A Morris (ZYC), 10 S du Toit (ZYC)