



□ The crew of Durban's AFI Fibreglass Warrior. From left: Craig, Alec and Bobby Lanham-Love, Nigel Sylvester and skipper Ernie Shaw. In front: team manager and co-ordinator Maureen Geall

Oh brother – a whole lot of Loving!

FOR the first time three brothers will race in the same yacht from Mauritius to Durban, starting on September 21.

They are the Lanham-Love brothers of Durban, who learned their early sailing in dinghies on the Vaal river, where their father Gordon Lanham-Love established himself as one of South Africa's top speedboat racers over two decades ago.

The brothers Alec Lanham-Love (30), an insurance consultant, Craig (27), a yacht store manager, and Bobby (24), a public prosecutor, will crew for Ernie

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Shaw, whose L34 AFI Fibreglass Warrior, is strongly fancied to capture overall handicap honours in the gruelling 1 600 nautical mile biennial race.

The Lanham-Love brothers were to have sailed the L34 Equinox, but withdrew because of lack of sponsorship. Only seven of the 19 boats already entered are sponsored.

The Lanham-Loves have all represented South Africa, either in

South Africa or abroad, in lasers or dinghies.

The other crew members are former Zimbabwean yachtsman Nigel Sylvester (29), an accountant, who skippered the L34 Lapwing into 13th place out of 38 yachts in the 1989 Mauritius race, and Mark Dain (25), of Durban.

Ernie Shaw (56), a former Springbok and veteran of 33 years sailing, says: "I'm fortunate to recruit a bunch of first rate drivers, who

are all skippers in their own right, capable of sailing a boat across an ocean in difficult conditions."

"Driving, or serving as helmsman, is what the Beachcomber Crossing is all about. We hope to push the boat extremely hard, and will be in contention at the end."

His crew were delighted to learn that the crack L34 Suburban Hardware Dulux, of Cape Town, skippered by Springbok Rob Meek, was a late entry. "We aim to klop them," said Shaw of their old adversary.