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Border yachtsmen to represent SA in Italy

EAST LONDON — Two Border yachtsmen, Robert and Jack Schlachter, have been chosen to represent South African at the world fireball championships to be held in Italy in August.

The Schlachter brothers will form one of the eight teams representing South Africa at the championships in their fireball racing dinghy.

Robert Schlachter said the eight teams were chosen over five selection regattas held throughout South Africa over the past eight months.

"South Africa has a record of doing very well at the fireball championships, and I think that this year could be the year we make it," he said.

One member of the Springbok team, Western Province's Dave Hudson, finished fourth in last year's world championships in San Francisco.

Another hot contender, Transvaal's Jurgen Coblenz, was narrowly beaten into second place in the individual championships in Switzerland in 1982.

For Border's Schlachter brothers it is a first at the world championships, a challenge they have both dreamt of since they began sailing in their early teens.

Entries from all over the world will compete in this year's championships and South Africa's strongest opposition is expected to be the Australian and British teams.

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