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PARIS, Thursday.  
Eric Tabarly, the crack French solo yachtsman, reckons he can finish the Cape to Rio yacht race in 19 days. He made the prediction in Noumea, the capital of New Caledonia.

The Frenchman's comment on the race, its length and the 62 listed competitors — "more than interesting."

Tabarly will probably arrive in Cape Town early next week. He is scheduled to leave Noumea on Saturday.

At the Cape he will take delivery of the yacht he is to sail to Rio, the Pen Duick 3.

It was in the first version of this boat that Tabarly, then an unknown French naval officer, won the Trans-Atlantic single-handed race.

The Pen Duick 3 is being freighted to Cape Town aboard the French ship, La Vannoise.

Tabarly, who has been in Noumea for about a month, estimated that he should finish the race, which gets underway from Cape Town harbour on January 17, by February 5 at the earliest and February 12 at the latest.