

GREAT NEWS FOR S.A.

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GREAT news for South Africa is that the World 505 Association has confirmed that the class's World Championships will be held here in 1972.

This is not only the greatest boost South African yachting, in general, has had, but it is an official recognition of the South African 505 fleet. The announcement of the world championship regatta was made at the prize-giving of the Transvaal 505 Championships by the class president, Mr. George Duffin.

Taking part in this regatta was Durban yachtsman Dave Hudson, who showed extremely good form in the first three races at Lourenco Marques in July and has confirmed his talent by sailing consistently on Victoria Lake last week-end.

He and his brother Alan finished second to Rob Tainton of the Transvaal. The Hudsons got two firsts and a third and Tainton, two firsts and a second. Four races were sailed, with three to count to the final points position. There was a good breeze for all the races and with flat water, Dave Hudson describes the racing on one of the days as the fastest he's ever had.

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The Flying Dutchman class was won by Brian Metcalf, who was based in Durban for two months a short while ago. Racing in this class was extremely close. The result of the series was in the balance until the last race. By the third race Metcalf, Glynn Graham and John Tainton all had a first, a second and a third. Metcalf went on to win the fourth race and the series using an Elvstrom sail cut by Bruce McCurrach.

Two other Durban yachtsmen did extremely well in regattas last week-end. John Howard and Ernie Shaw tied for first place after a series of races in the Transvaal Finn Championships. The Durban Finn boys had been preparing for this regatta for some time and it is no surprise that they did well.