

# RACE YACHT HITS WHALE —NO DAMAGE

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From DOUG TARBET on board Cariatid I

**T**HE CAPE TOWN YACHT Corsair hit a whale about 70 miles south of us this morning, leaving the sea stained with blood.

In a brief radio message skipper Stan Jeffrey said the Corsair hit the whale square on.

'The yacht shuddered but was not damaged,' he said.

Meanwhile Cariatid I is still looking for the storms in the 'stormy South Atlantic.'

In the last 24 hours to 10 a.m. today (South African time) we have sailed 131 miles to bring us 605 miles from Cape Town—and most of it under our massive 500 sq. m. of sail.

## SPEED LOSS

We are now heading north-west searching for the powerful trade winds that will take us in a great south swinging course to Rio.

We have discovered that our propeller is robbing us of at least a knot.

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