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Ships on Way From Cuba

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The tugboat Battler, one of two vessels carrying 12 Americans released from Cuban custody, struggled through heavy seas toward Puerto Rico yesterday and radioed that she had left a sick crewman in Cuba.

The Port Everglades Towing Co., which owns the tug, said Captain Gene Curci reported that crewman Walter Dunlap remained in Vita, Cuba, suffering from what was diagnosed as an ulcer attack.

While the Battlar and her 300-foot barge struggled through 10-foot seas toward San Juan, the State Department announced that the yacht Saturna with five Californians aboard is expected to reach Miami early today.

The Saturna, Battler, and canoeist Fritz Sprandel of Allentown, Pa., were released from Cuba after the United States freed from a federal prison four Cuban fishermen sentenced to six months in jail for poaching in U.S. waters.

The crews of the Saturna, the yacht White Clud and Sprandel were fined \$20,000 each for entering Cuban waters illegally. The fines later were reduced to \$2,000, and Sprandel was released Tuesday.

The 58-foot White Cloud, with four Americans

BLOARD, was still in Cuban custody and would be held until the crew paid the fines. the U.S. State Department reported.

Aboard the White Cloud were Dr. Bernard Bender, a

dentist wanted for questioning in a Los Angeles draft fraud investigation; Bender's sons, Lawrence and Michael, and Thomas Joseph McGuire.

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