

All set for Double Cape



SEA FEVER . . . A view of the fleet setting off at the start of last year's Double Cape race with Signal Hill in the background.

A RECORD entry of more than 70 yachts is expected for the Double Cape race in September.

Crack yachtsmen are expected to use it as a "warm-up" for the Cape-to-Rio race later.

The race starts simultaneously from four Peninsula yacht clubs — Gordon's Bay, False Bay, Hout Bay and Royal Cape — at sunset on Friday, September 11.

Challenging

The anti-clockwise course around the Peninsula's treacherous coastline, with its submerged rocks and strong currents, takes competitors past Cape Point twice to finish at their respective home ports.

"We believe our support for this

challenging race will continue to be a valuable image builder for us," said Mr Philip Zink, whose company is a sponsor.

Coastline

The race was established 12 years ago by two Gordon's Bay members who wanted to extend the club's racing programme in a way that would include other clubs along the Peninsula.

The race is open to all and to any class of yacht.

"But the race's appeal stretches far beyond the big league and includes family teams, yachtsmen and anyone who enjoys the excitement of a grueling overnight yachting challenge along a tricky coastline," said Mr Zink.