

# Car dash with Stormkaap plans

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**A**FTER a car dash from Zeekoevlei to the docks in peak-hour traffic yesterday afternoon, plans were put aboard the liner S.S. France that may help skipper Dave Abromowitz and his crew get their damaged sloop Stormkaap seaworthy again at St. Helena.

Two sets of plans were sent to Abromowitz aboard the France, which sailed at 7 p.m.

One set is for the yacht's existing skeg and rudder, damaged and strapped up with wire as Storm-

kaap sails at a slow five knots to St. Helena.

Full instructions on how to repair and strengthen the structure have been included.

The other set is the emergency tiller-operated rudder design drawn up by veteran designer and boat-builder Mr. F. M. ('Poppa') Bongers at Zeekoevlei.

It was to get this set on board the France on time that caused Cape Town's Chief Town Planner, Mr. V. ('Pim') Penso to make his peak-hour dash.

Mr. Bongers had worked all day on the plans, according to his yachtsman son, Eric Bongers. Mr. Penso picked them up and got them to the France 35 minutes before sailing time.

Abromowitz, in consultation with Stormkaap's owner-syndicate in Cape Town, will have to decide which plan to use when the yacht reaches the island sometime at the week-end. The plans will be dropped off by the France on Saturday morning.

It has been established that the island has adequate engineer-

ing facilities to make the tiller-rudder or repair the existing one. And, as important, it has a crane capable of lifting Stormkaap from the water.

Meanwhile, there has been further news from the Pretoria yawl, Jakaranda, skippered by Bruce Dalling, which also ran out of luck in the South Atlantic.

In a radio message to Cape Town yesterday, the yacht was reported to be continuing her slow five-knot progress to Rio with all on board well.

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