

# Cape-To-Rio *Merry* Yacht Race *10 9 69* Discussed

THE DUTCH yacht designer, Ricus van der Stadt, addressed a meeting of more than 100 interested yachtsmen at the Point Yacht Club on the subject of selecting yacht designs for the 1971 Cape Town to Rio de Janeiro Ocean Race.

He felt that the handicap victor would be recognised as the true winner of the Rio race as the event was to be sailed under the recently amended international yacht racing rules.

## SELECTION

For a yacht to have the best chance of winning on handicap under average conditions, selection of a smaller to medium-sized craft of about 31 feet waterline length of the right design for the new rules would be the best choice.

This applied not only to the race, but also to other important international races such as the annual Admiral's Cup series.

The largest yacht expected to enter the Rio race is the 73ft. Stormy owned by Cornelius Bruynzeel.

The organising committee has set a maximum boat length of 73 feet. Minimum size is 24ft. waterline and at least 3½ tons displacement.