



The Alter Ego in Table Bay.

Yacht: Warrant likely

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A WARRANT for the arrest of Mr Stewart Goslin, 35, of Wellington, who last week allegedly used a forged "bank-guaranteed" cheque for R210 000 to buy an ocean-going yacht, Alter Ego, will probably be issued in the next few days.

This was confirmed in Cape Town yesterday by Colonel P W Wolvaard of the Railways Police, who said investigation of the theft had reached a stage where application for a warrant of arrest was about to be made.

Alter Ego, belonging to Mr Nelson Girdlestone of Constantia, slipped out of Table Bay harbour late last Friday night with two men on board, believed to be Mr Stewart Goslin and his 39-year-old brother David.

There has been no sign of the 13-metre vessel since and it is believed to be heading up the west coast of Africa, possibly to Europe or the Americas.

There is an all-ships alert out for the yacht and police, port authorities and yacht clubs along the coast have been notified of the "theft".

Mr Girdlestone said yesterday notification was going out next week to various parts of the world of a "substantial reward" being offered for recovery of the yacht. He added that he still held all the registration and other official papers relating to Alter Ego, so it would be difficult for the boat's "hijackers" to sell it anywhere.

He said he had telephoned the police chief on St Helena, who had promised to let him know if the yacht called at the island. With the favourable winds of the past week, the hijackers could reach the island by Wednesday — "if their navigation is good enough".

The brothers are also wanted for breaking bail conditions set for them after they were charged with stealing a yacht from Langebaan last year.