

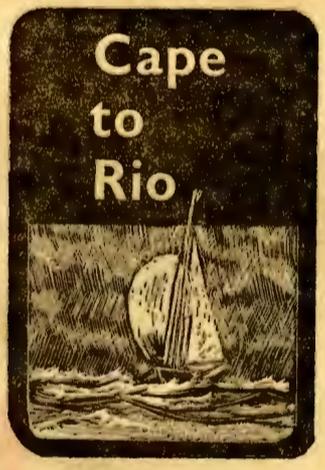


FLYING a mizzen staysail and "cheater" foresail, the R130 000 Rio race yacht, *Jakaranda* made an unusual sight on Durban Bay while undergoing trials recently. *Jakaranda*, owned by the Bester Brothers, of Pretoria is skippered by Bruce Dalling, of Voortrekker fame.

# SEA TRIALS FOR CARIAD

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**CARIAD I**, the world-famous racing yacht and Cape to Rio race entrant, will leave Durban harbour for the first time in 10 years, when she begins her sea trials at the weekend.



Skipper Krasni Sutic says that barring one or two minor technical problems, *Cariad* is ready to leave for Cape Town where the race begins on January 17.

"In fact, she's in better condition than she has been in for the past 20 years," says Sutic.

The interior of the 74-year-old schooner has been restored to her former glory, testimony to the hours of hard work put in by her crew.

Plush upholstery and shining woodwork, reminiscent of the days when King George V sailed on her more than 40 years ago, make her the most luxurious yacht taking part in the big race.

The final major formality for the race — the measurement of the sails — was completed last week.

"We want to take *Cariad* out as often as possible before we leave for Cape Town," said Sutic this week.

*Cariad* sails to Cape Town in about two week's time.



"When we arrive in Cape Town, *Cariad* will go into the floating dock, where we will fit her with an echo sounder and speedometer," said Sutic.

The crew consists of 15 members, 14 men and one woman.

Blonde, Joan Bryan is the girlfriend of one of the yacht's owners and will be the "galley slave," preparing meals for her 14 hungry crewmates.