



South African entrants in the Nations Cup competition line up for the start of one of the races in East London at the weekend. Natal skipper Ian Ainslie won the final round yesterday to go through to the next stage of the competition in Greece.

## Natal skipper goes through

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EAST LONDON — Natal skipper Ian Ainslie won the group finals of the Nations Cup match sailed in rainy weather within the harbour here yesterday.

The four L26 yachts in the contest were standard but teams swapped yachts continuously to ensure fair competition.

To qualify, the crews were allowed a total maximum weight of 340 kg.

In the semi-finals, the boats were put to the test over the best of three races around the roughly 15 minute course.

Bruce Savage of Western Province beat last year's winner Jeff Meaks 2-0 and Ainslie beat Jeremy Bagshaw from Border 2-0.

In the finals, sailed over five races, Ainslie and Savage won two races each before Ainslie crossed the finishing buoys ahead of his rival to continue through to the regional finals to be held in Greece.