

FIGURES just released by the South African Yacht Racing Association show that more than 1,000 racing craft hold measurement certificates with the association.

The Sprog class remains the largest in the country with 423 registered yachts. This South African class has proved through the years to be a real favourite with people who take up yachting, and quite rightly so. It is a dinghy which provides high-speed thrills with the maximum of safety.

The Sprog is also a favourite with those who have a bent towards carpentry. Being a hard-chine design in wood—the rules do not allow fibre class—it is easy to build, as many yachtsmen have proved.

Sprogs still top popularity list

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Second on the list are the Finns with 291. This is the highest number of registered boats in an international class in South Africa.

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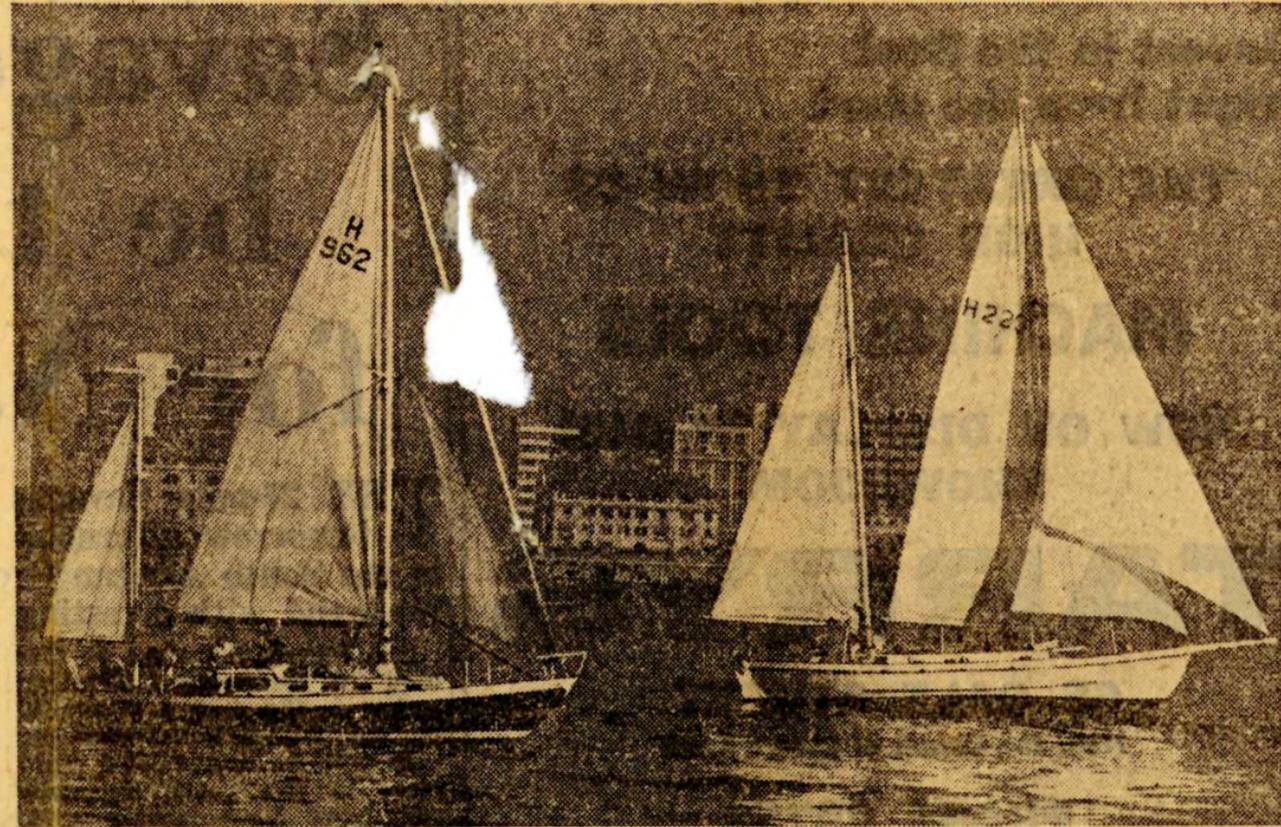
It might seem out of place that a single-handed class should have so many supporters, but when one takes into account that at times crews are hard to come by, then it becomes understandable. And anyway, South African Yachtsmen have always been a race of "loners".

Third are the Flying Dutchmen with 155 registered boats. Durban has 11 of these yachts

with John Sully the national champion. But unless five of these 11 yachts get sailing in Durban during the coming season, they will be relegated to the combined class.

Other figures are Enterprise (114), Spearhead (103), Sharpie (91), Tempo (66), Andy (54) and 5-0-5 (38).

So far six yachtsmen have been elected to the South African Yacht Racing Association Council. They are Mr. Paul Bennett, Western Province; Mr. H. J. Berker, South-West Africa; Mr. E. Morrison, Natal; Mr. D. Ord, Transvaal; Mr. D. Stuart and Mr. J. Sully, International Flying Dutchmen Owners' Association.



Sails flap idly as these yachts rise and fall to the gentle swell off Durban's West Street pier. They are two of the offshore fleet which took part in the Lourenco Marques to Durban race in July.