

## HARRIS

batteries," says Harris. But, he says, "at times I felt a little fuzzy." He tried to tackle weather routing and similarly important tasks right after a nap so he was less likely to make mistakes.

While singlehanded sailing is physically grueling, Harris says it was mentally challenging as well. Some of the skippers reported mild hallucinations. Even simple tasks seemed to be more taxing, Harris says.

"When you're by yourself it seems there are an inordinate number of decisions to make — some serious and others not," says Harris.

Next year Harris plans to compete in the Bermuda 1-2, Marblehead to Halifax doublehanded race and, in Novem-

ber, he will race in the Transat Jacques Vabre from France to Brazil. In 2006 he hopes to compete in the Newport-Bermuda and the 5 Oceans Race. It will be the third time the boat has been in that race.

"That's really what I'm pointing towards," says Harris.

Harris says he may make minor changes while overhauling the boat, such as lightening the rigging, installing a bigger rudder and changing the daggerboard. He hopes his sponsors will stick with the program. In addition to Wells Fargo, major sponsors are Harris' company, New Boston Fund, and Goulston & Storrs. Other contributing sponsors are Harken, Raymarine, Iridium, Samson Rope, Tenor and Doyle Sailmakers. ■



Harris received a warm welcome in Boston from his wife, Kim.

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him ahead of second-place finisher Thomas Coville, sailing Sodebo, who finished an hour or so behind Desjoyeaux. Frank Cammas, sailing Groupama, finished third in the 60-foot multihull division.

Golding was hampered by a malfunctioning keel, when the electronic pump driving the hydraulic mechanism operating the swing keel burned out within hours of the start. Attempts to fix the pump failed so Golding used the power of the boat to drive the keel across to the other side.

His winning move came three days before the finish when he was neck and neck with competitor Mike Sanderson aboard Pindar Alphagraphics.

"There was one bit of routing that suggested we went to the south of a little depression and I realized it was possible for me to get just above it and get some better angles and that's exactly

what happened," Golding says.

Like Desjoyeaux, Golding also is a veteran competitor. He competed in the 1998-99 Around Alone, the 2000-01 Vendée Globe, the 2001 EDS Atlantic Challenge and the 2001 Route du Rhum. Last year, he placed third in the two-handed Transat Jacques Vabre and won the single-handed Le Defi Atlantique.

Dominique Wavre, sailing Temnos, and Mike Sanderson, sailing Pindar, finished second and third, respectively, in the Open 60 division.

Eric Bruneel, sailing Trilogic, won first place in the 50-foot multihull class, besting Bostonian Rich Wilson in Great American II, who finished second. Dominique Demachy, sailing Gifi, placed third in that division.

In the 50-foot monohulls, Maine resident Kip Stone, aboard Artforms, won his class. Boston-area sailor Joe Harris, aboard Wells Fargo-American Pioneer, placed second. ■

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