

By a Staff Reporter

**THE SECOND TRANS-SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN RACE** between the world's two most beautiful ports — Cape Town and Rio de Janeiro — has again lured a wide cross-section of yachtsmen. Indications are that the 1973 Cape-to-Rio race will have all the ingredients of an exciting international event.

Once the starter's cannon reverberates across Table Bay on January 13 the armada's colourful spinnakers will puff out and propel sleek hulls on the most favourable course to Botafogo Bay nestling under Sugarloaf Mountain at Rio.

The race itself should prove to be a trial of endurance, experience, knowledge and a dash of courage. The rewards are plentiful — for the victors there will be numerous trophies, including the gold South Atlantic Trophy.

For the not-so-lucky there will be the thrill of having entered and finished. And, of course, there will be exuberant fun that could only be Rio at carnival time.

Crews and their 'camp-followers' will be able to relax and join the thousands of visitors and local cariocas in a festival of all-night dancing, non-stop sambas and wild cos-

tumes culminating in the grand parade of samba groups down the Presidente Getulio Vargas.

A look at the entries received so far by the Cruising Association of South Africa in Cape Town shows the high standard of yachting which can be expected for the 1973 race. Nine 'definites' have been sent in, but the final total should be more than 60.

One of the main contenders for line honours will be the New Zealand-built yacht *New World*. According to Mr Brian Lello, the technical adviser for the SA Ocean Racing Trust, the yacht was specifically built for fast ocean racing. This 20.74m yacht is owned by Mr George Kiskaddon — an American who specialises in 'flat out' racing for the finishing line.

The owners of at least two crack local yachts have indi-

cated that they will take part in the race. The R130 000 ocean racer *Jakaranda*, skippered by Cape Town's Bobby Bongers will draw considerable interest.

The South African Navy will be entering *Voortrekker*, the sloop which put South Africa on the ocean-racing map in 1968 by finishing first on handicap in the solo transatlantic race. She will be skippered by Chief Petty Officer W. Berg of SAS Simonsberg.

### Royal Navy

She will find some strong competition in a Royal Navy entry, the 13m sloop *Matchless 2*, previously the *Prospect of Whitby*. This yacht is still regarded as a very modern and race-worthy boat and has amassed more points than any other yacht in the 1969 season in Britain.

She has been entered by her present owner, Lieutenant-Commander Peter Poland of the Royal Naval Sailing Association. Commander Poland skippered a smaller craft, *Matchless*, in the 1971 Rio race.

One of the most interesting yachts will undoubtedly be the 11.8m sloop *Argyll*, hand-built by Mr John Campbell of Milnerton. More than 36 months of hard work have gone into this yacht, which could be ranked as one of the finest built in the country.

### From Brazil

Another unique entry will be *Kameha-Meha* owned by Mr Italo Breda of Sao Paulo. This 13.11m sloop, to be skippered by 23-year-old Ernest Breda, is the first Brazilian entry to be submitted. It is hoped that at least two other entries, *Cal 40* yachts owned by the Brazilian Navy, will come from this country.

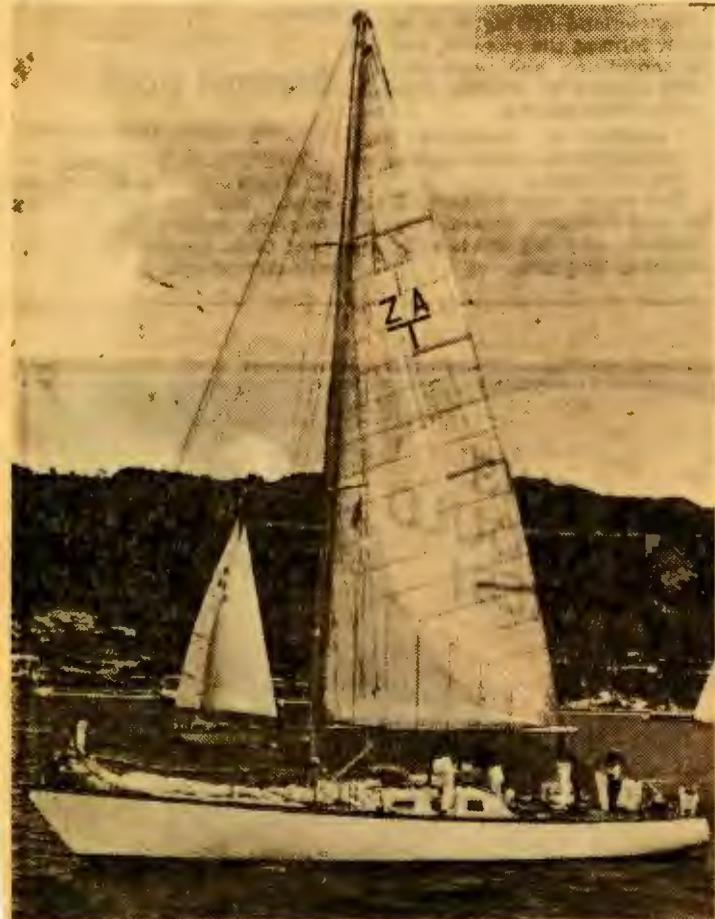
Mr Kees Bruynzeel, the internationally famous yachtsman formerly from Stellenbosch, will be another strong contender with his Van der Staedt-designed racing craft *Stormy*. Both skipper and boat are at present in the Seychelles.

The ketch *Arceni*, entered by Mr R. G. Rennie of Johannesburg, and the 17.72m Centurion-class sloop *Bacamarte*, entered by Mr S. de Rochas of Lisbon, have the honour of being the first two yachts officially entered in the Rio race.

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**THE 17.72m CENTURION-CLASS SLOOP BACAMARTE**, entered by Mr S. de Rochas of Lisbon, will look like this when she takes the breeze in Table Bay later this year in preparation for the Rio race. She is one of the first two yachts to enter.



**VOORTREKKER LIMBERS UP** in False Bay under an all-navy crew captained by CPO W. Berg of SAS Simonsberg. This crack entry is now undergoing extensive rerigging which will improve her performance considerably.