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Stillbaai Yacht Club Longhaul 30 October 2011

Rank	Class	SailNo Club	HelmName	CrewName	Rating Elapsed	Time Sec Corre	cted Time Sec
1 st	Hobie Tiger	2451	M Koppel	lan Stewart	1	81.38	81.38
2nd	Dart	5366 SYC	Bradley Levin	Alan Levin	1.181	96.34	81.57
3rd	Dart	6325 SYC	H Konighofer		1.181	99.32	84.10
4th	Tornado Sport	RSA 57 SYC	V Brown	lan Ohara	0.934	82.47	88.30
5th	Hobie 14	62954 TCC	Charles Girard		1.2	113	94.17
6th	Dart	2882 SYC	Christo Fick	Christel Fick	1.181	111.48	94.39
7th	Multi 23	BOO SYC	Ben Minnie	Danie Colyn	1.02	98.33	96.40
8th	Weta	2 SYC	Les Porter		1.2	127.29	106.08
9th	Dart	4966	Dries Pretorius	Mardi Pretorius	1.181 DNC		
9th	Dart	5377 SYC	Carel Schoeman		1.181 DNC		
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Sunday was an awesome day for sailing, the wind was over 20 knots at times, probably more than 25 in some of the gusts.

The race was a lemans' start, 2 laps around the Island via Government farm marker buoy and the Stilbaai fore shore!

We had heaps of spectators cheering us on for the first lap. And a hearty welcome for the finish.

(Those brave enough to stand on the "wind beaten" shoreline!)

One incident that was worthy news (In my books)

The Crew for My Tornado RSA 57, a friend of mine, had never been on a sailing boat before (1978 model ie, 33 yrs old).

Luckily he rides motor cycle scramblers, so a bit of adrenaline is natural for him.... Junkie!!! (sorry lan)

On our first lap, beating up behind the Island, we were slightly in front of Mark Koppel at the time ©.

lan out on trapeze, loses his balance (slightly unpractised due to his first time sailing, ever).

This was due to a massive gust, and a "head on" with a small wave chop set.

lan opts for a head first almost like dive, while connected to the trapeze harness to go in between THE

Front beam, the bridal, the windward pontoon and the Spinnaker chute!!!!!!!

I felt my blood go cold, as I was expecting the worse when...

Suddenly lan pops up casually at the stern, I heave him over the Tiller onto the tramp and ask him if he's OK.

No problem he states, just a small rope graze on both arms and a lump on his upper leg.

I ask him how he managed that,

Response was, He got a bit wet and managed to grab some "stuff" under the trampoline and held on.

He enjoyed the days racing, Thank Goodness.

Sailing Baptism for RSA 57 again!!

Kind Regards

Vernon Brown