

Albatros fans waiting

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THERE WAS AN AIR of anticipation in the home of Albatros II's skipper, John Goodwin, last night as his family waited for news of the Knysna sloop's progress.

With Mrs. Laurel Goodwin and children Garth, 12, Cathy, 10, and Anthony, 6 in their Hout Bay home, Applegarth Farm, were Mrs. Nell Goodwin, the yachtman's mother, and an entourage of animals, predominantly kittens.

If, as predicted, Albatros II enters Rio early this morning Mr. Goodwin and his crew will be the first South African entrants to cross this finishing line.

Speaking of her husband's trip, Mrs. Goodwin said that she had not worried about the 5 600 km (3 500-mile) crossing.

"This is the sixth time he's done it," she said cheerfully. "And he holds two single-handed Atlantic crossing records."

The family have plotted the 12.8-m (42-ft.) sloop's route each

day as its course was reported—and now they wait for a telephone call from Rio on its arrival.

"We had hoped it would arrive to-night (Thursday) as to-day is Garth's birthday and Albatros II left Cape Town on Anthony's birthday," said Mrs. Nell Goodwin, who is closely connected with yachting and who came from the Isle of Wight to see her son's departure.

They said that the yacht would return to Cape Town after the crew had had a week's recuperation in Rio — providing the mast is in a safe condition to do the return trip.

Albatros was delayed at Robben Island for three hours while repairs were made to the mast after it was damaged when the yacht broached at the start of the race.

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