

## Washed overboard



THE Natal Mercury wishes its Muslim readers a happy Eid-ul-Adha, Festival of Sacrifice, which will be celebrated today. Most Muslim-owned businesses and offices will be closed for the day.

Recovering at Point Yacht Club on the yacht Heydays after falling overboard are (second left) Bill Heydenrych and (right) Graham Steyn. With them are crew members who brought the boat back to shore (left) Arnie Steyn and Garth Heydenrych.

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# Heavy seas cause drama for yachts

## Mercury Reporter

THERE was drama on the second day of the 1990 Crystic Week when two yachtsmen fell overboard in heavy swells and another ended up with broken ribs.

Skipper of the yacht, Tatoosh, Mr Alex Schön, said they were surfing down a wave with their spinnaker up when the spinnaker boom hooked on a railing.

'We had to pull out of the gybe but as we did the spinnaker pole hit Greg Plunkett and broke some of his ribs.

'The rescue craft picked him up at the harbour mouth and he was taken to hospital,' said Mr Schön.

In another incident, Mr Bill Heydenrych, skipper of the yacht Heydays, and crew member, Mr Graham Steyn, were washed overboard when their boat was swamped by a wave.

Mr Heydenrych said someone called to him to look at a wave and as he turned around it broke over the back of their boat.

'It washed us both off the back of the boat.

'We were in the water for about 10 minutes hanging on to a life ring when Spirit of Club Mykonos came past and picked us up.

'We are very grateful to them,' said Mr Heydenrych.

Skipper of Spirit of Club Mykonos, Mr Dave Abromowitz, said: 'We were heading towards the harbour when we saw two people floating in the water on a life ring.

'We said we would pick them up and then found out there were two others left on the boat who weren't that experienced.

'We suggested to them what they should do and they followed us back,' he said.

Media liaison officer for Crystic Week, Mr Richard Crockett, said the yacht Aluweld VB, skippered by Mr Craig Millar, broke a mast yesterday and the boat, Owens and Davern, skippered by Mr Mike Matter, broke a rudder.

'We started with perfect sailing conditions and then halfway through the wind came up from nowhere,' he said.

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