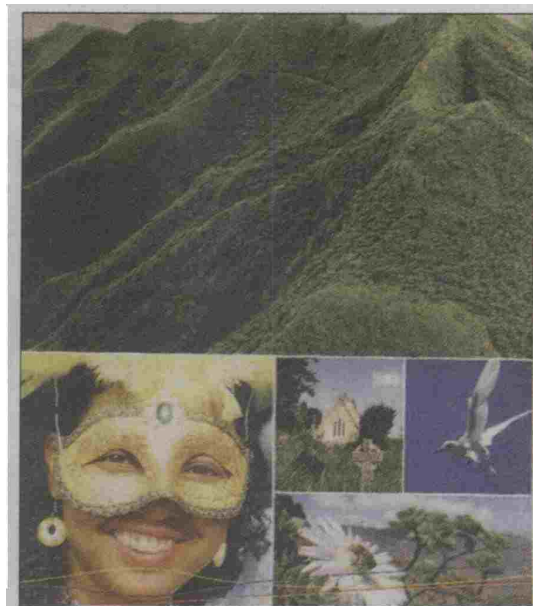




■ **Left:** Pictured at the False Bay Yacht Club in Simon's Town last week for a Governor's Cup ceremony are, from left, Colleen Liell-Cock, chair of the Governor's Cup Race Committee; with the Governor of St Helena Island Mark Capes. Behind them is Governor's Cup Race Officer Billy Leisegang.



■ **Right:** A page from a new brochure inviting developers and investors to St Helena.

# Yachts ready for St Helena race

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**O**n Saturday December 22, at noon, 19 boats with more than 90 crew will leave Simon's Town harbour *en route* to St Helena Island for the bi-annual Governor's Cup race.

Chair of the Governor's Cup Race Committee, Colleen Liell-Cock, told the Echo the yachts will present a pretty picture for the public as they start their 1 700 mile downwind one-way race to the remote Island of St Helena, an Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom.

Race Officer Billy Leisegang of the False Bay Yacht Club, who is also an experienced competitor in the race, talks of "surfing down huge Atlantic rollers, with loved ones sailing on the Royal Mail Ship St Helena – in time to meet you as you arrive with champagne and cold beer at the finish line.

Then there's the holiday in paradise on St Helena ... beautiful hikes, great pubs and parties galore."

At an event held in Jubilee Square, Simon's Town, on Monday November 26, the Governor's Cup was ceremoniously handed over to St Helena's Governor, Mark Capes, who will take it back to the island in time for the award ceremony in Jamestown early in January.



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■ The Governor's Cup was handed over to the St Helena Governor Mark Capes, to be taken to Jamestown, St Helena Island, for the race's award ceremony there early next year.