



SQUADRON YACHT WINS MAXI WORLD TITLE

Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron Member Neville Crichton has won the Rolex Maxi World Championship title after a hard-fought battle at Porto Cervo, Italy.

Crichton and his Reichel-Pugh designed canting keel maxi yacht (above) had to overcome a challenge from near sistership *Wild Oats*, owned by Australian Bob Oatley to clinch the title in a series dominated by light airs.

Sharing helming duties with Crichton on *Alfa Romeo* was Emirates Team New Zealand's Ben Ainslie, who was just coming off a dominant performance in the Finn class at the pre-Olympic regatta in China.

Also competing in the maxi racing division was the Greg Elliott-designed *Maximus* (right), jointly owned by Charles St Clair Brown and Bill Buckley.

Maximus finished the regatta in 5th place.

