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**7 Rio race  
crewmembers  
are back  
in S.A.**

JOHANNESBURG, Wednesday. — Seven tired and happy South African sailors—all entrants in the Cape-to-Rio race, flew into Jan Smuts Airport early today, still wearing their yachting gear.

Their return trip had taken them nine hours, compared with more than three weeks' sailing time to cross the Atlantic.

The men were exhausted after 72 hours of non-stop celebrations in Rio de Janeiro. They were from the yachts Albatros, Mercury and Ocean Spirit.

Mr. John Allen of the handicap winner, Albatros, who was making his sixth Atlantic crossing, said that the roughest part of the trip was during the first three days out of Cape Town. 'We broke our mast in the first hour, and had to contend with very high winds and rough seas,' he said.

**11-DAY CALM**

The crew of the Mercury, which was 13th to cross the finish line, had the opposite complaint. 'Our roughest obstacle was an 11-day calm 1,000 miles out of Rio,' said Richard Wilson.

'During that time we hardly moved at all, and I think that this is what lost us the very good position we had in the race.'

'Some of the boats were able to avoid the calm, and gained a distinct advantage as a result. Albatros was one of them,' he said.

'I was surprised to see that the average Brazilian had very little interest in this race.'

'There was a Buenos Aires-to-Rio race on at the same time and this seems to have had most of the public attention.'

'We were given a tremendous reception by the Rio Yacht Club, though,' Mr. Wilson added.—Sapa.