

Paris makes repairs, still sits in fifth

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ALAN Paris has made repairs to BTC Velocity to regain some speed in the second leg of the Around Alone race. Paris had the spinnaker halyard break two days ago, which also saw the bowsprit torn off.

He said that was "dragged under the bow and made a pretty good mess of everything. I did not want my fellow competitors feeling sorry for me, (not likely) or taking advantage of the situation, (most likely) so until now I have kept quiet."

He added with a bit of

humour that "Humpty Dumpty is back together again and I am again flying the big spinnakers."

Paris said he used some epoxy, 3M 5200 plus black sticky tape as well as a "generous" supply of electrical tape to fix the problem and make it secure.

He said he is now back at full speed but is in a light air patch. He is attempting to catch up with Derek Hatfield, who has made a big move through the fleet over the past few days.

Paris is currently in fifth place (out of six boats) in Class Two.