

# Anxious moments for lone sailor

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Port Elizabeth

**ANTHONY STEWARD**, who is attempting to circumnavigate the globe in a 5,8 m open dinghy, had some anxious moments this week when a very agitated whale took an instant dislike to his boat **NCS Challenger**.

It circled the boat and shot large volumes of water through its snout.

"I was really scared, but there was absolutely nothing I could do," a relieved Steward said in a radio-telephone call to his fiancée, Sue Middleton, in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

Since leaving Christmas Island late last week, Steward has made slow progress due to huge seas.

He is currently north of the Cocos Keeling Islands and his course is taking him to the northern tip of Madagascar.

Within days he will be in radio range of one of the South African maritime coast stations, making contact with him a lot easier.

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