

# Hobie 16

## sailors head for Dubai

### SAILING ROUND-UP

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HOBIE 16 sailors left this week for Dubai to compete in their world championships, to be sailed from the Dubai International Marine Club. This year's contest is likely to be extremely competitive, with more than 300 entries from 52 countries.

South Africans are pretty fast Hobie 16 sailors. Durban's hopes of success lie with the teams of Garth Loudon/Rob Edward-Betsy, Nicky/Allan Knoetze and Victory Wetsuits-sponsored Brent Latter/Michael Cockburn.

Brent and Michael, in particular, look quick. Last year, they finished ninth at the world championships in Mexico and have had excellent results in South Africa, winning two provincials, an inter-provincial, and dominating Point Yacht Club club racing.

The organisers in Dubai have pulled out all stops to put together an excellent regatta. They donated air tickets to the top teams from each of 50 countries to ensure that the best sailors really are at the event, and have provided free accommodation for each team.

Regatta season in Durban is here again with three major events over the next month kicking off with L26, L34 and Royal Cape One Design Provincials during the first two weekends in March and continuing with the Laser World Championships Selection Regatta, to be sailed from PYC's Beach Site from March 9 to 10. The March Regatta, open to all dinghies, takes place from PYC's beach site from March 21 to 24.

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