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# Sammy Naidu's dream is about to come true

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IT'S all aboard for Mauritius for shipwright Sammy Naidu — thanks to a company which this week announced a R20 000 sponsorship to cover his expenses in an international yacht race from Mauritius to Durban.

Aquarius 1, the dream-boat of the Cape yachtsman now renamed "Aquarius Delo", will set sail for Mauritius later this month with a crew of newly trained sailors.

So far Mr Naidu has signed on only University of Natal lecturer Raj Gopal as a crew member. He needs three more people to join him on the yacht. Mr A B Mahomed, the head of

North Coast oil company which is sponsoring Mr Naidu, said: "People such as Mr Naidu need to be encouraged to prove their worth and realise their dream. We are proud to be associated with the event. It makes you feel that you are a part of it."

The crew will compete in the international Beachcomber race from Mauritius to Durban in September.

"Aquarius Delo", the yacht built by Mr Naidu in the backyard of his Lansdowne, Cape Town, home was made especially to compete in an international race from the Cape to Uruguay about five years ago.

Since then the yacht, which has the Hindu peace symbol "Aum" on its main sails, has been lying in anchor.

People wishing to join Mr Naidu on the yacht may telephone him in Cape Town at (021) 7941706 or Mr Danny Pillay in Durban at (031) 436507. They don't have to be experienced sailors.



JUST like dad . . . Mr Sammy Naidu's nine-year-old son Ian in "Aquarius Delo"