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# Crew mutiny against skipper

CAPE TOWN — Simmering tension on the only all-women yacht in the Whitbread round-the-world race boiled over to a mutiny this week in Punte del Este, Uruguay.

The yacht, US Women's Challenge, arrived at the South American port in second last place in the 13 boat

fleet early this week after a 6 800 mile first leg from Portsmouth, England.

Citing "irreconcilable differences" and the "mediocrity" of their American skipper, Nance Frank, the 12 women crew demanded Frank leave the boat on Thursday.

An "extremely disap-

pointed" Frank responded by throwing in the towel yesterday, withdrawing the boat from the race and sinking the campaign for US Women's Challenge to become only the second all woman entry to sail 32 000 miles around the world.

Crew members are from the US, Australia and New Zealand.—DDC