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Mr. Tony Frackuet, pilot and owner of the speedboat "The Bum", clings to the bow of his boat waiting to be rescued after it started sinking just as Voortrekker approached the harbour yesterday. The speedboat was towed back to Three Anchor Bay.

2 rescued in path of Voortrekker

MORE than 1,000 people who gathered at Granger Bay yesterday to welcome Bruce Dalling home, witnessed the rescue of two men and their high-powered speedboat, which began to sink almost in Voortrekker's path near the harbour entrance.

The R1,000 speedboat, "The Bum", piloted and owned by Mr. Tony Frackuet, had been in trouble for about 90 minutes before it began to sink in a choppy sea.

Two other powerboats went to Mr. Frackuet's rescue, towed it to calmer water in Granger Bay. After attempts to start the boat's engine had failed, it was decided to tow it back to Three Anchor Bay.

STARTED TO SINK

The tow ropes parted a number of times before "The Bum" suddenly started to sink opposite the Merchant Navy Academy, just as Voortrekker was making its approach to the harbour.

With only the bow of the boat still sticking above the water, the only passenger, Mr. Ian Morris, swam 20 yards to one of the rescue boats standing by.

Mr. Frackuet spent 10 minutes clinging to the bow, before a rope was attached and his boat safely towed back to Three Anchor Bay.