

# Durban

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## navigator

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Thursday. MR. CORNELIUS Bruynzeel's yacht Stormy may leave here tomorrow on a South Atlantic crossing — a Cape to Rio race rehearsal in reverse.

The Stellenbosh industrialist and ocean yacht skipper, who arrived here at the weekend, will not be accompanying his yacht, for he had to fly back to Holland yesterday on urgent business.

Skipper for the voyage will be a young Californian, Mr. Conrad Bagley, who has been crewing on the yacht for the past two months.

Mr. David Alexander, of the Point Yacht Club, Durban, who arrived here on Tuesday, will be navigator.

Other members of the crew will be Mr. John Kipps, of Rondebosh, Cape Town, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Driscoll, a young couple from San Francisco, and myself.

Mrs. Driscoll, who will be cook for the voyage, has been busy organising the food supplies.

The Stormy was put into dry dock at the weekend for inspection and repairs to the pumping and electrical systems.

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TO get on my sea legs again before tackling the South Atlantic in Stormy, I took part at the weekend in a 70-mile regatta from Guanabara to Angra dos Reis, the Brazilian millionaires' holiday resort.

I crewed in the Nuna Quinta, a beautiful 34ft. schooner owned by a local doctor.

My yachting abilities were soon refreshed by a Force 7 wind which hit us as we left the bay.

The crew was rather mixed — a Brazilian, a Chilean, an Uruguayan and myself playing the part of the Frenchman.

The start was at 10 p.m. from the Iate Clube Rio de Janeiro and we arrived 14 hours later, exhausted and drenched to the skin.

The race was won by Neptunus 11, owned by Russian Prince Sergio Mirsky and a serious contender in the Cape to Rio race.

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IMPORTANT work is being done on the other Brazilian entry in the Cape to Rio race, the 114-ft. schooner Atravita.

The owner, Mr. Dirceu Fontoura, is a businessman in Sao Paulo.

Work started two months ago and should go on for another three months. People here say it will never be ready on time for the Cape to Rio race.