

# RIO YACHTING SCOUTS SWAM AMONG THE PORPOISES

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Thursday.

'WHERE'S the ice cream and fresh fruit salad?' This was the first question asked by the Sea Scout crew of Active, the Cape Town cutter which arrived here yesterday afternoon, 32 days, two hours, 43 minutes and 11 seconds after sailing from Table Bay.

But the boys hardly looked starved. Healthy and tanned after their ocean race against the world's best yachtsmen, they seemed to fit the comment of their skipper Eric Prozig: 'As fine crew as any skipper would want.'

Active carried five Scouts to Rio — Hein van Gysen (17 and his brother Parul (16), Alan Cocke (17) John Ravenscroft (17) and Martin Slabber (18).

Experience in the crew was provided by skipper Porzig, Capt. Dave Powell, a Cape Town harbour pilot, and Mr. Porzig's son Jeremy.

'It was a great trip,' the boys chorused. 'We had a wonderful time. But we are still glad to be here to get some real ice cream and some real fruit salad.'

'We had a wonderful sail for the first 10 days,' said Mr. Prozig. 'We cut fairly far north and at one stage were north of the entire fleet.'

'I felt we were in a wonderful position and then for three days we had hardly any wind. The other yachts slowly crept up to us and the bigger ones went even further north for wind.'

'Still, we had fairly good weather down to Trinidad Island. After that it was frightful, hardly any wind at all. The last day was the worst of all — we just flopped all the way.'

'I had a good crew, keen as mustard, and they did jolly well in the circumstances.'

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Captain Powell added: 'While I was worrying about the wind, the boys were having a great time, swimming in the sea among the porpoises. They really enjoyed themselves.'

Mr. Porzig kept them busy sewing sails during slack periods. 'I never want to see a sewing needle again,' said Hein van Gyse with a grin.

The boys took turns cooking though Alan Cooke did the bulk of the Galley duty. Martin Slabber's contribution to the table was fried fish.

He did it in breakfast cereal and batter and everyone seemed to have good memories of it.

Mr. Porzig and the boys are to sail down the coast to Buenos Aires, probably leaving on Sunday. There they and the yacht are to be picked up by the Navy guardship S.A.S. Tafelberg and taken back to Cape Town.

Mr. Porzig's comment on the race: 'As a cruise, the weather was magnificent. But as a race, it left a lot to be desired.'