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Toothache victim

PARIS. — Frenchman Guy Bernardin, abandoned the single-handed non-stop round-the-world yacht race yesterday because he has raging toothache, organisers said.

Bernardin is the fifth of the 13 who started the race from Western France on November 26 to quit after Frenchmen Philippe Poupon and Jean-Yves Terlain, American Mike Plant and South African Bertie Reed, who all had technical problems.

Bernardin, who had been suffering for the last three weeks, ran out of antibiotics and decided to head for Hobart, Tasmania, organisers said.

Frenchman Titouan Lamazou was still tacking between icebergs at the front of the fleet near the South pole yesterday, organisers said.