

Zeekoevlei may be down, but they're not out yet

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TIRED yachtsman-of-the-year, Chris King, is suffering from burnout on the eve of Zeekoevlei's record breaking bid to win the Joko Lipton Cup for an unprecedented seventh time.

King has only been back in South Africa for two weeks after sailing the most competitive class in the world, at the Mumm 36 world's in Britain, before skippering the same yacht, Sansui Sprinter to fourth place at the Admiral's Cup.

Now King must switch to an L-26 to defend the R250 000 silver-gilt edged Sir Thomas Lipton Trophy and he said yesterday: "I honestly don't know if I want to do Lipton Cup and I haven't given the regatta

much thought. I haven't got the time and the pressure of work is immense".

Royal Cape — who haven't won the regatta for eight long years — have launched a well funded campaign on MBS Challenger and are particularly keen to dethrone King and Zeekoevlei who were absent from last weekend's tune-up at the L-26 WP championships at Club Mykonos.

Zeekoevlei will only take to the water tonight on Daly's Insurance in their first practise session just hours before the start of the regatta.

The opposition will do well to remember, however, that Zeekoevlei are masters at producing the unexpected and rising to the occasion.