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Backing a team of
South African women
on the global stage

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**Only 20 teams.
48 countries applied.
South Africa is in.**

Overview

South Africa has been selected as one of only 20 international teams (from 48 applicants) invited to compete in the inaugural *2026 New York Yacht Club Women's International Championship* hosted by the New York Yacht Club - the custodian of the America's Cup and one of the most prestigious and historic yacht clubs in the world.

The campaign will be led by Olympian Dominique Provoyeur and will assemble a squad of approximately 8-10 South African women sailors, including athletes from historically disadvantaged backgrounds.

The Championship

The Championship will take place from 12-19 September 2026 at New York Yacht Club in Newport, Rhode Island.

Racing will take place in the Club's fleet of IC37s - 37-foot high-performance keelboats designed by Mark Mills. As a true one-design class, every team competes on the same boats with the same specifications, creating a level playing field where success comes down to preparation, teamwork, athleticism and execution under pressure.

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Introducing Team Granate

Proudly backed by Granate Asset Management, the South African team will compete as:

Team Granate | SA Women's Sailing

At the helm of Team Granate is Dominique Provoyeur - an internationally experienced sailor with an exceptional résumé across Olympic and high-performance keelboat racing. Dominique represented South Africa at the 2008 Summer Olympics in the Yngling class and brings the calm, competitive edge and leadership that big campaigns demand.

Alongside her is a talented and driven squad of women from different backgrounds, experiences and sailing pathways.

This campaign is about more than one regatta. It's about creating opportunity, backing excellence and helping grow the future of women's sailing in South Africa.

Key Dates

May - June

Training intensifies

July

Final travelling team announced

12 - 19 September

Race Week - Newport, Rhode Island, USA

Post Event

South African recap & community engagements



IC37

Built as a pure one-design racer, these 37-foot machines reward what matters most: preparation, teamwork, athleticism and flawless execution under pressure. Fast, powerful and seriously competitive, the IC37 was designed by Mark Mills, one of the most respected yacht designers of his era.



New York Yacht Club

Founded in 1844, the New York Yacht Club is one of the most prestigious names in global sailing. With a long association with the America's Cup and over 180 years of history, it provides a fitting stage for the inaugural Women's International Championship.



At Granate, we believe in backing people with courage, curiosity and discipline.

We're excited and proud to support an incredible team of South African women, taking on one of the sport's greatest stages.

TOGETHER - backing a team of South African athletes

High-performance sailing is the ultimate team sport. Success depends on trust, coordination and collective decision-making - each sailor playing their role with precision while supporting the wider team. This mirrors the collaborative culture Granate has intentionally built: a team working together with a shared purpose.

ADVENTURE - competing internationally at the highest level

Competing internationally at the New York Yacht Club represents a bold and ambitious journey. It is about stepping beyond the familiar, being brave, embracing challenge, and representing South Africa on the global stage. In many ways, it reflects the spirit of curiosity and exploration that sits at our core - a willingness to pursue new opportunities and think differently.

GROWTH - building pathways for the next generation of women sailors

The campaign is about developing South African talent, creating pathways for women in high-performance sailing, and building experience that feeds back into the broader sailing community. It represents growth in its fullest form: personal growth for the athletes, growth for the sport locally, and growth in exposure for South African excellence.





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