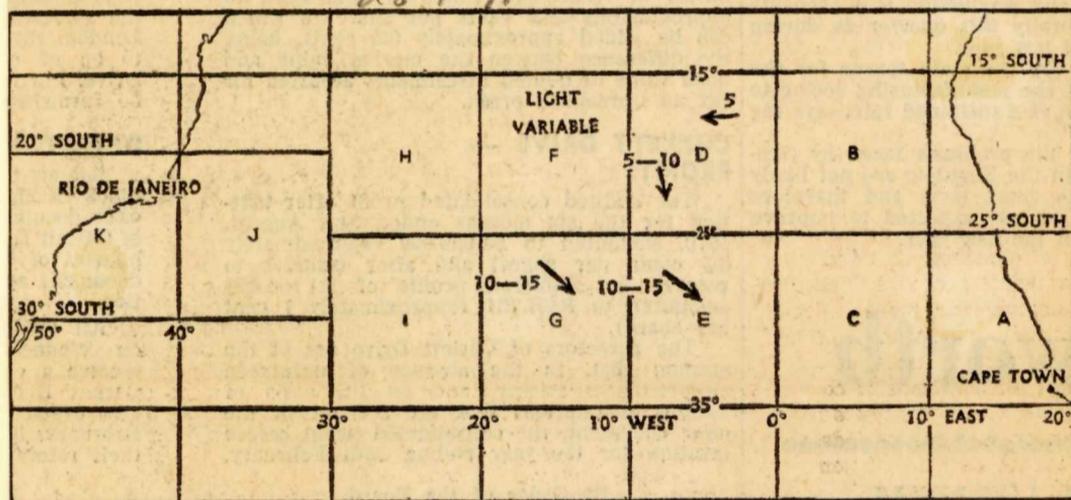




Mr. A. B. Crawford at the Young's Field Weather Office yesterday plotting the pressure chart in preparation for his next weather forecast for the Cape-to-Rio yachts.

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## WEATHER NEWS FOR YACHTS HITS SNAG

Cape Times Reporter

FROM now on, the Maritime Office at Young's Field is going to have more difficulty in plotting the weather forecasts for the Cape-to-Rio yachts.

The yachts are now entering a stretch of the Atlantic that does not carry much merchant shipping traffic, which for the past ten days has been helping the weather office by sending weather observations to them.

Mr. A. B. Crawford, head of the Young's Field Weather Office, is the man responsible for plotting the weather charts which are broadcast twice daily on the SABC at 11.15 a.m. and 4.58 p.m. and are also sent to the yachts on special wave frequencies.

### TWO A DAY

Along with the weather forecasts that he also receives from Gough Island, Mr. Crawford plots two charts a day. On the first he works out the pressure systems in the South Atlantic since they bear a direct relationship to the direction of the winds. On the second chart, he plots the positions of the yachts themselves. By combining the information of the two charts, Mr. Crawford can forecast what type of weather the yachts will be sailing into.

## Yachtsmen's third eye

This chart is a copy of the charts which the yachtsmen are using to plot their daily weather forecasts.

The above is how yesterday morning's weather would have been plotted. The zones are named according to the International Code: A—Alpha; B—Bravo; C—Charlie; D—Delta; E—Echo; F—Foxtrot; G—Golf; H—Hotel; I—India; J—Juliet; K—Kilo.

The weather forecast from which this was plotted read as follows: "Area Delta—easterly 5 knots in the north; northerly 5—10 knots northerly in the south. Areas Echo and Golf—northwesterly 10—15 knots. Area Foxtrot—light variable."

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