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# No report made by SA yacht

LONDON — The Plymouth headquarters of the Carlsberg transatlantic yacht race said yesterday it had not heard from the South African monohull Tuna Marine Voortrekker since Tuesday.

"I can't say why we haven't heard from her, but there is no cause for concern," said spokeswoman Lois Muessel.

When Voortrekker's crew of John Martin and Robert Sharp radioed the yacht's position on Tuesday, it was lying second in the double-handed race from Plymouth to Newport, Rhode Island.

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"Voortrekker continues to have problems. She has had to be steered by tiller because her self-steering broke. She had some head sails that were delaminated.

"But she's reported that she's moving along all right and has an estimated time of arrival of Wednesday or Thursday," said Muessel.

The largest yacht in the race, the 30 m Royale, was expected to reach the finish at Newport at the weekend, according to progress reports.

Canadian catamaran Formule Tag was in second place with 715 miles to go. Third was the British trimaran Apricot, followed by British Airways I, a 18,3 m catamaran, and Voortrekker. Nine yachts have withdrawn from the race. — Sapa-Associated Press.