

# Mr Bojangles setting pace in yacht event

WITH just two races sailed in **Crytic Sale Week** 1992, already a pattern appears to be forming with several skippers firmly stamping their mark on the series.

The J22 class, the largest in the fleet with 18 yachts, saw another win for the Cape yacht Mr Bojangles, which danced her way to a very convincing win in a dying wind which saw the course shortened for most classes.

Mr Bojangles appeared to get the best start and was, for most of the race, threatened by Durban's Stateline Warlord.

In fact, at several stages it looked as if Stateline was marginally ahead, especially on the beats to windward.

It was only on the final beat to the finish that Mr Bojangles, ably crewed by Chris King, Nick Baikoff and Iain Park-Ross showed her superiority in the light winds and sailed to a comfortable win. Third over the line some way back was another Durban yacht, Great Hawk, skippered by Mark Hawksworth.

Another yacht with two wins from two races was Ray Ban from Deneysville Aquatic Club and skippered by Craig Schweitzer in the Stadt 23 class, the second biggest section of the fleet with 14 yachts competing.

The crew had expected heavy weather — 'The stronger it is, the better we like it,' said one crewman. The boat was rigged accordingly and they were sailing with a crew of four instead of the usual three.

In spite of the rigging and extra weight, Ray Ban held off a determined challenge from Top Knotch and Signkor, which were second and third respectively. Both were within striking distance for most of the race but Ray Ban, with some clever cover-tacking, held them at bay.

Certainly the biggest win of the day came from Jack Goldsmith's Prion II in the RCOD fleet which, after one spirited attempt to come to terms from Reaction, sailed on to take

the race by a cool 15 minutes.

Prion II, however, was protested by the last of the J22 fleet regarding an incident on the finish line. The outcome of the protest has not, as yet, been announced.

Durban skipper Colin Dibb, now sailing for Royal Cape, looked like taking the L26 race, but on the final beat appeared to tack to the least advantageous side of the course and lost out to a fast-closing Stainless, another Cape yacht skippered by Rick Nankin who took the race.

Also closing in for the kill were Durban yachts Red Robin and Galactica which were third and fourth respectively. Less than a minute separated the first four in this class.

## Round Two results:

**L26s:** 1 Stainless (Zeekoe-vlei), 2 Royal Cape (Royal Cape YC), 3 Red Robin (Point YC), 4 Galactica (Royal Natal YC).

**J22s:** 1 Mr Bojangles (Royal Cape YC), 2 Stateline Warlord (Point YC), 3 Great Hawk (Point YC), 4 Prinz Eugen (Pretoria SC).

**J27s:** Pirelli (Deneysville AC), 2 Pure Magic (Deneysville AC), 3 Joster (Pennant Nine YC), 4 On The Rampage (Aedlians).

**L34s:** 1 Equinox, 2 Close Again, 3 AFI Fibreglass Warrior, 4 Solar Wind (All Point YC).

**Stadt 23s:** 1 Ray Ban (Deneysville AC), 2 Top Knotch (Lake Deneys YC), 3 Signkor (Deneysville AC), 4 Illusion (Deneysville AC).

**RCODs:** 1 Prion II, 2 Reaction, 3 Spray, 4 Rennie's Terminals (All Point YC).

**Hunters:** Odin's Eye (Henley Midmar YC), 2 Orca (Defence), 3 Atalanta (Henley Midmar YC), 4 Hugger Mugger (Transvaal YC).

**IMS Class:** 1 Stocks and Stocks Corum (Royal Cape YC), 2 NBS Swimplion (Point YC), 3 Zing (Point YC), 4 MSC Donna Mia (Point YC).