

Trophies stolen from Dutch club

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THREE valuable replicas of Dutch sailing ships — prizes for next week's De Nederlandsche Double Cape Yacht Race — have been stolen.

The replicas, worth R20 000, were stolen on Wednesday night from the Nederlandse Business Centre in Long Street.

Brand new computers, worth over R100 000, were also stolen.

President of De Nederlandsche Club, Mrs Willemijntje Bijleveld, said yesterday: "It's such a big disappointment."

"We were going to use the ships as prizes in the race. I've always defended South Africa and said the crime is not so bad, because I've been robbed all over the world but never here. Now it has happened."

The thieves broke in through the front door and cut the burglar alarm.

The international Double Yacht Race between Cape Town and Gordon's Bay, held on September 28, is sponsored by De Nederlandsche Club.



SHIVER ME TIMBERS: Three replica ships like this one, which were going to be prizes for the winners in the Double Cape Yacht Race, were stolen from the Nederlandse Business Centre in Long Street. President of De Nederlandsche Club, Mrs Willemijntje Bijleveld, is seen here with the one that didn't get away.

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