

Solo yachtsman calls in — after two weeks' silence

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CONTACT has been made with harbour officials in the Comores by Mr Anthony Steward — who is attempting a round the world solo yacht trip in an open boat — after two weeks of silence.

His Port Elizabeth fiancée, Miss Sue Middleton, said he made contact with the harbour captain at Mayotte in the Comores on Thursday. She said he is sailing at a very slow pace somewhere along the Comores Islands on a windless ocean.

Miss Middleton said she was still waiting for him to contact her and she was relieved he was all right.

In an earlier interview, Miss Middleton said the last time she

spoke to Mr Steward on July 6, he had complained about the quality of his drinking water and he was apparently very sick.

Mr Steward left Cape Town last year in an attempt to be the first yachtsman to sail around the world in an open boat.

He returned to South Africa in January, and left his yacht, the **NCS Challenge**, in Australia. He continued his trip in March this year and has been in contact with his fiancée twice a week.

Miss Middleton said his original plan was to complete his trip on August 12, because they planned to marry on August 29. — Ecna

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