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Southern suburbs teenagers in world yachting tourney

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EIGHT South Africans, including three southern suburbs teenagers, have left to compete in the Youth World Yachting championships taking place in Greece.

The southern suburbs trio comprise Westerford High School pupils Charles Nankin and Dale Hudson and Karen McKellar, 17, a matric pupil at Wynberg Girls' High School.

Karen will represent South Africa in her Laser radial while Dale and Dominique will sail together in a two-man boat.

The fourth member is Dominique Provoyeur, 17, of Table View High School.

"This is a great opportunity for us to be able to sail in an international competition of this high standard and we can all learn from this," said Karen.

"Training was quite hard though, since it's winter here."

Not that the four water babies were deterred by the cold at Zeekoevlei, where they often sail, or any other water venue, since that was how they met.

"Our parents are all sailors and we've known each other since we were babies. In fact Charles, Dale and Dominique's fathers are all Springbok yachtsmen and we have all been awarded junior national colours and Western Province colours."

Karen, of Constantia, was chosen for the team after she came second in the open event of the Laser radial class in the national championships held in Algoa Bay, Port Elizabeth.

And as if braving the elements to prepare for a competition of this magnitude were not enough, the four also enjoy swimming and waterpolo.



Picture: PIETER van der VYVER

GONE TO GREECE: Gearing up for the Youth World Yachting championships taking place in Greece are Charles Nankin, Dale Hudson and Karen McKellar. Another Capetonian in the eight-member South African team but not in the picture is Dominique Provoyeur, 17, a Table View High School pupil.