

Mitzi in the bay is a cat with a difference

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ANYONE who thinks they would have to drag a cat to water should think again.

Five-month-old Mitzi who presides on a yacht called the Brandenburg moored at the Algoa Bay Yacht Club is no ordinary cat.

Mitzi, a male, enjoys great popularity among members of the club.

His owner, Hans Arndt, is presently visiting relatives in Germany, but Hans's friend who wishes to be known only as Alma told the Herald yesterday Mitzi was undoubtedly a "sailing cat".

Alma, who is looking after Mitzi and the yacht while Hans is away, said Mitzi was a very gregarious cat who played with all the children who came past the Brandenburg.

The handsome feline spends most of his time hanging around the yacht and especially loves fish which Hans's grandchild-



SAILING FELINE . . . Five-month-old Mitzi lives on the Brandenburg moored at the Algoa Bay Yacht Club. Here he is seen leaping off the boat to do some inspecting.

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dren sometimes catch for him.

Alma said: "Hopefully he'll be going sailing when he's ready."

She said he had fallen into the water on occasion while learning to jump onto the yacht.

However, that never deterred the cat and he learnt how to get out of the water quickly.

Mitzi certainly has his "sea legs" and even stormy weather does not stop him from sleeping in the yacht every night.