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# New French threat to Dalling

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**A FRENCHMAN**, Alain Glicksman, is seen by veteran South African yachtsman Gordon Webb as potentially the greatest threat to the Republic's lone entry, Bruce Dalling, in the transatlantic yacht race.

Webb and Bobby Bongers, who accompanied Dalling from the Cape to Britain in the ketch Voortrekker and who helped him prepare for the race, arrived back in Cape Town by air yesterday, with high hopes of Dalling doing well.

"Before we left he reported that he had managed to get everything fixed and under control and that he was making good progress," said Webb. "He said the gooseneck coupling the boom to the mainmast was repaired, that he was able to reef the mainsail freely and that everything was fine."

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"He's out there in front somewhere, and we must just hope he can keep there. Apart from heavy seas he now faces the hazards of ice, fog and shipping on the Great Circle route that he and the other prominent single-hull yachts are following. In the end, the conditions will decide who will win."

I asked Gordon Webb who he considered the most serious threat to Dalling, and he replied: "You've got to watch Bill Howell, of Australia, in his catamaran Golden Cockerell; this is his third race. But as experienced yachtsmen we are more interested in the conventional, monohulls and I see the Frenchman Alain Glicksman, who is sailing

the Ralph, as potentially the greatest threat."

The *Cape Times* London correspondent reports there was still no news of the Voortrekker yesterday, but she is believed to be close on the heels of the leaders — Sir Thomas Lipton, Ralph, Spirit of Cutty Sark and Golden Cockerel.

One of the leading three yachts seen by a RAF Shackleton is still unidentified, and there is some speculation as to whether it could be, in fact, the Voortrekker.

Following the leaders the Shackleton crew reported:

**La Delirante** (L. Paillard, France),

**Maxine** (B. de Castlbajac, France),

**Opus** (Brian Cooke),

**Maguelonne** (J. Yves Terlain, France).

Of the other major competitors, the 53 ft. Italian catamaran San Giorgio (Alex Carozzo, of Italy), the 50 ft. trimaran Coila (Eric Willis) and the 40 ft. American catamaran Cheers (Tom Follétt, United States), there was no news. But these yachts could be sailing further south or on the northerly route.