

No concern over 'silent' yachts

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SOME wives and parents, who have been following the progress of the yachts as they sail to Rio, are getting anxious as to the whereabouts of yachts that have not reported their positions to the guardship regularly and that are believed to be at the tail-end of the fleet.

Readers have been inquiring about the positions of the PE sloop Flame, the sloop Qumba from Knysna and East London's Port Rex, and others whose positions have not appeared regularly in the daily reports.

The Durban ketch Ingwe, skippered by V. Kusel, and the Transvaal's City of Springs, skippered by L. Lochner, contacted the Tafelberg for the first time on Tuesday since the

race began. Twenty-three boats did not report to Tafelberg yesterday.

Mr. Tom Unite, executive secretary of the race committee, said yesterday: "We are not at all concerned about those yachts bringing up the rear who fail to report every day. The weather is so slight and the wind so light that nobody could possibly get into serious difficulties at the moment.

"Like Sprinter, the only all-women entry, they are probably having trouble with their radio batteries."

Mr. Unite said that the only contact they have with the yachts is through the Tafelberg reports. "I haven't a clue where my daughter Lindsay is, but I am sure she's doing fine on Molly Brown."

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