

SHORTS

Race becalmed

VALENCIA: Alinghi's bid to retain the America's Cup was put on hold yesterday when the seventh and potentially decisive race in the best-of-nine international yacht race series was postponed because of a lack of wind. The average wind speed varied between five and seven knots from the east, the lower limit set by race organisers being seven knots, and windshifts of up to 30 degrees made later conditions too unstable for fair sailing. - *Sapa-AFP*

Death of Jimmy Otto

Durban sportsman Jimmy Otto died on Thursday at the age of 73 after a long illness. Otto was an outstanding all-rounder and played rugby for Natal at full-back. He then turned to professional football and played for Durban United in the National Football League. He also played hockey for Durban Collegians, cricket for Hoy Park and ran the Comrades Marathon several times. A service will be held at the Pine-town Methodist Church in Church Lane at 11am today. - *Fred Forge*

Bodyboard champs

Wesley Fischer and the former women's world champion, Karla Costa Taylor, stole the show on the final day of the Durban Beach Pro Am Bodyboarding event by winning the men's and women's titles at Bay Beach yesterday.