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SMITH BROTHERS GO HOME - YARMOUTH I. O. W.

Yarmouth - little Isle of Wight port of fewer than a thousand people - puts the flags out. The occasion is a great one - for Mr. Smith (the Mr. Smith - coxwain of the Yarmouth lifeboat) is going out to sea to bring home two of the town's most famous citizens. Dozens of yachts, dinghies and rowing boats go out with him to form a naval guard of honour for a tiny, home-made sloop - that but a few days before - had braved the Atlantic. The Nova Espere with its gallant two-man crew - Stanley and Colin Smith - comes home to a triumphant reception. The Smiths have done enough sailing for a while and it seems only right that they be towed into port.

The Smiths, who made famous a name shared by nearly a million Britons, are given a civic reception. The Freedom of the Town is theirs. The little fishing port is proud of its boys - these two tough sailors whose epic 43-day Atlantic battle made them the nation's heroes. What a day this is for Yarmouth - a day that will still be recalled 50 years hence.

Another salute to the Smith boys - wrote a fine page in Britain's story of the seas and to their stout-hearted little craft.