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# Yachting

UNIVERSITY teams from Cape Town, Wits, Rhodes, Natal (Durban) and Natal (Pmb), Orange Free State and Potchefstroom are competing this week in the annual inter-  
varsity championships which begin tomorrow at Midmar Dam.

The regatta, which lasts until Wednesday, will be run on the team racing system. Three yachts make up a team in each of the three classes — Sprogs, Lasers and Windsurfers.

Race officer Professor "Wog" Hawksworth, commodore of Henley Yacht Club, said: "Some of the best yachtsmen in the country will be on view and we are expecting some stiff competition.

"On Wednesday a combined SA Universities team will be announced to sail against a combined SADF team on Thursday. On Friday we go straight into another major regatta, the Natal provincial championships for Lasers, Fireballs, 505s and Flying Fifteens. This promises to be a very exciting event as these are all high-performance classes."

The main race in Durban today is for the NSRI Pursuit Trophy which is being hosted by the Island Sailing Club. This race, which is open to all classes of dinghies and catamarans, starts at 10.30am after the champagne breakfast at 8.30am. Entries for the race close at 10am at either the ISC or PYC.

The fleet will be set off at time intervals with the smaller, slower yachts starting first and the faster ones later according to a pre-determined programme.

The course will take in most areas of the Bay and the first yacht home is the winner. The prizegiving is scheduled for 2pm after a social braai lunch.

The second of the keeler fun races was held last week on the Bay with another big fleet of about 20 taking part. All classes of cruisers and racers were represented down to a small 18-footer named *Hirondelle*.

A south-westerly 'buster' hit the fleet shortly after the start but soon calmed to about 20 knots. *Warrior* was first over the line followed by *Red Robin* and *Electron*, all L26s. The handicap result however gave the race to *Fuel Free* from *Warrior* and *Appletiser III*.