

# 22 yachts to contest Da Gama Ocean race

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DURBAN. — Twenty-two yachts will set off down the treacherous Wild Coast in the 1995 Wilbur Ellis Da Gama Ocean race from Durban to East London which starts on April 27.

to the test on three of their ocean going yachts.

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The winner of the 1992 Rubicon Award, Avril Sellars has also entered her 30-foot RCOD Little One. The Rubicon Award for outstanding

seamanship has only been presented twice since first awarded in 1985 in memory of the East London yacht Rubicon and the five crew members who lost their lives in the 1984 race. — Sapa.

Last year's line honours winner and the largest yacht in the fleet, Marchioness, will be jointly skippered by Natalians Nail Bailey and Greg de Beyer. A Lavranos-designed 76-footer which sailed as Parker Pen in the 1993 Cape To Rio race, she is the biggest boat ever to enter the Da Gama. Owner Hugh Morris has set his sights on breaking the line honours record which currently stands at 30 hours nine minutes 18 seconds, set in 1988 by Ilse III.

Three Durban boats will be skippered by their owners, Peter Hargreaves on the L36 Orca; Derick Wilcocks on Endless Summer, a Holiday 34; and Jerry Harrison on Bristol Fashion, an R&G 40.

Durban's Ocean Sailing Academy will again put the skills of their students