

Point Yacht Club looks to the future

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THE Commodore and general committee at Point Yacht Club held a general meeting for the members on Monday this week to explain their vision for the future of the club and what measures they are taking now to ensure its long-term viability.

Like many sports clubs, PYC has been under some pressure of late but it was reassuring to see that the current leadership has had the courage to take the difficult decisions.

They are clearly putting in a huge amount of work and it looks as though their efforts should ensure that PYC has a very promising future.

Congratulations to Dave Booth and team on an excellent presentation and the hard work that went into it.

□ The 49er class held their Western Province championships last weekend and KZN was represented by two teams in the shape of Alec Lanham-Love/William Voerman and Dereck Warne/Andrew Heathcote.

Dereck and Andrew had mast problems and were not able to sail in all the races, but Alec and William managed a second overall behind Joe de Kock/David Rae from Gauteng.

The team will travel to Australia in December for the World Championships to be held between Christmas

and New Year.

□ An update from the Whitbread Round-the-World second leg (Cape Town to Fremantle) is that Swedish Match has maintained her lead with Innovation Kvaerner in second (275 miles behind) and Toshiba in third (390 miles behind).

Swedish Match's highest recorded speed has been 32 knots and she should reach Australia tomorrow.

The record for a 24-hour run on a monohull was broken earlier in the week by Silk

Cut, which recorded 449 miles in a day, giving an average speed of 18,7 knots.

Silk Cut is currently fighting it out with EF Language for fourth spot.

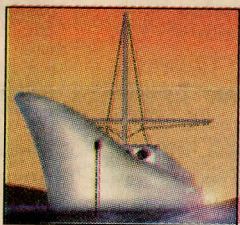
Chessie Racing, with Jonathan Swain, is in sixth, Merit Cup is in seventh, the all-girl EF Education is eighth and Brunel Sunergy is ninth.

Thanks to Brad Morgan on East Coast Radio Sports Wave for giving regular updates of the fleet's progress.

□ The Expo '98 Round-the-World fleet has docked in Richards Bay and will arrive in Durban on December 7.

Point Yacht Club will host the boats in Durban and has put together a hectic programme of social events for the crews.

The PYC is also open to the public from December 7-14.



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