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ROUND-THE-WORLD yachtsman Robin Knox-Johnston is to marry attractive secretary Jennifer Charles—the girl whose father taught him music at school.

They will name the day as soon as they find a house.

Robin, aged 30, received a hero's acclaim when he completed the first non-stop solo sail round the globe in just 312 days.

But Jennifer, also 30, was living in South Africa at the time.

Robin's mother, Mrs. Mary Knox-Johnston, said last night: "They were trying to keep their engagement a secret, but now it has leaked out they will probably make an official announcement."

"Robin told me on Friday he was planning to get married."

Robin met his bride-to-be when he stopped off at Durban on his way home from Bombay to look up his old teacher.

Jennifer has been staying with Robin's parents in Downe, Kent.

"We are awfully pleased," said her future mother-in-law. "She is a quiet but very attractive girl."

Does she sail? "Well, we haven't talked about sailing and I haven't asked. But she must be a good sailor or she wouldn't consider having anything to do with Robin," added Mrs. Knox-Johnston.

The couple were pupils at different schools in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, but never met during school days.

Robin's former marriage was dissolved.