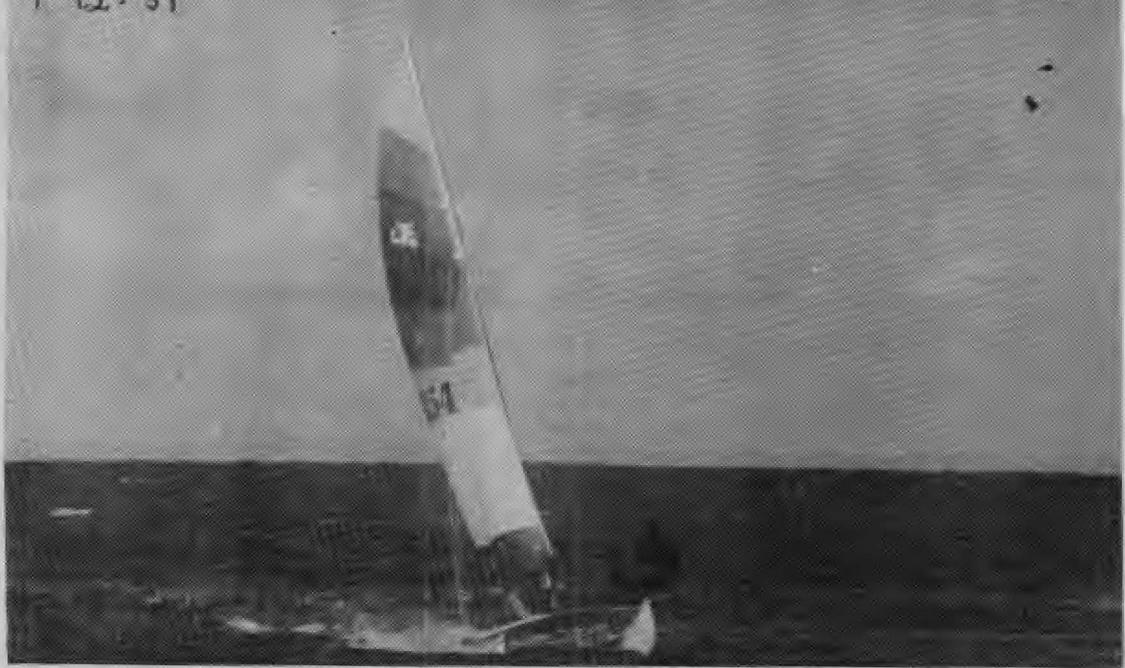


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WHAT A HOBIE REGATTA

By Mark Modderman

MOSSEL BAY: With 15 entrants last weekend's Hobie Regatta at the Santos Beach, sponsored by Rodger Brink, was a great success.

On Saturday skippers started rigging their boats. After a brief skippers' meeting the participants headed for the start line, which was a yacht moored off Santos beach.

The weather was great, but a couple more knots of wind would have been appreciated to get through the chop, which made for tricky sailing.

People were a little rusty and many boats had bad starts. With ten boats on the start, it made it very interesting.

Positions of the first race:

1. Mark Modderman & Duncan Taylor;
2. CS Webb & R Brink;

3. Rob & Nessa van Rooyen;
4. J Lewis & T Lötter;
5. Danie Chambers & Dolf Arenhold, sailing a H18.

The second race followed straight after the first in very much the same conditions. The positions were as follows:

1. Mark Modderman & Duncan Taylor;
2. Rob & Nessa van Rooyen;
3. Durr Meyer & Theo Kotze;
4. D Chambers & D Arenhold;
5. JJ Moorcraft & Ansie Steyn.

A couple of drinks were enjoyed that evening at the Yacht Club while talk of the day's racing and what tomorrow would bring was discussed.

Sunday arrived with a couple of bodies and heads feeling a little tender. The first race was started at 11:30 am with a pleasant little breeze.

The race was won convincingly by Rob and Nessa van Rooyen, followed by J Lewis and T Lötter. Third was Durr Meyer and Theo Kotze, followed by JJ Moorcraft and Ansie Steyn. In the fifth place was M Modderman and Neels Grundlingh.

The second race which was sailed straight after the first, was a little

more exciting with a couple of incidents. JJ, after leading the race by a good margin, decided to sail double the distance and still win.

But alas, it didn't work -- even the best make mistakes, hey Ansie?

Viv and Leslie lying second were not impressed when a boat rode into the back of them. (Sorry Viv!)

Although they got their laugh when the culprit went swimming at the next mark.

Bad luck to Durr, who was doing well until his mast snapped. Mike Spears and Melanie Marais found it difficult to sail without steering and ended up drowning their sorrows.

D Chambers and D Arenhold led from start to finish. Second was M Modderman and Neels Grundlingh, followed by J Lewis and T Lötter. Viv van Zyl and Leslie ended up fourth, and fifth was Peet van Tonder and Rob Kokke.

In the last race the wind died, so it was once again tricky sailing with the Hobie 18 taking advantage of its extra power, winning the last race comfortably.

The other results were:

2. J Lewis & T Lötter;
3. M Modderman & N Grundlingh;
4. Rob & Nessa van Rooyen;
5. JJ Moorcraft and Ansie Steyn.

Thanks must be given to the NSRI for laying the marks, Freida von Dongwa for being the committee boat, sponsors Steyn Bros, Berg Sports, Gannet Restaurant and Tradewinds.

The final results were:

2. Rob & Nessa van Rooyen;
3. D Chambers and D Arenhold (H18);
4. J Lewis & T Lötter;
5. A tie between JJ Moorcraft & Ansie Steyn, and Durr Meyer and Theo Kotze;
7. CS Webb & R Brink;
8. P van Tonder & R Kokke;
9. Roger Brink (H14);
10. V van Zyl & Leslie;
11. José Machado (H14).