

FRENCHMAN PLANS DARING NEW TRIP

Rubber boat around the Horn

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A 43-YEAR-OLD Paris restaurateur plans to round Cape Horn in a 13ft. rubber dinghy, powered by an 18 horsepower outboard motor.

He is Robert Delanne, who intends to stage his daring bid in December or January. "I plan to travel by day and put into coves at night," he said.

This week, Mr. Delanne leaves for a 3,000-mile voyage in his dingy that will take him from Alexandria to Corsica and Sardinia, and then by inland waterways to the Place de la Concorde, in the heart of Paris.

Mr. Delanne explained: "It will take me three months and will be valuable training for my attempt on Cape Horn.

"I am convinced that it is less dangerous to do a trip

like this in an inflatable boat than in a 12-metre ketch. With my boat, I have more speed, I can go anywhere, and the craft is easier to manoeuvre.

"Sure, I am scared sometimes, but it is healthy to be frightened of the sea. That makes you a cautious sailor."

In 1966, he and his wife, Lena, used two small inflatable boats for a trip from Djibouti to Suez.

Mr. Delanne, who runs a smart restaurant on the Left Bank when he is not at sea, will not be making his Mediterranean trip alone. He will take along two mongrel dogs, Maya and Lucrece.

He says: "My real ambition is to sail round the world in one of these boats. I am sure it can be done. If the Cape Horn trip goes off all right, I will start planning for a round-the-world voyage next year."

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