

Jakaranda in fourth place

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COWES.—South Africa's *Jakaranda* lay fourth last night after 180 miles of the 605-mile Fastnet race following American *Eagle*, *Ragamuffin* and *Apollo* from Australia past the famous Lizard Lighthouse en route to the fastnet rock.

Bruce Dalling was steering the big blue South African yawl into a moderate south-west wind as the leaders tacked along the Cornish coast with only *Land's End* ahead before they reach the Atlantic.

NO TRACE

Sea conditions were calm and on most of the 234-strong fleet crew members were sitting on cabin tops enjoying the afternoon sunshine and spotting competitors.

Of *Jakaranda's* fellow team boats, *Mercury* and *Omuramba*,

there was no trace seen from the Press spotter aircraft.

Doubtless they were among the dotted white sails stretching from the Lizard back to the Edystone Lighthouse which rises out of the sea south of Berry Head.

The fastnet course is notorious for the range of weather conditions which the yachts are likely to experience.

The last can still be first during the remaining 425 miles of the race. British hopes—with a 22-point lead over the Australians—for an Admiral's Cup win and with Bob Watson's *Cerwin* a probable race leader at the Lizard are therefore tempered with concern as to whether the Australians with *Ragamuffin* and *Salacia* well placed have tricks in their tucker bag yet to play.

America, the holders, had *Bay Bea* and *Yankee Girl* in the van, but *Carina* was not well placed.