

Rothmans CAPE TO RIO



Glory for Fancourt

DAILY NEWS

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Fancourt's Morning Glory won the Cape to Rio race in record time yesterday. SAPA report.

FANCOURT'S Morning Glory has won the 1996 Rothmans Cape-To-Rio race in record time. Hasso Plattner crossed the finish line at 5.52.31am South African time yesterday to beat the course record set by Broomstick three years ago. Plattner's time of 14 days 14 hours 52 minutes and 31 seconds beat the previous record by 12 hours 17 minutes and 52 seconds.

A spectacular tropical thunderstorm set the scene for the arrival of the race leader. With a backdrop of flashing lightning, the sleek ILC-70 hoisted its spinnaker before slipping quietly over the line.

After mooring offshore at the Iate Clube do Rio de Janeiro because Fancourt's draft is too deep for a conventional mooring, Plattner and his crew were ferried ashore to a welcome from family and friends. "Before we left, I said we were going for line honours and the race record," said Plattner, a German software magnate. "Apart from a couple of days mid-race when the wind died, I was certain the record was ours."

Precision

"After Trinidad the wind came back and we

were safe and sound. We had no problems and the boat was great, there was no doubt that we would win the 1996 Rothmans Cape-to-Rio race."

In a campaign that was engineered with true German precision, Plattner set his goals and achieved them.

Neither Nicorette nor Corum Watches, both of whom can hold their own in international competition, could beat Fancourt's.

Celebration

Fittingly, yesterday was Plattner's birthday. When asked what his immediate plans were, he said, "A small birthday celebration with my family, then it's back home — my business needs me."

Nicorette and Corum Watches were expected to cross the finish line early today with Warrior expected on later today, followed by Wizard, Diamond Ware Sirocco and Trekker II.

Renfreight is lying second on handicap and skipper Norge Kennedy reports, "We are still working very hard. However, there is not much one can do relying on the wind — the final handicap positions will depend on Warrior's performance."

Ludde Ingvall of Nicorette offered his congratulations to Plattner and said he would join in the celebrations when they reached Brazil's largest city. There were no other changes in the race.

LATEST FLEET POSITIONS

THE latest fleet positions in the 1996 Rothmans Cape to Rio Race as reported by the communications vessel, Telcom Maritime, are, in order of: name, map reference, actual position and handicap positions

IMS FLEET

Fancourt Morning Glory	K16N	1	1
Renfreight	H14Q	27	2
Warrior	J15I	3	3
Mallinicks Maritime	F12A	36	4
Audio Vision	H13I	10	5
Wizard	J16P	4	6
Nicorette	K17R	2	7
H2O International	F12R	28	8
Madame Pazzazz	H16P	26	9
Tyche	F11D	41	10
Three Ships Whisky	F10S	31	11
Argonaut	H13N	18	12
Black Cat	F12O	21	13
Kelly Girl	F13O	20	14
Trekker II	F12A	6	15
Orchidea Seac Banc	J14O	8	16
Dalys Int Insurance	H11G	7	17
Diamond Ware Siroc	H12A	5	18
Captain Video	F17N	50	19

CRUISER MONOHULL FLEET

Rebecca	H12R	29	1
Aquacoco	H15S	32	2
Dream Reach	F13P	24	3
Touche	H13K	13	4
Spilhaus	H12I	9	5
Sunday Star	H13T	33	6
Lady Quaeso	H12P	23	7
Vahine	H12L	14	8
Laser L Quest	F14I	45	9
Intec	F15J	47	10
New Crusader	F13F	43	11
Incepitation	F10A	38	12
Toy	F12E	42	13
Portuguese Disc Co	F10M	49	14
Diel	F14O	22	15
Zippo	D17S	52	16
Good News	F13G	44	17
Lady in Waiting	H11K	11	18
Leons Teddy Care	H12K	12	19
Laser Eye Surgery	H13L	15	20
Encanto	H11T	35	21
Southern Maid	H13P	25	22
Southern Floe	H13S	30	23
Kildonan	F13A	37	24
Telepassport	D12I	53	25

CRUISER MULTIHULL FLEET

Manx	F11C	40	1
Bossi International	H11M	17	2
TNT	H13T	34	3
Coelacanth	H13N	19	4
Jam Today	H13M	16	5
Basic Instinct	F12C	39	6
Leviathan	F14P	51	7
Dune	F16I	46	8
Tigress	F13L	48	9

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Meteorite Corum	J14B		
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