



**VICTIM OF THE ROARING FORTIES . . . a dejected Philippe Poupon in Cape Town harbour yesterday, after bringing in the Fleury Michon, which capsized during the race.**

# Capsized yacht sails in

SOLO French yachtsman Philippe Poupon, aboard a somewhat battered Fleury Michon, finally reached Cape Town at 11.30 am yesterday -- nine days after he capsized in the Roaring Forties about 1 500 sea miles to the south-west during heavy sailing conditions.

Poupon, who briefly held the lead in the Globe Challenge before the accident, looked relieved to see members of his back-up team, who went out to meet him in Table Bay.

About two kilometres off Mouille Point, Poupon was joined on board Fleury Michon by his brother Luc Poupon, Philippe Briand, the yacht's designer, and a French rigging specialist.

They assisted him in furling the sails and the NSRI took Fleury Michon in tow to the Royal Cape Yacht Club, where he was cheered on by a

crowd of about 500 yachting enthusiasts at the quayside.

In his latest radio contact with race headquarters, Springbok Bertie Reed, on Grinaker, expressed relief that Poupon had reached Cape Town safely.

Reed said the south-westerly wind had abated to between 15 and 20 knots, but he was maintaining 10,5 knots on an easterly course.

Grinaker will pass about 800 nautical miles south of Cape Town during the weekend.

These are the positions of the yachts in the Globe Challenge as at 9am yesterday:

- 1. Ecureuil d'Aquitaine; 2. Lada Poch; 3. TBS; 4. Met; 5. General Concorde; 6. Credit Agricole; 7. Grinaker; 8. UAP; 9. Nouvel Obs; 10. Duracell; 11. OKAY; 12. Cacharel — Sapa.