

Club support for destitute yacht family

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A FRENCH-CANADIAN family who made headlines when their yacht burnt out off the Wild Coast last month are back in Durban.

Marie France Perrenault, Yves Laliberte and daughter Karin, 12, were presented with a cheque for nearly R2 000 by members of Point Yacht Club, who rallied together in support of the destitute family.

The members, who got to

know the family when they docked in Durban harbour before setting off on their voyage, raised most of the money through a fund-raising sail.

The only missing member of the family is their dog, Capie, who they left with a fisherman near East London. — who, they feel, will “keep him in the style to which he has become

accustomed”.

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After eight years' of sailing around the world, the family plans to return home to Montreal as soon as they have raised enough money for air fares.

“We also want to tell Canadians about the generosity and kindness of the people here. They do not know what big hearts South Africans have,” Mr Laliberte said.