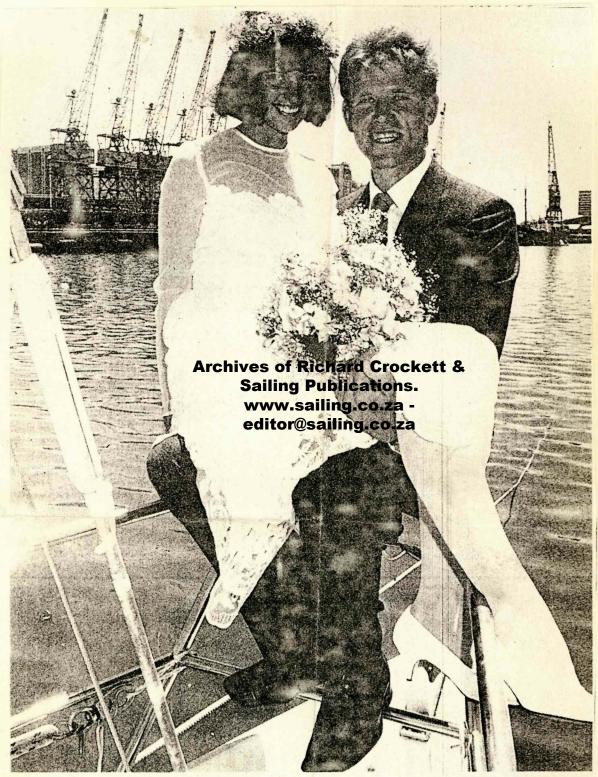
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Instead of carrying his bride across the threshold, skipper Gerhard Aab took his bride Carol aboard Momentum Life — the 22-metre yacht they will race to Uruguay — after their wedding at the St Martini Lutheran Church in Long Street yesterday.

Picture by Alan Taylor

Conditions ideal for race start

Chief Reporter IDEAL conditions for a spectacular getaway under spinnaker — a southwesterly to southerly wind of 10 to 15 knots has been forecast for the 2.30pm start in Table Bay today of the 1985 South Atlantic Race.

The wind-speed is expected to pick up to 20 knots in the late afternoon, when the fleet of 35 yachts will be heading north-westward at the outset of their long haul of 4 500 nautical miles to Punta del Este in Uru-

the yachts' crews will which these transocean have after drawing away from the South African coast will be the remote and forbidding mid-ocean outcrop Ilha da Trindade, 600 nautical miles east of Brazil. The competing boats must pass the island to port before heading south-westward towards the finish the finish.

Thousands of people are expected to watch the start from vantage points around Table Bay, and an armada of spectator craft in and around Granger intervals, before each Bay, and helicopters hov-

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Only the 10 big yachts in Class I — Apple Macintosh, 3CR12, Momentum Life, Wesbank, Paper Pack Voortrekker II, Paloma, Genkem Voortrekker, Nero, Cullinan and The Contractor — will be started on the stroke of 2.30pm. The rest of the 2.30pm. The rest of the fleet, in classes II and III, will start at 2.40pm.
There will be two warn-

ing guns, at five-minute

shore off Rietvlei, near Blowberg, before heading

out to the open sea.

Table Bay harbour will remain open to the public but a large part of it, from Alfred Basin through to the breakwater, will be closed to traffic not displaying official stickers.

The Portswood Road entrance to the docks will be closed to vehicular traf-

Special buses have been arranged to convey people from public parking areas along the Duncan Dock to the breakwater area. They