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She's beautiful

POSTCARD from Mr. Gordon Neill, Chairman of the Natal Ocean Racing Foundation, who recently flew to Germany to see the Mercury on her acceptance trials, says:

"You will be hard pressed to describe in words the beauty of the Mercury — not only as a yacht, but also as a superbly-crafted piece of furniture.

"She will set a standard of ocean racing in South Africa which will be very hard to beat."

The Mercury, a 13-metre (42ft.) Van de Stadt-designed ocean racer, is due to arrive in Durban by ship late next month, and her racing debut will be the long haul from Cape Town to Rio de Janeiro next January.

She will be representing the Province of Natal — in fact Natal has taken the lead in South African ocean racing by becoming the first province to sponsor its own deep-sea yacht — in the classic ocean races all over the world for a period of three years.

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