

# Chris looks set to be crowned king again

ZEEKOEVLEI powered through to win the third day of racing in the Joko Lipton challenge cup regatta with a safe margin of almost two minutes, putting themselves on top overall.

The race favourites, Zeekoevlei's Chris King and Rick Nankin showed their mastery at the art of sailing in light westerly winds over a cold bay off Langebaan yesterday.

Racing again started late after unusual windless conditions continued throughout the morning. Soon after the end of the race, it died down again, promising another wait for a late start today.

Zeekoevlei crossed the starting line at the gun in their usual laid-back way, filling fifth spot behind the drag-racing hotheads, but they were first to round the weather mark of the Olympic course's first triangle with a lead of about 100m ahead of Royal Natal Yacht Club.

From then, however, King and Nankin really coaxed unbelievable boatspeed from their yacht, FG Minnitt, and by the time they had completed the first triangle, they had built

up a lead of two minutes and 40 seconds.

Behind them, the dice for second place was a heated battle in which Royal Natal lost out to Royal Cape's Hudron and University of Cape Town's Club Mykonos Magic.

When FG Minnitt finally crossed the finish line, Club Mykonos Magic, skippered by Steven Golliker, and Judron, skippered by Greg Davis, had caught up almost a minute.

It was not enough — Mykonos finished second to the delight of team manager John Martin and also took second place overall.

Former overall leader, Hermanus Yacht Club's Dulux, was shoved into an unlucky 11th spot yesterday, pushing Martin Schultz and his crew into third place overall.

Also in with a slim chance is Royal Cape Yacht Club's Judron, although skipper Greg Davis and crew will have to do a lot of hard sailing today and tomorrow to pull it off.

Although the obese dame has not yet sung, Chris is well on his way to being king yet again.