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British yachtswoman back in race after she helps to rescue rival

A BRITISH yachtswoman yesterday resumed a solo round-the-world race after stopping to help a stricken French rival.

Sam Davies, 33, left the Vendee Globe – the world's toughest sea race – to rescue Yann Elies after he broke his leg when a large wave hit his yacht, the Generali.

The Cambridge graduate arrived at the scene, about 800 miles off the coast of south Australia, shortly

after an Australian navy ship. Miss Davies, who resumed the 27,000-mile race with a time credit, said: 'Although it's a race we are all dying to win, the health and safety of the competitors, who are our good friends, is the most important thing.'

'I don't think anyone would hesitate to go and help.'

Mr Elies is being treated in a military hospital in Perth.

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DRAMA: Sam Davies and her yacht, Roxy, above left