



Single-handed yachtsman ANTHONY STEWARD points out his next challenge — a voyage round the treacherous tip of South America.

Sailor fears 'mundane' lifestyle

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SINGLE-HANDED sailor Anthony Steward, who plans to sail round Cape Horn in the smallest boat on record once he has completed his epic round-the-world voyage, has one big fear in life — that of having to settle down to a “mundane nine-to-five existence”.

Not that the intrepid 28-year-old Durban yachtsman is having second thoughts about his marriage to Port Elizabeth public relations officer Sue Middleton on Saturday. It's simply that he's one of those rare breed of men who thrive on adventure and the thrill of tackling the “seemingly impossible”.

In an interview with the Evening Post he said: “I don't know what drives me,

it's just a case of having to take-on a challenge that no one else has or to improve on any previous achievements”.

“I thrive on adventure”, he said “but am realistic enough to know that I want to get married.

“My only fear though is having to settle down to a normal life... a mundane nine to five existence,” he said.

“I'd be the first to concede that my voyage round the world in a small open boat could be considered an extremely dangerous and foolhardy undertaking, but I was confident within myself that it could be done,” he said.

“I felt I had the right mental and physical attributes and think I have

proved my point, although I must admit that there were occasions during the voyage when I questioned my sanity.”

The former law student, who had to interrupt his round-the-world voyage after being ship-wrecked on an uninhabited atoll in the Indian Ocean, said his damaged boat was due to arrive in Durban aboard a cargo ship tomorrow.

“The craft will be repaired, shipped back to the Seychelles, and I will tackle the last leg to Durban before the hurricane season starts in November,” he said.

Steward said he had just about tied-up negotiations regarding sponsorship of his bid to sail round the

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treacherous tip of South American next April.

“I will be sponsored by British and American television networks who will have teams of cameramen and reporters accompany me on a support vessel”, he said.

Steward said he planned

to sail from a “jump off” point on the southern coast of Chile and finish up in Argentina or the Falkland Islands.

“I'll sail a 5,2-metres boat, which is 60cm smaller than one used by a Japanese sailor in 1982, and the 2 500 nautical mile voyage should take me about a month,” he said.