

Voortrekker II and Grinaker in the lead

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SAA Voortrekker II, skippered by Hanno Teuteberg, and Bertie Reed's Grinaker built up a formidable lead in the Portnet Dias yacht race to Lisbon yesterday, after logging 24-hour runs of 260 and 290 nautical miles, respectively.

The early leader, Walon, skippered by Dave Abromowitz, was sailing in third place, about 60 miles astern of Grinaker.

Reed, who is taking part only in the first leg, to the Azores, said in a radio call to the Cape Times yesterday he was sailing at 14.8 knots in a 25-knot south-easterly wind, and had reached a top boat-speed of 19 knots.

He added that the leading trio, having been within sight of one another on Sunday, were now opting for different courses — Grinaker maintaining a northerly course while SAA Voortrekker II and Walon

were on a westerly heading.

The leaders, well ahead of the rest of the fleet of 23 boats, are expected to reach St Helena island this weekend.

The boats will have a compulsory 36-hour replenishment stop-over there before continuing to Ponta Delgada in the Azores.

COLOURFUL START . . . Walon, left, skippered by Dave Abromowitz, leads the 1990 Portnet Dias race fleet out of Table Bay on Saturday, with SAA Voortrekker II, centre, (Lt-Commander Hanno Teuteberg), close behind. The yacht on the right is Mike's Kitchen, skippered by Fred Gottgens.

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