

up unusable when the crosstree snapped. I was lucky to make it to a safe port," said Pat.

He is now three quarters of the way in his round the

impending arrival by the Department of Foreign Affairs, and television crews were on hand to record the docking.

Mr Lawless was inter-

His voyage on the same was to have taken him to Cape Horn and on to Uruguay, when midway through the leg he encountered the worst weather of his two years at sea. Storms lashed his 30 foot boat, Toyota O'Mara Limerick, and his main mast ended up unusable when the crosstree snapped.

Working off the second mast, and with a temporary mast in place, he managed to limp along at about three

safe and well after four months at sea. In the message Captain Manuel Cofre, head of the Chilean Maritime Safety and Operations Directorate, described the damage to Mr Lawless's boat as "minor", adding: "He is in perfect health condition."

This is Mr Lawless's third attempt to circumnavigate the globe, and it is looking increasingly like a case of third time lucky for the Limerick man.

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The four councillors in the Ward have voted for the new site and have refused to sign a motion rescinding that decision.

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## Kemmy denies pressure claim

By **DYMPHNA BRACKEN**

MAYOR Jim Kemmy has denied that any pressure was put on Alderman Sean Griffin to withdraw from his party's nomination for the mayoralty.

"Alderman Griffin declined the nomination for his own personal reasons. There was no pressure used. It was left up to Sean entirely," he said.

"I was proposing Alderman Griffin for mayor and had my speech prepared," he stated.

"If he was prepared to go forward he would have had the full support of the party. He was assured of that at the party meeting, on Monday evening before the election" he added.

Alderman Griffin, nominated by his five party col-

leagues on the City Council, over a month ago to contest the mayoral election, told the election meeting, that "after a good deal of consideration I have decided to decline the nomination".

He added that he was grateful to his party for its support and indicated that he would be prepared to accept the nomination at a future date.

Alderman Griffin then proposed Alderman Kemmy.

When Alderman Griffin declined the nomination, Mayor Kemmy said that it was then offered to Cllrs Judy O'Donoghue and Frank Leddin both of whom declined.

Cllr Prendergast, he said, was not present at the meeting at the time, and Senator O'Sullivan had held the position two years ago.

"It was then up to me to step into the breach," he added.

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