

# Lady skippers won't stand back

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THIS year's Joko Lipton Cup Yacht Race, due to start on Sunday, sees two female skippers at the helms of their respective L26 yachts. And these ladies will not stand back for anyone!

Judy Provoyeur will be skippering Elation, the Vogelvlei Yacht Club entry with a female crew. Well-known local lady Marion Cole is an exception as she is skippering Langebaan Yacht Club entry, Just Tiles, backed by an all-male crew, with her husband as team manager.

Having won the Rothman's Class II Table Bay Challenge earlier this year, she is now even more determined to go for the coveted Joko Lipton Cup. The impressive trophy, donated by tea magnate Sir Thomas Lipton, is over a

metre in height and is worth half a million rand today.

Marion's entry in this L26 event is made even more interesting by the fact that she has been hard at work designing and making sails for her opposition. Marion is the production manager for one of South Africa's leading sail manufacturing companies.

Despite this, she has decided to put aside her work commitments for the duration of the big event, and concentrate all her energies on attaining the prestigious Joko Lipton trophy.

This year's event, with a record 32 entries, is again hosted by the Royal Cape Yacht Club on behalf of last year's winners, Zeekoevlei Yacht Club.