



# SUNDAY TIMES ROUND THE WORLD RACE

## Progress by lone sailor

ROBIN Knox-Johnston, one of the first three men to leave on the Sunday Times' round-the-world, single-handed race, is making good progress on his outward passage down the west coast of Africa. He reported to his sponsors, The Sunday Mirror, last Thursday that his 32-foot ketch Suhaili was at 15 deg. N and 25 deg. W, just south of the Cape Verde Islands.

No fresh news has been heard from his rivals, Captain John Ridgway and Sergeant Chay Blyth, but there is no cause for alarm as both are carrying transmitters which have a range of only 200 miles. Ridgway set out from Galway Bay, on June 1, sailing a 30-foot sloop, English Rose IV, and Blyth left the Hamble River seven days later in a similar boat, Dytiscus III.

A number of competitors still preparing to start have requested clarification about the use of anchors and motors. The judges consider that either may be used if a yacht is in danger—being driven on to a lee shore, for example. Under these circumstances the motor may be used only to reach safety.

"No outside physical interference" means a complete lack of physical contact with the yacht after its departure. No fuel, food, water, equipment or spare parts may be conveyed to the yacht.

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