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# TO OUTSAIL CHICHESTER?

AS Sir Francis Chichester sails his lonely way to Cape Horn, a group of South Africans are designing a yacht to beat his Gypsy Moth IV at her own game.

This is the committee of the Springbok challenge to next year's Single-Handed Trans-Atlantic Race, which is also Chichester's next big target.

For when the adventurer returns to England he will again try to win this, the world's toughest yacht race, against the North Atlantic westerlies from Plymouth to New York—2,000-odd miles.

South Africa, at a time when sporting publicity is one of her most valuable international commodities, will

have at the starting line a stripped single-handed racer the same size as Gypsy Moth—but half her weight.

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In fact, the Springbok challenger will be the lightest ocean racer ever designed.

The committee met in Cape Town yesterday under its new chairman, Mr. Victor Norton, Editor of the *Cape Times*.

It was decided that work on the contender would start by April 31 with launching in the first week of the New Year.

Specially down for the meeting was Colonel Don Jrd, president of the South African Federation of Aquatic Sports, and Mr. Selwyn Tucker, a

leading Transvaal water-sport administrator,

The challenger's designer is Mr. E. G. van der Stadt, of Holland. He drew the lines of Stormvogel, the Stellenbosch-built yacht which has achieved fastest times in practically all of the world's classic ocean races.

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