



JUMP AND JIBE: The JML 3/Audi team, sailing for the Hermanus Yacht Club, lean to the side as they prepare for jibe around the buoy during day three of the 2009 Eden Island Lipton Cup. Some 29 teams from around South Africa are participating in the event until Friday when the winning team will take home the famous 101-year-old Lipton trophy. Defending champion Greg Davis took first place yesterday and continues his charge for a fourth consecutive title. *Picture: BRENTON GEACH*

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Win puts defending champion Davis on course for a fourth Lipton Cup

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IT WAS BUSINESS as usual in the 2009 Eden Island Lipton Cup yesterday, with favourite and defending champion Greg Davis taking first place and continuing his charge for a fourth consecutive title.

"It was quite a hard day and the breeze was quite switchy," said David Rae, Davis's co-skipper on board the Royal Cape

Yacht Club's Daly's Insurance.

"It was quite a comfortable win. Greg's done a fantastic job of putting the boat together and has also put together a fantastic team.

"It's going well so far, but it is early days."

Mark Sadler, aboard the Royal Natal entry, Orion Challenger, finished second but will have three more chances to get ahead of the host club and

whisk the trophy off to KwaZulu-Natal.

The young crew aboard Fish Hoek Beach Sailing Club's Intasure continued to be the surprise package as they snatched third place for the second time.

But one entry has stood out among the rest of the fleet, as it is the only one with no testosterone on board. The Cape Radio Yacht Club entry, Slaley, is the only all-women team in

the event this year, and is skippered by Judy Provoyeur, with daughter and Olympic sailor Dominique on board.

The team finished 19th in the first race while battling with the tough weather, and despite holding a fourth place at one point in the second race, they eventually slipped to 12th.

"We sailed well today, but it was quite tricky. There were lines of pressure in the water

and if you fell out of the line, you were dead in the water, but if you stayed in the breeze you looked like a hero," said Dominique.

Regarding their aim for the event, Dominique said: "The finish isn't really important this year, but how we sail is.

It would be nice to be halfway, or in the top 10, but what really matters is that we sail well and learn as much as possible.