

JAKARANDA  
Pretoria

# For Robin Knox-Johnston

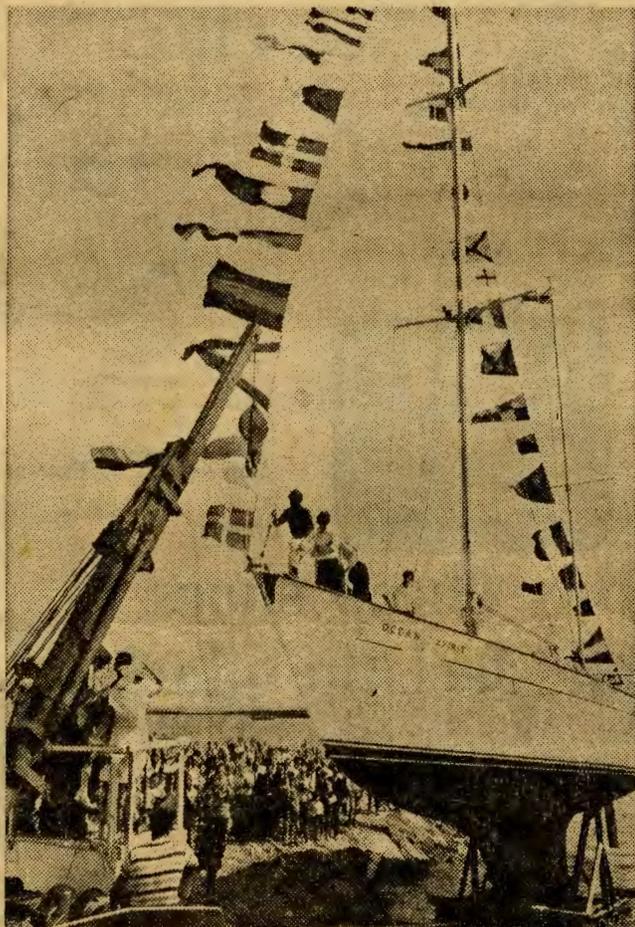
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ONE of the chief contenders for the Cape to Rio yacht race next January will be round-the-world sailor, Robin Knox-Johnston, in his boat Ocean Spirit.

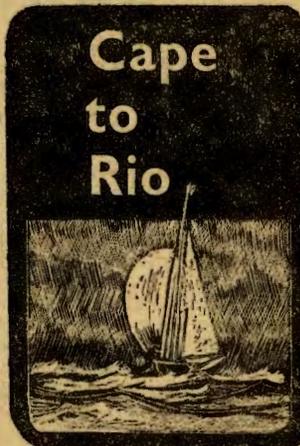
The yacht, which is the longest glass-fibre sailing boat launched at 21.6m (71ft.), was took to water recently on the Medway in England.

The two owners are Mr. Knox-Johnston, and Lieut. Leslie Williams, R.N. The crew of 14 for the Rio race are still being selected by Mr. Knox-Johnston in Britain and his younger brother, Michael, in Durban.

The vessel's first test will be the Round Britain race on July 4. Then Ocean Spirit will be sailed to Malta to be completely fitted out for the trans-South Atlantic Ocean race. She is expected to reach Cape Town some time in December.



OCEAN SPIRIT



Now, an  
all  
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crew

Daily News Reporter

A CREW with a difference will be entering the Cape to Rio yacht race. A crew in fact that will make the heartiest sailor and staunchest land-lubber reach for the nearest telescope.

What they will see is a yacht named Pintado "manned" by an all-girl crew. For some Cape Town girls are determined to compete with the world's elite in the field of sailing and cross the 5 632km (3 500 mile) South Atlantic route to Rio.

The all-girl entry is the brainchild of Mr. Brian Lello, technical adviser of the South African Ocean Racing Trust and will be financed by the magazine South African Yachting.

The yacht will have a crew of six in all. And they will not be lacking in experience. Sue Fielden rated as one of the best yachtswomen in the world is out from Britain to help with the organisation and will sail if she is not too busy.

She has years of long-distance racing experience and has previously crewed for Lt. Leslie Williams, who will be sailing Ocean Spirit, with Robin Knox-Johnston, in the race.

Priscilla Cairns, a leading British yachtswoman regarded as one of the finest women navigators in the world, will be Pintado's navigator. "We asked her to join us and she cabled right back saying she would love to sail with us," Sue Fielden told me.

Priscilla Cairns has sailed round the world twice as navigator to the British oceanographer, David Lewis. Pintado is owned by South African Yachting and the rest of the crew will probably be selected by Mrs. Molly Warr, of Cape Town.

# Bruce Dalling's yacht — from Pretoria

Daily News Reporter

THIS is the first sketch to be published in South Africa showing the streamlined lines of Jakaranda, Pretoria's entry for the Cape to Rio race next year, to be skippered by Bruce Dalling.

The 17m (56ft) ocean yacht, designed by Olin and Rod Stephens of New York, is now being built by Frans Maas, in Breskens Holland. Costing more than R114 000, she is being sponsored for the race by the Pretoria yachting enthusiast, Mr. Thenunis Bester, and his two brothers.

The yacht will have a crew of nine for the Rio race, starting on January 16, next year, including skipper Bruce Dalling, famous for his single-handed trans Atlantic race in 1968.

Today Bruce Dalling is going to Pretoria to discuss the yacht's progress with his sponsors before leaving for Holland later in the day to see the building developments for himself.

Jakaranda is expected to be completed in October and undergo her first sea trials in Durban in November. Bruce Dalling will return from Holland on January 16 to report the latest situation to the Bester brothers in Pretoria before returning home to Pietermaritzburg.

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