

# Dalldorf wins yachtsman of the year

WITHOUT a doubt, the most popular award at the East London Yacht Club prize-giving dinner went to Derek Dalldorf.

He received the Yachtsman of the Year award for his excellent performance throughout the season, which ended with him taking the Hobie Club Champs.

He received a standing ovation from his fellow yachtsmen.

Hampered by crutches or an artificial leg on shore, Derek is often unbeatable on the water.

The dinner was the usual smart affair, this time held at the Dolphin Hotel.

For the second year, a large contingent of youngsters was present. Junior sailors have infiltrated every sector

of sailing, from Oppies to keel-boats and Hobies.

Several were honoured at this awards evening. Jake Opie was awarded a well-earned Junior Yachtsman of the Year for dominating the Optimist Class for most of the season.

Libby Redding won Junior Club Champion for having coped best on the sea, also in an Optimist.

The Stirling High School team, who did so well in the Miura Inter-Schools Regatta on Table Bay, received a new trophy presented by Darrold Krull's New Horizon Sailing Academy.

Gordon Struwig missed his Border Junior Colours by a hair's breadth. Thomas Barrell received his East Cape Junior Colours for consistent good

sailing in his Mirror dinghy.

Club champs among the keel-boats was Jackhammer sailing as Latimer's Landing, helmed by Thomas Barrell of Hudson Park and skippered by John Sheppard.

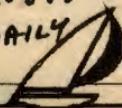
The ELYC Annual General Meeting, which followed a few weeks later, produced an almost brand new committee.

Congratulations to John Sheppard, who takes over as commodore, and Ian Cunningham, the new vice-commodore.

Lipton Cup is upon us again and Jackhammer has left to do battle with some of the top skippers in the land. This year they are without sponsors, but have vowed to do even better than before.

They have an impres-

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sive trend to maintain, having come 10th in 1992, seventh in 1993 and sixth last year.

John Sheppard, who was brimming with confidence before they left, said he was going to "man the foredeck" and I suspect sign the cheques.

Paul Thomas, who has represented South Africa in Hobie 14s, will be on the helm. Mike Joubert, who helmed last year, will do the sail trim. Philip Webb, sailing his third Lipton on Jackhammer, and Noel Gierks make up the five-man crew. They will represent ELYC.