

## Blake killed by pirates

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Peter Blake, who headed the New Zealand crew that won the America's Cup in 1995 and 2000, was shot and killed by pirates during a robbery of his boat on the Amazon River.

Blake was killed late Wednesday during a holdup aboard his 119-foot yacht, the Seamaster, anchored on the Amazon in the jungle state of Amapa, some 1,600 miles north of Sao Paulo, state police chief Rosilene Martins de Sena said.

Three or four assailants approached the Seamaster in a rubber dinghy commonly used by pirates on the Amazon and shot Blake, 53, when he tried to resist the holdup, Sena said Thursday.

Two crew members were treated for minor injuries in the hospital in the nearby town of Macapa.

According to local media, the killers took a spare engine and several watches.

Alan Sefton, one of Blake's friends and a spokesman for his organization, Blakexpeditions, said the crew spent two months in the upper reaches of the Amazon and Rio Negro and had encountered nothing but "friendly, warm, hospitable people."

"And as soon as the boat gets back into so-called civilization, something tragic happens," Sefton told The Associated Press.

Sefton said Blake's boat was anchored off Macapa in the mouth of the Amazon, awaiting customs clearance to leave Brazil after a two-

month expedition as part of a program to monitor the effects of global warming and pollution.

Seamaster was scheduled to sail up the coast to Venezuela to meet the Blakexpedition jungle team.

Brazil's foreign ministry said the "government deeply regrets the tragic death of New Zealand's renowned explorer, yachtsman and scientist." President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, it added, "has ordered that the criminals be promptly identified and arrested."

In March 2000, Blake said he had received letters from someone threatening to kill him and harm his family.

"We've always got crank mail, but it has been going beyond that recently," Blake said at the time. "So we have taken all the precautions we were advised to take."

In November 2000, Blake went on a three-month study of wildlife in the South Pole region. He then traveled to the Amazon for several months of sailing.

American skipper Dennis Conner, a three-time America's Cup winner who was beaten by Team New Zealand 5-0 in 1995, was impressed with Blake's determination.

"He was a hero and role model for the New Zealand people and obviously a winner that was focused and accomplished his goals, whether it was winning the round-the-world race or the America's Cup," Conner said Thursday.

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