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## Brisk blow has fleets all at sea

FRESH sou'east winds, which peaked at 30 knots, offered plenty of tests for inshore and offshore fleets contesting the Surf to City yacht race off the Queensland coast yesterday.

Broken spinnaker poles, blown spinnakers and uncontrolled "Chinese gybes" were regular features of the day's sailing.

The offshore fleet of 37 yachts logged fast times in the forceful spinnaker sailing winds. However, there were some reports of spectacular wipeouts.

Harley Cowlshaw's In Farra Dollar was re-christened In For A Swim when the helmsman lost control off Point Lookout.

The sloop speared off the face of a wave and spun a full circle as the crew were tossed about the deck. It finished heading south on a northbound course.

At the fleet report late yesterday, Air Apparent (Noel Leigh-Smith), Sirocco (Frank Cusack) and Norwich Boundary Rider (D'Arcy Watson) were the best placed to gain line honours off Sandgate this morning.

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