

He Even Offered 'Lobola



Jennifer



Robin

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Yacht Race Winner To Wed Durban Girl

ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSTON, who won the Golden Globe trophy in April for the first non-stop single-handed circumnavigation of the world won another prize last week. Jennifer Charles, of Durban, agreed to marry him.

Jennifer (28), who says she has turned down 24 proposals of marriage, is the daughter of Ronald Charles, regional music adviser to the S.A.B.C.

They first met as school-children in Britain where Mr. Charles taught Robin at a public school. They met again about three years ago when Robin was sailing his yacht, built in Bombay, to England and stopped over in Durban.

Mr. Charles said last night: "He stayed with us a few months then and obviously fell in love with Jennifer. They have had a 'courtship by mail' since then."

Jennifer went to Britain three weeks ago to look

after her recently-widowed grandmother.

Robin telephoned Mr. Charles from London last Thursday and asked: "How many cows do you want for your daughter, sir?"

Once he knew who it was, Mr. Charles replied: "Two-and-a-half and you can have her."

Jennifer has trained polo ponies for the British Olympics team, flown as an

air hostess, and been public relations officer and a secretary in the Natal Parks Board. She also modelled in London after training with Lucy Clayton. Robin, who has a CBE decoration and lives in a country mansion, gave his R10,000 prize for sailing the world to the widow of Donald Crowhurst, a competitor who was lost at sea during the race.