

Catamarans

'will not win'

Atlantic race

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By our own Reporter

Designs for next year's single-handed transatlantic yacht race were discussed by the Amateur Yacht Research Society in London last night. Mr Michael Henderson, designer of catamarans, said the boat he would like to build was a traditional monohull in preference to the multihulls—catamarans and trimarans.

The multihulls had not reached the stage of development needed for such a race. "They are capsizeable, particularly when driven to the limit," he said.

In offshore racing they were acceptable because the crew could provide the continuous concentration they demanded. "But I cannot see in 1968 it will be possible for one man to drive one across the Atlantic and win against the Tabarly's and Chichesters."