

Nankin and King win Lipton Cup

CAPE TOWN — Hout Bay Yacht club entry Judron won the last of the six races in the R400 000 Joko Lipton Cup series off Cape Town yesterday, to become the only boat to win three races.

But skipper Greg Davis still had to be content with second place overall, conceding victory to Rick Nankin and Chris King on Zeekoevlei Yacht Club's SX Stainless Steel.

Nankin and King — who also won the event last year — were second yesterday, but Stainless Steel was the most consistent performer in the weeklong event. It placed second, fifth, second, second, third and second to finish with 183 points to Judron's 175.

Third spot went to the Cape too, with Geoff Meek and royal Cape Yacht Club's Sturrock Shipping.

The first "outsider" home was Graham Dibb, on MMI Mazda, from Point Yacht club in Durban, and the leading yacht from the Transvaal was the Wits entry Duna Engineering 15° PMneering Rayban, skippered by Robbie Lanham-Love. They finished eighth with Faircape Homes, skippered by David Kruyt.

After a week of sailing

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characterised by predominantly light westerlies, it blew hard from the north west yesterday, with gusts of up to 25 knots.

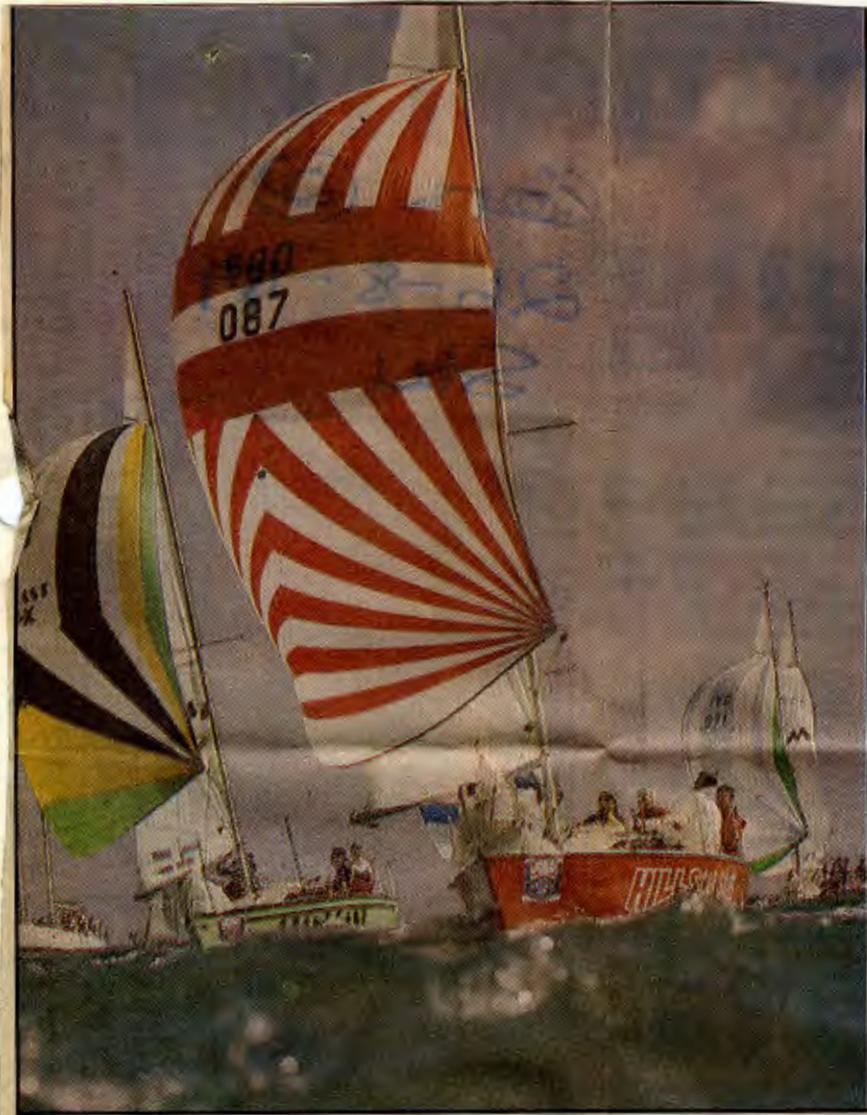
The last race was, in fact, delayed, when the met forecast warned of possible gales.

This meant feverish activity for the Stainless Steel crew. A crack had been discovered in the boom, and in view of the conditions expected, a reinforcing sleeve has hastily rivetted on.

As it turned out, the wind was no cause of concern, but crews had to be on their toes because of large clumps of floating kelp.

Yesterday, the first beat proved as crucial as ever, and first round the top mark was Judron. At that stage, Stainless Steel was third, behind Faircape Homes, and Duna Engineering Rayban was well placed in fifth spot.

Other placings: 5 Joko (JJ Provoyeur), 6 Port Owen Challenge (Dave Hudson), 7 Hollard Carguard (George Amolls), 8 Faircape Homes (David Kruyt) and Duna Engineering Rayban (Rob Lanham-Love), 10 Love Motors (Craig Lanham-Love), 11 Trade Centre (Robbie Wilcox), 12 Standfast Vent X (Alex Lanham-Love), 13 Philanderer (Paul Thompson), 14 Hill Car Sale (Richard Wiederhold), 15 Mentor 6000 (Craig Schweizer), 16 Stocks and Stocks (Mark Notcutt).



Transvaal entry Hills Car Sales, skippered by Richard Wiederhold, was prominent in the earlier races in the six-race Lipton Cup series off Cape Town this week. But yesterday, in the sixth and final race, she slipped down a few places to finish 14th overall.