



Warren Duncan and motorcyclist Greg Dreyer part company with their Robbiduck at speed during the Boland Surf nationals at Camps Bay

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in the first heat only to be disqualified in the second.

In the final the chaos was complete. The race was shortened after a restart but so intensely were Tripney/Cuthbertson and the Schonknecht pair involved in their struggle that they failed to see the flags and did three laps too many. The extra distance enabled the Schonknechts to slip past at the last buoy to win — they thought! Protest time after which Tripney was proclaimed the winner as he was leading at correct flag time.

Thus they finished in the two top spots with the brothers Liston in their Aquarius third, Wessels/Liebenberg fourth and De Beer/Visser fifth.

Tight racing at North End lake

by Mike Edwards

The second round in the circuit series of the national inflatable boat log was held at North End Lake in Port Elizabeth. The event was sponsored by NGK spark plugs who were well represented by area sales representative Jeff Segal.

It was virtually perfect weather with a light breeze at what must definitely be considered one of the best facilities in the country. The lake is situated in the middle of PE and contains fresh water, the level of which is maintained by springs and storm water inflow. There was a huge 750 entry which forced the organisers to run three elimination groups. The 550 class was the usual gaggle of two groups.

Group A of the 550s was quite easily won by boat Tripney/Cuthbertson in a Gemini "6" Sport. This team seem to get quicker and quicker at every meeting. Two consistent performances saw Pagel/McGillivray (Aquarius/Tohatsu) finish twice in second to make sure of a place in the final heat. Delaney/Aab and Wessels/Liebenberg each shared a third and fourth in alternate heats to qualify for the final.

Group B in the 550 class saw Errol and Zane Schonknecht (Team Chalk-Air) take two good wins to put the pressure on Tripney from group A. The all-girl team of Bramley and Steward turned in some good racing to finish with two second places behind the Schonknecht brothers, also making sure of a place in the final.

Visser and De Beer (Team Leo-Crete) in their Gemini had a good tussle with Brown/Moolman in their Aquarius with each ending up with a third and fourth each after two elimination heats.



(Above) Fourie and Fellows jumped high into the placings most of the season

(Below) "Isn't this supposed to be the other way up?" "Naab. It's an air prop, can't you see?"

