

## Whale Smashes Sailboat; 2

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A black whale rose out of the Atlantic and smashed Patrick and Wendy Vangodstenhoven's 35-foot sailboat, forcing the couple to abandon it and head in a 10-foot rubber life raft for the northeastern tip of Brazil, 250

miles distant.

"You know you just don't feel anything — you feel it later when you've been on the sea six days," Wendy told The Associated Press by telephone Thursday from Natal, Brazil, where they were taken by a Brazilian fishing boat that

picked them up on their sixth day on the life raft.

Patrick, 35, is a Switzerland native whose parents live in Belgium and Wendy, 29, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Farr of Barrington, R.I. Wendy, three months pregnant and suffering from sun-

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burn, said, "We had to steer constantly. Here in the tropics, there are rain squalls every half hour and sometimes a lot of wind. We had very little sleep — we had to bail. I was very uncomfortable."

They were sailing up the

coast of Brazil last month preparing for their return across the Atlantic to France when they hit the whale.

"I was sleeping," Wendy said. "There was a shock and we rushed out on deck to see what it was and we saw the whale . . . and then realized there was water coming in . . . We had about three hours before the boat sank