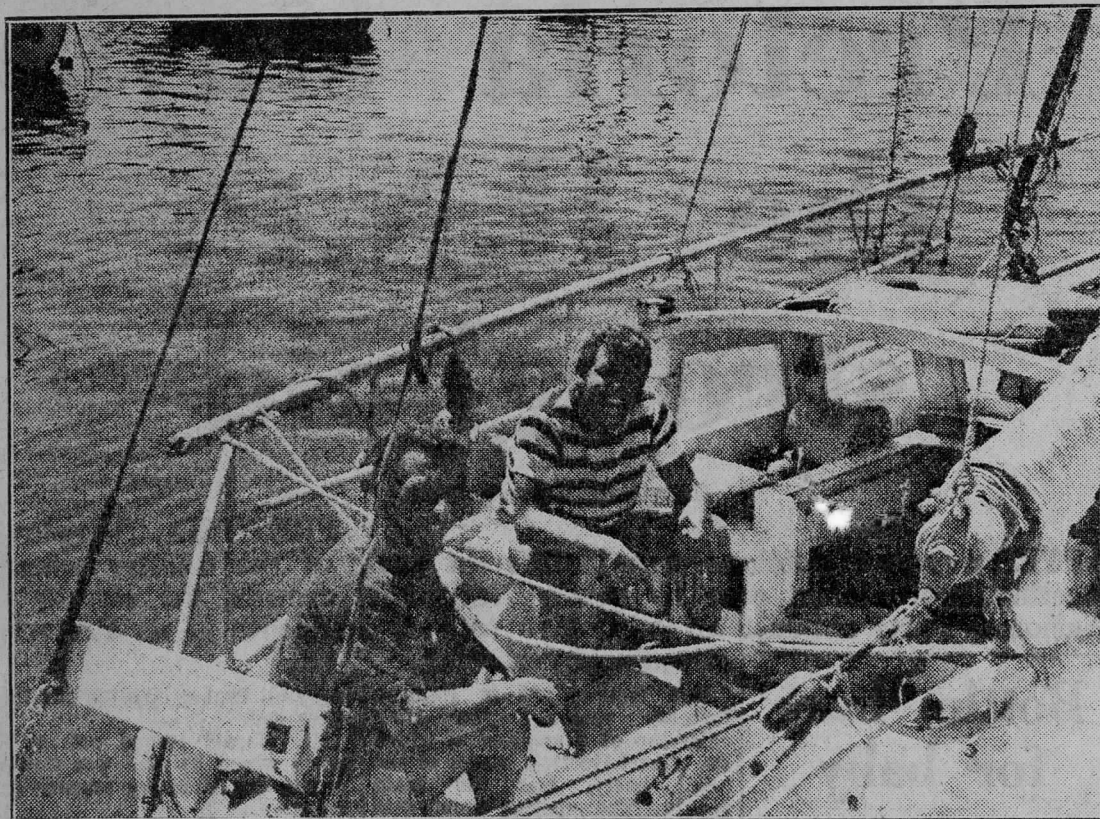


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Durban earns world praise — yachtsmen

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Yachting Correspondent

DURBAN is world-renowned for fine weather, good hospitality and the availability of good jobs, according to two young yachtsmen who arrived in the port early today aboard their 33ft. ketch, Maristela.

On a world cruise are John Morrison (26) from Lyttelton, New Zealand, and Mike Reilly (23) an Australian. They are the second group of yachtsmen to have arrived in Durban this month, and the sixth since the world cruising season opened last month.

John, the owner and skipper of Maristela, built her at home four years ago, fulfilling a childhood dream of cruising the world in a small sailing boat.

He met Mike a few weeks before leaving Australia, and together they have stopped at every port possible en route.

"We'll only be going this way once, and cannot resist stopping in these fascinating islands," John said.

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Although Mike Reilly is hoping to settle in Durban, skipper John intends continuing his slow world cruise, and will be looking for a crew member when he sets off in January, 1971.

"I may even consider entering the Rio race from Cape Town just for the fun of it," he said.

John Morrison is a carpenter and he intends working in Durban for a year, to raise sufficient funds for the next leg of his journey.

According to the two sailors, at least another five or six yachts are expected in Durban before the end of November. Single-handed yachtsman, John Sowden, in his yacht Tarmin, will probably arrive at the weekend.