

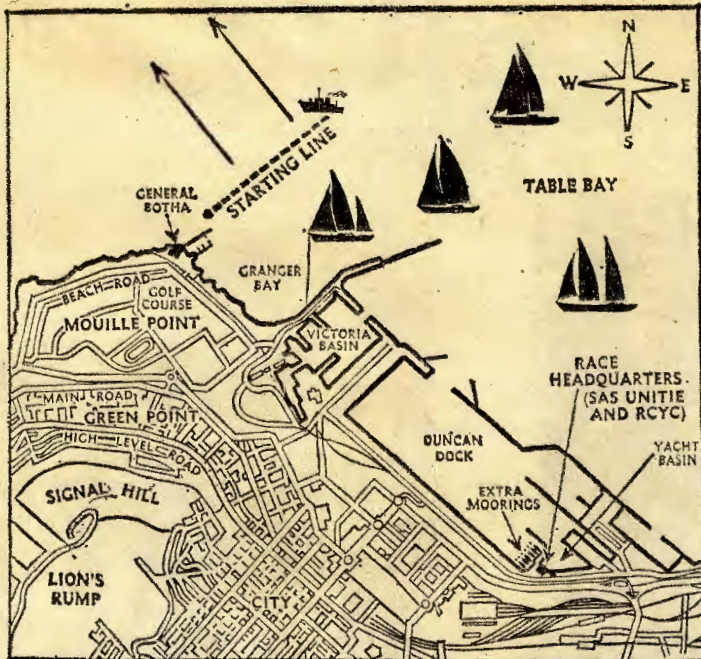
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Durban 'fleet' to sail on Boxing Day

Nomad, the New Zealand yacht entered for the Cape to Rio race, left Durban for Cape Town on Saturday with owner Bill Williams and his family aboard.

The main exodus of Durban yachts taking part in the 3 600 nautical mile ocean crossing is scheduled for Boxing Day, weather permitting, when about 10 locally based yachts will set sail for the Cape.

Among them will be Wayfarer, which was launched during the weekend, and Three Bears, which is due to be brought to Durban by road from Mandini, Zululand, this morning.



A mile-long starting line is being arranged for the 65 yachts taking part in the ocean race from Cape Town to Rio de Janeiro in a month's time. It will be an imaginary line drawn between the S.A. Merchant Navy Academy, General Botha, at Granger Bay, and an anchored naval vessel in Table Bay. The starting gun will be fired at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, January 16.

Youth's world-trip film to raise cash

The ketch Sandefjord, which was sailed around the world from Durban by Pat and Barry Cullen in 1966, has been entered for the Rio race with Barry as her skipper.

Pat, meanwhile, is touring Natal with the film of Sandefjord's round - the - world trip to raise funds for Natal's yacht, Mercury.

The colour film has already been shown in Zulu-

land, and tonight it is due to be screened at the La Crete Hotel in Uvongo.

On Thursday and Friday "Sandefjord" will be shown in Umkomaas and Margate respectively, and next Tuesday and Wednesday it will

move to the Pietermaritzburg City Hall.

Thereafter the film will be shown in Port Shepstone, Pinetown, Pietermaritzburg again, and finally, Durban.

The St. John Hall, in Old Fort Road, Durban, has been booked for two weeks from January 12 - just four days before the start of the Rio race.