

Men overboard as things get rough

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DURBAN — A strong north-easterly wind which whipped up a large and rough swell caused drama and damage during yesterday's third day of **Crystic Week**.

Transvaal's Reinhold Antweiler, skipper of the J22 yacht Proxima Se-mana, was struck on the head by the boom and fell overboard. His crew did everything possible to pick him up quickly but were hampered by the large swell.

When they managed to rescue him he was breathing erratically and close to drowning.

He was transferred to a rescue craft and then to an ambulance waiting at the harbour entrance from where he was taken to Addington Hospital.

There was also drama in the J27 class when Pink Cadillac, skippered by Ron Gurnell, ploughed into J Sea, causing extensive damage to J Sea, including torn sails. But this did not deter her crew, who pressed on to finish the race.

Pink Cadillac was undamaged but sportingly retired from the race instead of completing a 720 degree turn and then continuing to race.

In the J22 class, the spinnaker trimmer of Eliminator, Cape Town's Teddy Byrne, fell overboard and was soon rescued, but one leg of the course later her skipper, Derek Rothman of the Transvaal, also fell overboard and had to be rescued.

Despite all these setbacks the racing was tight and competitive, with crews having to muster all their skills to keep the yachts performing at maximum potential in the boisterous conditions.

RESULTS

ROOD: 1 Beefeater (J Parker) Cape Town; 2 Reaction (D Runtzler) Durban; 3 Ariel (S Saville) Cape Town.
Hunter: 1 Odin's Eye (T Cockerill) Midmar Natal; 2 Hugger Mugger (H Elliot) Transvaal; 3 Iphesi (J Mackay) Midmar Natal.
L28: 1 Port Owen Pacer (C Richards) Cape Town; 2 Port Owen Challenger (S Du Toit) Cape Town; 3 Galactica (P Harris) Durban.
Stadt 23: 1 Tequila (C Schweitzer) Transvaal; 2 Mijnstadt (P French) Transvaal; 3 Umoya (J Cross) Transvaal.
L34: 1 Harken Equinox (C Lanham-Love) Durban; 2 Afi Warrior (E Shaw) Durban; 3 Crossbow (M Surgeon) Durban.
J27: 1 Owens And Davern (M Mendes) Transvaal; 2 Bayete (D Wibberley) Transvaal; 3 Pure Magic (G Davidge-Plitt) Transvaal.
J22 Class: 1 NCS Bellamy (C King) Cape Town; 2 Port Owen Too (D Hudson) Cape Town; 3 Umbro (J De Kock) Cape Town.
IMS Handicap: 1 Seaboard Ceramica (M Taylor) Durban; 2 MSC Donna Mia (H Ellens); 3 Moonpath (I Park-Ross) Durban. — Sapa.