

Yacht disqualified after protests in Table Race race

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A LACK of wind and a protest provided tensions of different kinds during the Western Province L26 championships in Table Bay at the weekend.

Hout Bay Yacht Club carried away the laurels after the Point Yacht Club entry, MMI Mazda, was disqualified following a protest from other boats during the second race, a Royal Cape Yacht Club spokesman said.

The protest concerned a disagreement about tacks and right of way.

The winning boat, Judron, was skippered by Greg Davis.

The beautiful weather at the weekend made everybody in Cape Town happy except the yachtsmen and the judge on the committee boat, who had his work cut out to get maximum use out of the slight breezes which came across Table Bay on rare occasions.

Racing began on Friday without reigning Lipton Cup champion SX Stainless Steel with her crew hoping there would be six races, including one to discard.

This turned out to be unfortunate judgment because, although a full championship was held, only four races could be completed.

Geoff Meek, sailing the official Royal Cape Yacht Club entry, Sturrock Shipping, took third place.

The championship was seen as a performance indicator for the annual Joko Lipton Cup Challenge, to be held next week.