



Picture: LEON MULLER, Weekend Argus.

**A Lear jet swoops breath-takingly low over the yachts in Table Bay at the start of the First Bowring Double Cape Yacht Race yesterday evening. It was not known who was in the aircraft, which flew over several times almost at mast height, or whether permission had been granted for it to fly so low.**

## **Low-level jet just seaing**

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THE owner of a zippy private jet that buzzed the start of the First Bowring Double Cape yacht race yesterday says he was just getting more fun — which incidently is the name of his yacht — but he might have run foul of aviation regulations.

The “mystery” jet that made several below mast-height passes was traced through its registration — ZSMLN — to Simonstown businessman and yacht owner, Mr Brian Cohen.

An unrepentant Mr Cohen, owner of race entrant ‘Get more Fun’, said he had been giving friends a spectacular view of the race start.

“Yes, it was my jet yesterday. But we weren’t doing anything that we haven’t done before.

“I was seeing my yacht off — something we do quite often.”

He brushed off suggestions that the wave-clipping high-speed fly past might have been risky.

“Nobody was in any danger. As far as I know we weren’t doing anything illegal. I have two pilots and I’m sure they’ll be able to tell you better than I can.”

A spokesman at D F Malan airport said aircraft were prohibited from flying below 500ft in built-up areas, but he was not sure if Mr Cohen was liable for prosecution.

“We’ve never had any complaints about people flying too low over the sea.”