

25.1.71

# Wayfarer in gallant bid to catch up

**T**HE REMARKABLE progress of the Durban ketch Wayfarer, who started 24 hours after the other competitors in the Cape-to-Rio yacht race, is reflected in the latest official positions released last night.

The 15.2 m blue-hulled Wayfarer, skippered by 70-year-old Peter Strong of Durban, was delayed for five days by gales along the South Cape coast on her way to Cape Town for the start of the race.

#### 4½ HOURS LATE

She arrived at 9 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, about four and a half hours after the rest of the fleet had left.

Nothing had been heard from her since she left — until last night when she reported her position to S.A.S. Tafelberg. It appeared that she was lying 25th out of the 38 yachts who reported their positions.

This means that in her gallant effort to catch up with the leaders, she must have already passed at least 13 of the contenders.

On handicap — as worked out by computer — she is now 35th.

Wayfarer was designed and built by Peter Strong, who has an all-South African crew of six men on board with him.

**From the archives of  
Richard Crockett &  
Sailing Publications.  
[www.sailing.co.za](http://www.sailing.co.za) -  
[editor@sailing.co.za](mailto:editor@sailing.co.za)**