

First six entries for Cape-to-Rio

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THE first six entries have been received for the 1993 Cape-to-Rio Race.

They are all from Cape Town and came within days of the official notice of the race being posted to yacht clubs and yachting media around the world.

Alan Newman of Royal Cape Yacht Club was the first to enter in the main internationally-rated IMS handicapped division of the race. Newman will be racing the 13 m Baltic Sun. The second entry was Nick Hemmes' IMS rated Argonaut.

Chantecler, a Roberts Mauritius owned by Jo

de Kock of Rondebosch was the first of three to enter the cruising monohull class. The other two were Ivan van As of Panorama, with Sea Fever, a Tosca 36. Helmut Boehnke of Joostenberg Vlakte near Durbanville entered Meander 111, a Lavranos 56.

Colin McD Kenny of St James was the first

to enter the cruising multihull division with his Mayotte 465. It will be the first time in the history of South African yacht racing that multihulls will be taking part in a major offshore event.

Mr Dave Abromowitz, commodore of the Royal Cape Yacht Club and spokesman for the race committee, said official notices of the race had been posted to yacht clubs throughout Europe, USA, South America, the East, Australia and New Zealand.

He said although no official entries had yet been received there had been considerable interest from potential overseas entrants and he was expecting many of the world's top maxi's to enter.

Mr Abromowitz said the race committee also hoped to have a large Brazilian entry, particularly since the race linked Rio de Janeiro and Cape Town for the first time since politics ended the race between the two countries in 1976.

"We have told the Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro that we would be prepared to charter boats for Brazilian crews if they had difficulties in getting their boats here, Mr Abromowitz said.

Organisers expect at least 200 yachts to enter the 3 600-mile race which starts in Cape Town on January 9.



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