Fighting Fire
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Blaze casts pall over catamaran's racing schedul

Fire ripped through the hull of world's biggest ocean racing amaran in Auckland yesterday rnoon, sending crew scrambling safety and putting the immedi- racing plans of the $8 million in doubt.

Fire broke out aboard Play- ion while it was moored on the tern side of the Viaduct Basin the Team New Zealand com- nd. The extent of damage was lear last night.

Rupert Kirby, a tourist catching e sun with his wife, said he rd two small explosions, then crew members scrambling from the starboard cockpit and forward hatch, seconds before flames shot out.

Steve Fossett

The crew tried to fight the blaze with extinguishers but were forced back by the heat.

Senior Station Officer Bar- Fox of the Fire Service said it k firefighters about 10 minutes ring the fire under control. They n flooded the hull.

The catamaran, owned by Ameri- adventurer Steve Fossett, was t in Auckland last year with the of taking on ocean racing ords.

n March, it set the record for the t distance travelled in 24 hours 580 nautical miles.

An attempt to break the record crossing the Atlantic, scheduled June, may have to be put off ause of the fire.

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— Tony Wall

FLASH FIRE: The $8 million catamaran that caught fire in Auckland yesterday holds the world record for sailing the longest distance in 24 hours. The New PlayStation was due to be shipped to the US next weekend. The blaze has cast doubts over a challenge to the Atlantic crossing record in June. PICTU

What type of extinguisher would you use?