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MARTIN SNATCHES THE LEAD

CAPE TOWN: Springbok John Martin, who on Monday celebrated his 36th birthday, snatched the lead from arch rival, Frenchman Philippe Jeantot, during the early hours of yesterday morning — a belated birthday present for South Africa's premier single-handed ocean racer.

His latest position places Martin eight miles ahead of Credit Agricole.

During a radio call from Allied Bank last night, Martin was overjoyed by confirmation of the news, and in spite of mast and rigging problems, Allied Bank was sailing at 9,5 knots in favourable conditions, having had an excellent run of 330 miles in the past 24 hours. —Sapa