

the world

Storm slams yachts, air search continues

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PLYMOUTH, England — A storm spawned in the South Atlantic Tuesday slammed into an international fleet of 330 racing yachts off the southeast coast of Ireland. Air and sea rescue forces mounted a major search operation to locate sinking and disabled craft.

At least four crew members drowned and 13 yachts sank or were destroyed.

Among the yachts in distress was one skippered by former British Prime Minister Edward Heath.

The storm with Force 10 winds (55 mph to 63 mph) and massive waves smashed into the yachts as

they raced to the Fastnet Rock off Ireland in the final event of the Admiral's Cup.

Rescue officials said eight yachts had sunk, another five were wrecked on the jagged shores of the Scilly Isles.

Ten yachts were reported abandoned, several others were missing and scores had radioed for assistance — among them Morning Cloud II skippered by Heath, captain of Britain's official Admiral's Cup team.

Heath put out a SOS in the early Tuesday when Morning Cloud II lost its rudder and began wallowing in mountainous seas. Irish coast guard officials reported his yacht was attempting to make Cork in south Ireland with an improvised rudder.

Morning Cloud I also owned by Heath was lost in a storm several years ago off the coast of Spain. Heath was not on board, but his nephew was lost in the accident.

The Dutch naval destroyer Overijssel which was escorting the racing fleet reported picking up two dead crew members and two survivors from life rafts.

Two other bodies were recovered in the rescue operations, officials said, and nine other crewmembers from two other yachts were reported missing.

Helicopters, lifeboats and other rescue vessels reported rescuing 83 other people.

Israel protests U.S.-Palestinian 'chance' meeting

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TEL AVIV, Israel — Israel protested to the United States Tuesday over a meeting last month between the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and a Palestinian official.

The protest expressed "deep regret" over the meeting between Andrew Young and a PLO official and disputed a U.S. explanation that it was accidental.

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan sent the protest to Secretary of State Cyrus Vance through the Israeli ambassador to Washington Ephraim Eiro, a foreign ministry announcement said.

The announcement said U.N. Ambassador Young "held a preparatory discussion for the upcoming meeting of the Security Council on the subject of the Palestinians" with Palestine Liberation Organization U.N. observer Zehdi Labib Terzi.

"The government of Israel expressed its deep regret" over the meeting, the announcement said.

A State Department spokesman said Monday that Terzi "arrived unexpectedly" during a meeting Young held July 23 with the Kuwaiti U.N. ambassador Abdul Yacouh Bahara and no "substantial discussion" was held in the "accidental" encounter.

Dayan said the meeting contradicted "repeated and unequivocal commitments that the United States will not recognize the PLO or negotiate with it until it recognizes Israel's right to exist and accepts U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338."

In Dallas Robert Strauss, President Carter's Mideast ambassador-at-large, rejected any notion the United States had weakened either its commitment to Israel or its support of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

Strauss, told the American Bar Association Monday the United States has not changed its position as outlined by the Camp David

Mideast Peace Accords supporting Israel's right to exist and the Palestinians right to participate in determining their future.

"The idea that there has been any lessening of the U.S. commitment to keep Israel strong, so that it will remain secure, to promote Israel's future or to fulfill all of our undertakings or commitments to Israel is false," Strauss said.

Dayan said Monday Israeli had American backing for its policy of attacking Palestinian guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon.

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STAMP CLUB: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 407AB, Rudder Tower.

Thursday

FINAL EXAMS: Classes meeting from 2 to 2:30 p.m. will have their final exams at 7 p.m.

LAST DAY: Today is the last day of second summer session classes.

MSC RADIO COMMITTEE: Will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 410, Rudder Tower. All members are urged to attend.

Friday

FINAL EXAMS: Classes meeting from 8 to 9:30 a.m. will have exams at 8 a.m. Classes meeting from 10 to 11:30 a.m. will have exams at 11 a.m. and classes meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. will have exams at 3 p.m.

RESIDENCE HALLS: All residence halls will close at 6 p.m. tonight and will remain closed until the beginning of the fall semester.

Saturday

GRADUATION: Commencement ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

GROMETS: War games and role playing games (historical and fantasy) will be played beginning at 7 a.m. in Room 137, MSC.

Sunday

GROMETS: War games and role playing games (historical and fantasy) will be played beginning at 7 a.m. in Room 137, MSC.

CALENDAR: Any person, group or organization who would like to have something printed in the What's Up column should fill out a form provided in Room 216, Reed McDonald. The name, date and purpose of the event should be included.

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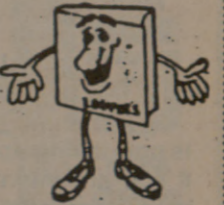


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