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Doldrums slow yachtsmen

CAPE TOWN — In 12 hours yesterday, the Doldrums caused a major shake-up in the positions of leading yachts in the BOC Challenge.

Philippe Jeantot, the two-time winner of the round-world solo race, in Credit Agricole IV, has taken a lead of 28

miles. His two closest rivals, South African John Martin, in Allied Bank, and Alan Gautier, in Generali Concorde, are lying equal second, exactly 28 miles behind Jeantot.

Two days ago, the leading boats at that stage, led by Alain Gau-

tier in Generali Concorde, entered the Doldrums. Speed recorded by the Argus Satellite indicated the three leading boats slowing to less than five knots.

South African Bertie Reed, sailing Grinaker, is back in the fleet in 11th place. — Sapa