

Jakaranda and Stormy still lead

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HER BLUE and yellow spinnaker packed with wind, Brazil's Kameha Meha came searing past Tafelberg yesterday morning and disappeared to the north-west in pursuit of the Cape-to-Rio leaders.

Almost 150 miles ahead, Stormy and Jakaranda were nosing into the trade winds, about 480 miles west of Luderitz and 720 miles from Cape Town. With Springbok Bobby Bongers at the helm, Jakaranda has been close to Cornelius Bruynzeel's Stormy for several days and seems to be gaining.

On the edge of the horse latitudes — a vast area of calms and light airs in the centre of the Atlantic—Huey Long was also working his Ondine northwards, looking for the "big winds."

Behind the leaders came Alaunt of Corfe and Matchless, Mainstay, Omuramba, Albartros, Kameha Meha, Golden City and West Wind.

"The winds have fallen this afternoon," Kameha Meha reported in her call to the Press. "We are trying to

From

GAVIN STEWART, the
"Mercury's" man aboard
SAS Tafelberg.

move now in these light winds. It is getting so hot here we are all having our hair cut. But no swimming — it is too deep for us."

But the 2 000-fathom waters of the South Atlantic were not too deep for the crew of Old Glory.

In Tuesday's calms the six-member Morgan family and their crew dived off the teak decks of the 20-metre schooner, then took turns surfing from her stern.

Cape Town crew member Richard Silberbauer reported: "We have had a school of porpoises following us and saw a whale about 100 yards off on Tuesday."

Voortrekker reported a jib covered in muck after a brush with a kingfish. Skipper Mike Heyns said: "It gave us quite a start."

They were moving north behind Ondine, while the northern leaders, Stormy and Jakaranda, turned west, closing the front to 120 miles. Almost 500 miles behind was Zwerver, the 15-metre Lourenco Marques ketch manned by Natal farmers, bringing up the rear.

The following is the full list of yachts and map references:

Stormy C-04-0; Ondine C-08-N; Jakaranda C-03-0; Matchless C-05-0; Omuramba C-07-P; Albatros C-04-P; Nautical C-04-Q; Mainstay C-06-Q; Kameha-Meha C-08-Q; Alaunt of Corfe C-03-Q; Golden City C-06-R; Arabella C-08-0; Voortrekker C-09-R; Dabulamanzi C-08-R; Seven Seas C-08-R; West Wind C-05-S; Southern Maid C-07-2; Koala Tre C-08-S; Concorde C-10-S; Lynn's Victory C-09-T; Patricia C-07-T; Impala C-09-T; Waitere C-11-T; Kalisana A-09-A; Silver Streak A-09-A; Old Glory A-70-A; Susanna Mara A-12-A; Outburst A-10-B; Bacamarte A-12-A; Juanita A-13-B; Namar IV A-11-D; Aquarius A-10-D; Racker A-10-E; Argyll A-10-E; Tub A-11-F; Zwerver A-10-J.

In joint 37th place are L'Orguell, HIC III and Christella, which have not signalled positions.—(Sapa.)