



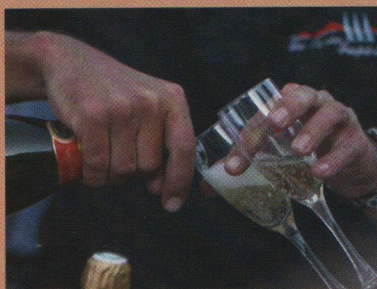
Yen-Li takes *Skøiern* to windward off the start line and *Jericho* tacks away to sail inshore. Inset: Karen calls for trim on *Wild Horses* while skipper Owie (in red) and his crew man the pumps



# Régates Impériales CORSICA

In its second year, this new Med regatta has defied sceptics and is fast becoming a roaring success – we went to check it out and were seduced by the atmosphere

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**C**orsica – better known for its fearsome Mafia, Napoleon and a potent rosé wine – is lesser known for its classic yacht racing, although organisers reckon that Napoleon whispered the event's name 'Régates Impériales' across the water to them – or was that the rosé talking?

For the second year, organisers Thibaut Assante and Stéphane Meil have pulled off a very successful event. Going against the sceptics who discourage any attempt to attract foreigners to