

Catmen claw back to triumph

Staff Reporter

ALAN Lawrence and Gary Shaban came racing through from the back on the final leg of the Argus-Stannic 100 Hobiecat race from Blouberg to Langebaan and emerged overall winners.

Less than six minutes behind them on time over both legs were brothers David and Michael Kruyt, who won the first leg from Hout Bay to Bloubergstrand.

The winners received copper etchings of a Hobiecat in full sail and each of the 22 competitors received Argus-Stannic medallions at the prizegiving at the Langebaan Yacht Club.

The first couple of hours of the second leg were the hardest, most competitors agreed, because the wind came up only after the fleet had rounded Dassen Island.

Results over both legs were: 1 Alan Lawrence and Gary Shaban (13:18,02), 2 David and Michael Kruyt (13:24,20), 3 Colin Whitehead and Wayne Boswell (13:30,05), 4 Eddie Beukes and Mark Ambler (13:32,06).

Alan Lawrence, left, and Gary Shaban, who came from the back to win the final leg of the Argus-Stannic 100 Hobiecat race from Blouberg to Langebaan, pop bottles of sparkling wine to celebrate their overall win in the gruelling event which started in Hout Bay on Friday. Their time was 13hr 18min 2sec.

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