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SOMEWHERE along the line, either in the transmission of news or because the reading was for a period of more than 24 hours, but there was a mistake in the calculation of distance travelled in one day by Applemist. It was stated on Saturday that in jumping up 30 places to the position of third on handicap she had done



Jacko Jackson . . . skipper of Applemist.

more than 300 miles . . . which would mean nothing short of out-doing the mail boat.

However, that doesn't detract from the fact that silver-haired Jacko Jackson of Zee-koevlei appears to be getting his boat to move along at a fair clip. But then he can sail anything that floats, from Flying Dutchman dinghies to heavy fishing vessels, with practised ease.

● Home-made sloop

What makes the entry of Applemist one that has a lot of supporters is that the 40-footer is a home-made sloop built by Brian Robertson, Jack Mouat and Jacko Jackson. And anyone who has ever tackled a boat knows what a long-drawn-out, frustrating job this can be. It reaches the stage where you end up hating that evil thing in the shed that is all-demanding, all-absorbing and devours endless sums of money.

However, unlike many others who start a boat, or only get as far as thinking about starting it, the syndicate of three completed this 40-footer which is sister to another race entry Westwind. It has given Jacko the opportunity of doing something he has wanted to achieve all his life—make a long ocean crossing. This at a time of life when others like to sit back comfortably in their armchairs and start to take things easily.



'JACKO' JACKSON. Yacht: Applemist; sloop; 12.2 m (40ft.). Country: South Africa (Cape Town).

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