



The crew of Spirit of CIW II go through their paces in a stiff breeze off Grande Baie, Mauritius, during sea trials yesterday. The yacht was the overall winner of this year's South Atlantic race to Uruguay when she was skippered by Ernst van der Laan. Navigator Lynnath Beckley, navigator during that race, will co-skipper the yacht with Roy White.

## Surprise at scratch boat in ocean race

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GRANDE BAIE—The scratch boat for the Beachcomber Indian Ocean Crossing is the recently launched Cape Town-based Farr 38, Majimoto, skippered by Paul Maré.

The announcement came somewhat as a surprise when it was made at the skippers' briefing at the Grande Baie Yacht Club in Mauritius yesterday.

The other Farr 38 in the race, Penny Pinchers, now has 84 minutes' grace while Royal Palm has only to arrive three hours and 20 minutes after Majimoto to take the trophy.

Majimoto's injured foredeck hand, Dr Graham Jelley, is better than expected and although his right leg still throbs he will be taking part in the race.

For the newcomers to ocean racing the excitement is mounting and Tanja Muzik, 21, yesterday changed from cooking to sewing to get her father's yacht Shoestring ready for sea.

Tanja, who left South Africa for Switzerland in 1979, came to visit her father in Cape Town earlier this year to spend six months. However he offered her a berth as cook aboard Shoestring, and although she had never sailed long distances she immediately accepted.

She knows that a hearty meal will keep the crew of four men happy and will do her best to keep their spirits up by providing a varied menu ranging from self-baked beer bread to French toast, omelettes and five-star suppers.

The only Indian crew member in the race, Jay Reddy of Chatsworth, is raring to go back to sea even though he had a hard time on the Lily Rose for the first two days on the way up from Durban.

Jay has been sailing with owner John Carr since the beginning of the year.

Safety scrutineers have almost completed their scrutiny of the 19 entries, but the late entry, Wili Wahli, a Mauritius 43, has to wait until her SSB radio is repaired before she will be passed.