

# Martin second among Atlantic monohulls



Bertie Reed

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**NEW YORK.** — Solo yachtsmen John Martin and Bertie Reed continue to shine among the 90-odd surviving competitors heading for Newport, Rhode Island, in the Carlsberg solo transatlantic yacht race.

Martin, sailing the sleek "new Voortrekker" now named Allied Bank, has passed his persistent rival, Titian Lamazou of France, and yesterday was second among the monohulls.

In the "Azores High", a mid-Atlantic region dominated by a high-pressure system, Martin has coaxed

Voortrekker 2 along in almost windless conditions.

But his efforts paid off, as race organisers fixed his position 10km ahead of Lamazou, with whom he duelled throughout the long final leg of last year's singlehanded round-the-world race, which Martin won.

Martin reported late yesterday, however, that he was almost becalmed. "The air is so light I can't even steer a course," he told race headquarters by radio telephone.

One consolation for him, however, was that another Frenchman, Jean Yves Terlain, leading the fleet of hi-tech monohull racing yachts and re-

maintaining a few miles ahead of Martin, ran into the same windless pocket.

Meanwhile, Reed in the "old Voortrekker" was reported to be "having a good time" in more favourable wind and had taken first spot in Class 1.

Reed said before the race that he wanted to win his class "as a 21st birthday present for the old Voortrekker".

But the fast-flying French in their slick trimarans continued to lead the pack. Well ahead of the field was Philippe Poupon, who in 1984 set a world record for a single-handed Atlantic crossing.



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