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LOCAL CAT: Local catamaran Watermark pictured competing in last year's race, in a fast race for the finish with a mono-hulled yacht.



TOP SAILORS: The Adelaide to Lincoln Yacht Race attracts top sailors including Sir James Hardy who competed last year.



QUITE A VIEW: The Adelaide to Lincoln yachts on the homewards stretch make a picturesque scene on Boston Bay.

800 expected for regatta

2007 Australian National Sports Boat and Trailable titles

OVER 800 people are expected to be in the region as part of this year's Lexus Adelaide to Lincoln yacht race and Lexus Lincoln Week Regatta.

With the regatta rapidly gaining the reputation as one of the best on the sailing calendar, there are record numbers of entrants registered for the event.

Lexus Lincoln Week Regatta chairman Ben Kelsey said there was an exciting line-up of events planned for the week following the big race, with several new divisions including the multi-hulls and a J24 class.

The multi-hulls will be an exciting class to watch with over 10 catamarans and trimarans taking part in the sailing in the bay.

The Adelaide-based J24 class will be competing for

the first time.

There are only 5000 J24s in the world, 200 of which are based in Australia.

"We are also hosting the 2007 Australian National Sports Boat and Trailable titles for the first time," Mr Kelsey said.

These include high performance boats that will deliver spectacular racing events.

The regatta also includes the Standard Racing Division for serious racing competition featuring the big boats such as Secret Men's Business (Geoff Beottcher), an enthusiastic participant in the regatta.

The Cruising Fleet will compete for the second year in the regatta, and is ideal for less rigorous racing but still with a healthy focus on being competitive.