

# Roving Reed sets his sights far beyond Rio

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BERTIE REED, South Africa's most famous yachtsman, went to sea for the first time in 18 months yesterday with his leg in plaster and announced plans to sail around the world again.

Reed, 50, one of only four sailors in the world to race single-handedly around the world, was sharpening his skills for Saturday's Cape-to-Rio race.

He intends, on his return from Brazil, to find a sponsor for his planned attempt to sail around the world in 80 days.

"The leg is feeling good," Reed said yesterday after skipping the 15-metre Harbour Island from Royal

Cape Yacht Club to Robben Island and back — the first time he has sailed since a car accident almost cost him his leg.

He said that he hoped to sail around the world in the same yacht with a four-man crew.

"It will be via the southern ocean around Cape Horn with the Argos satellite plotting our position. We will not go lower than 60 degrees south where icebergs are a huge threat."

Reed said that Harbour Island, formerly called Grinaker and in which he sailed his last circumnavigation in 1991, "felt great".

The veteran yachtsman refused to disclose details of his tactics for the Cape-to-Rio race.



**RARING TO GO . . .** Bertie Reed, who went sailing for the first time yesterday since his car accident 18 months ago, was joined afterwards by his daughter, Jennifer, 22 (right), and her friend, Natalie Tudhope (left).

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