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THE Carina, a 31ft. ketch being sailed single-handed from Lourenco Marques to Durban, is overdue and there are fears for its safety.

The yacht is being sailed by Mr. Simon Holms-a-Court. It left Lourenco Marques on October 13 and should have arrived in Durban last week.

A message has been sent to all shipping by the Port Captain of Durban, Captain J. Mackinnon, to keep a lookout for the craft, which is white and has a blue sail.

Mr. Jimmy Whittle, the Durban boatbuilder and yachtsman, said today that he had been asked by a Lourenco Marques friend, Mr. Frances Spence, to look after Mr. Holms-a-Court when he reached Durban.

When he did not arrive by the end of last week, Mr. Whittle became worried and yesterday he informed the Port Captain.

Mr. Whittle said: "With the strong easterlies blowing all last week the yacht should have reached here some time ago. I set yesterday as a deadline and I don't like the look of the situation now."

The fierce westerlies that have been blowing this week could blow the yacht right off course, he said.