

De Kat heads for home

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BRITON THROWN FROM MAST

PLYMOUTH. — French yachtsman Jean de Kat, plucked seasick but laughing from the Atlantic, headed for home last night while 29 other lone mariners forged across the ocean.

De Kat, 27-year-old bearded artist, was safely on board the Norwegian bulk carrier Jagona, which planned to put him on a pilot boat off the Danish port of Skagan on Monday.

He was then expected to return to his family at La Frette-sur-Seine, near Paris.

He sent them a cable: "I am alive and well. Delighted to be on board the Jagona. All my love."

WILLIAMS LEADING

Meanwhile, 25-year-old Briton Geoffrey Williams, in the big ketch Sir Thomas Lipton, was believed to be in the lead in the 3,000-mile transatlantic single-handed race.

During an effort to lower the mizzen stay-sail in a 25-knot wind after the halliard block had been crushed Williams was thrown from the mizzen mast on to the deck of Sir Thomas Lipton.

However, he appeared to be all right when the Daily Telegraph spoke to him yesterday. He said he would make another attempt to get the stay-sail down because the wind was "hitting" it and pulling him off course.

"I will try to pull the sail inboard now without going up the mast, and bunch it up alongside the mast till the weather improves.

BIG SLOOP

Williams, reported to be south of Newfoundland on his way to the finishing line at Newport, Rhode Island, is followed by the Royal Navy's Lieutenant Leslie Williams, and Australian Bill Howell.

Lieutenant Williams, sailing the big sloop Spirit of Cutty Sark, and Howell in the catamaran Golden Cockerel, radioed their positions as about 300 miles behind Williams.

Sighted on Thursday were:

Spirit of Cutty Sark: 44° 24' north and 47° 48' west at 6.18 p.m. SA time).

Maxine: 43° 7' north and 42° 08' west.

YESTERDAY

Opus: 47° 30' north and 47° 30' west.

Sir Thomas Lipton: 45° 20' north and 57° 40' west.

French yeachtsman Alain Glicksman, sailing Raph put in to St. John, Newfoundland, yesterday, for repairs to his steering mechanism.

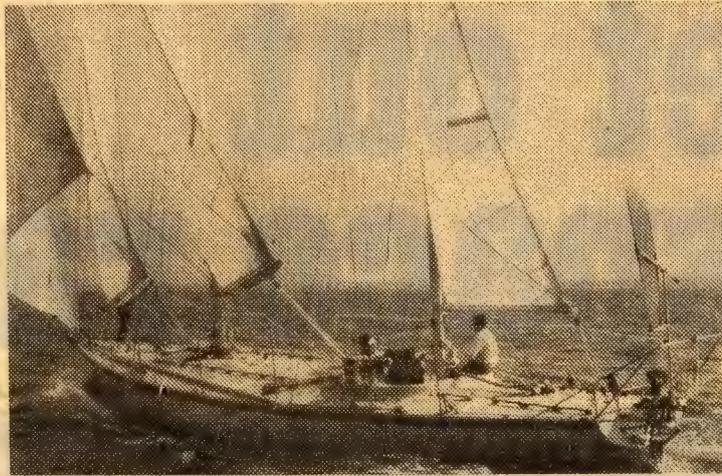
Glicksman, from Paris was among the leaders in the race when he had steering trouble about 60 miles off Newfoundland's Cape Race.

He expected repairs to be completed by Sunday.—(Sapa-Reuter and Cape Times Correspondent.)

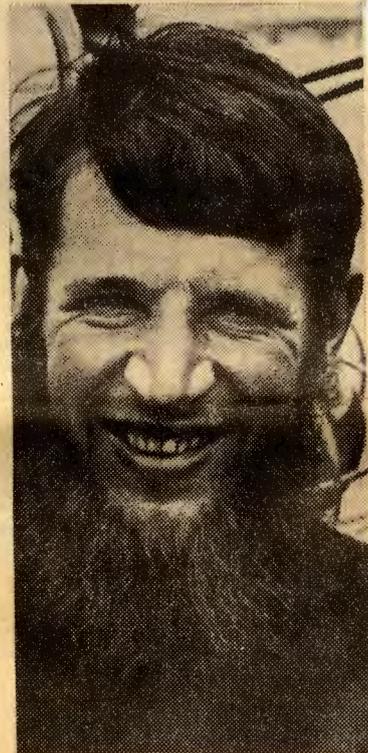


Woman and dog in mid-Atlantic

PLYMOUTH. — The transatlantic race's only woman competitor, West German secretary Edith Baumann, 26, sailing the trimaran Koala III with her mongrel dog Schatz, was sighted by a ship for the first time yesterday a few hundred miles north of the Azores.



Geoffrey Williams, a 25-year-old Oxford graduate, on board his ketch Sir Thomas Lipton, which is reported to be leading in the single-handed transatlantic race.



French yachtsman Joan de Kat, who was rescued on Thursday night after his three-hulled boat sank during the single-handed transatlantic race.