



Sprog Class Association of South Africa Celebrates 60th Anniversary

History:

The Sprog is a 14foot (4.27m) two sail (non trapeze) dinghy. It was originally designed in South Africa in the post WWII years in marine ply. At the end of the 70's, a successful conversion to foam sandwich GRP produced many new Sprogs and resulted in the revival of the class. While there is some well maintained plywood Sprogs still being used, most of the current racing Sprogs are of the GRP variety.

Sprogs are found at many clubs throughout the country from **Point Yacht Club**, Durban to the Northvaal area's viz, **Pretoria Sailing Club**, **Victoria Lake Club**, **Florida Yacht Club** and **Boskop Yacht Club**. In the Western Cape Sprogs gather mainly at **Saldanha bay** for their Provincial Championships. Many owners of Sprogs also sail other classes and only sail their Sprogs at larger events (Nationals, provincials, etc). This class is currently used for many team events in the Northvaal area - King of Clubs, Champion of Champions, NSA Interclub, etc. The Inter Varsity challenges have also used Sprogs.

Many of South Africa's top sailors and the who's who in the yachting circle have raced these exciting boats at some stage of their respective careers. It has an excellent track record as a safe boat to sail, even in tough off shore conditions.

To celebrate 60 years of old faithful, the Association will host the "Sprog 60th National Championship Challenge" at Henley Midmar Yacht Club from the 27 to 30 December 2006.

The aim is to:

Invite all past National and Provincial Champions to beg borrow or steal a Sprog to attend the "60th Anniversary National Championship Challenge."

- Host as many Sprogs as possible to boast the biggest entry ever.
- Encourage juniors to participate.
- Award prizes to various categories.
 - A. Overall SAS medals.
 - B. Best Classic boat finishers (Boats older than grandpa!)
 - C. Oldest/youngest/mid-fleet competitors.
 - D. Best finishing Family crew.
 - E. Depending on size of entry, Gold and Silver fleets to maintain the spirit and fun part of the event!
 - F. Best junior placing.
 - G. Award Big prizes and have a huge party bash for all competitors, families and friends.

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