

# Sailors leave for Munich

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TRANSVAAL's Dave Kitchen, and his Royal Cape Yacht Club partner Dave Hudson, have left for Munich to pick up the boat they will use in the Barcelona Olympics.

The Kitchen-Hudson combination will sail in the Flying Dutchman class — one of ten yachting categories at the Olympics. Their boat will be named Port Owen Challenger after their sponsors.

Kitchen and Hudson, like the other members of the 12-man Barcelona squad, will prepare themselves by competing in a number of major pre-Olympic events in Europe.

The first of these regattas will be in Italy at the end of this month, and then the sailors will move on to France, Spain, Holland, Denmark and Germany.

The circuit will finish with the famous Keel Week in the Baltic, after which the team will head for Barcelona.

Commenting on South Africa's first Olympic sail since 1960, Hudson said: "It is a great opportunity, and yachtsmen are making a massive effort to reach international proficiency.

"We have to achieve in four months what the other competitors have done in four years."

## Lonely journey

LONE South African sailor Anthony Steward is back in Brisbane, ready to resume his bid to become the first man to circumnavigate in an open boat, writes Dave Beattie.

Steward, who took a three-month break in South Africa during the Australian hurrican season, will now attempt to sail his 5,7 m boat, NCS Challenger, nonstop from Darwin to Durban, a distance of 6 500 nautical miles. He expects the journey to take about 65 days.

Steward left Cape Town last February, his route taking him via St Helena, Ascension, Barbados, Panama, Galapagos, American Samoa and finally, Australia.

Steward is now awaiting favourable winds to take him from Brisbane to Darwin, before making his epic nonstop dash to Durban.