



THIS IS WHAT THE CREW of the grand old lady of the race, Cariad, will see for the next 3 500 sea miles. Argus photographer Mike Duff took this photograph on board then jumped overboard to be picked up by a special launch.

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# FAVOURITES FOR THE HONOURS

**O**N HANDICAP, it is anyone's race. But there are odds-on favourites for 'line honours' — the first yachts over the finish line at Rio.

Several yachts jostle for places at the top of the list and one of them is Graybeard, the huge 22 m ketch from Canada, skippered by tall, laconic Lol Killam — who sports a neat grey beard.

Graybeard carries the heaviest handicap, but if the wind blows strong she should be well out in front of the fleet.

Ocean Spirit, the handsome 21.6 m British ketch, co-skippered by Robin Knox-Johnston and Leslie Williams, is another hot favourite. Sleeker in appearance than the slightly larger Graybeard, she was overall winner in the recent two-handed Round-Britain race during which she damaged slightly her skeg and rudder.

South Africa's favourite is the highly sophisticated Jakaranda, designed in New York and built in Holland for the Bester brothers of Pretoria.

Skippered by Springbok Bruce Dalling (32), the blue-hulled yawl is one of the prettiest boats in the fleet and yachtsmen around the world are watching her performance in this race with interest. Two Frenchmen are among the

top favourites — the famous Eric Tabarly in his schooner Pen Duick III and Alain Gliksmann in his ketch Raph.

Cape Town has a yacht among the favourites—Stormkaap, flying the burgee of the host club, the Royal Cape Yacht Club, and skippered by Dave Abromowitz (28).

Cornelis Bruynzeel's Dutch entry, Stormy, is similar to Stormkaap and their relative performances will be watched with interest, a race within a race.



**NOT EVERYBODY** was equally pleased to see the big moment arrive. This was one of the many farewells at the quayside.