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Yachts in tussle

CAPE TOWN — The dramatic mid-Atlantic tussle between the maxi yachts continued on the ninth day of the South Atlantic race with Gerhard Aab's Momentum Life only one nautical mile ahead of the scratch sloop Apple Macintosh.

When the yachts reported their positions at 11 a.m. yesterday the Wits crew on the Momentum Life had covered 1918 nautical miles with a latest run of 200 miles.

The Apple had managed 227 miles on her last run and is trailing by one mile having covered 1917 nautical miles.

Both these yachts are reaping the benefit of hering for the northerly

tradewinds, but Lieutenant-commander John Martin on Paper Pack Voortrekker had followed suit and is sailing third on distance, followed by the 3CR12.

Ernst van der Laan's Spirit of CIW II has claimed fifth place.

The latest positions of the yachts at 11 a.m. yesterday with the actual position and handicap position in brackets are:

Apple Macintosh 2 (6), Cullinan 15 (15), Delaine 22 (24), Elangeni 7 (7), Genkem Voort 13 (17), Goblet 24 (21), H S C Honey 31 (30), Interflora Retrans 12 (5), Kaimanzi 21 (27) Madame Pazzazz 6 (11), Magic 19 (20), Medlease 33 (33), Momentum Life 1 (3), Nero 18 (19), Paloma 28 (31), Panache 17 (13),

Paper Pack Voort 3 (10), Pelican 14 (14), Persetel 16 (16), Playgirl 8 (4), Sancho Pansa 23 (22), Skorpion II 30 (29), Spirit of CIW II 5 (1), Spirit of Fauna 29 (28), Spirit Of Freedom 25 (18), Susan 26 (26), Talgal 32 (32), Te-Kaibos 27 (23), The Contractor 20 (25), 3CR12 4 (12), Three Spears 11 (8), Touch Wood 9 (9), Wings 2 (23). — Sapa.