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## **International Class 2.4 mR and Argo Challenge together: a unique bid for the America's Cup.**

Heiko Kroeger, one of the best disabled sailors of all time, who often competes in open competitions, has no doubts: "The Argo Challenge to the America's Cup can become a great reality!".

The German sailor, Olympic gold medallist in Sydney 2000 and silver medallist in London 2012, in addition to 8 world titles, is currently the President of the International 2.4 mR Class. He continues: "We fully support this idea, and in our Class, there are several sailors with disabilities who could be part of the team. After all, we are used to being in a cockpit and steering the boat using only our hands. With adequate preparation, one can also be competitive".

The goal of Argo Challenge is to participate with crews made up of sailors with disabilities in the YOUTH America's Cup and the WOMEN America's Cup during the 38th America's Cup, which will take place in Naples in 2027. If permitted, the team also intends to participate in the preliminary events scheduled with the AC40s, racing against the official crews who will compete for the victory of the 38th America's Cup.

"After the Yacht Club Gaeta, another partner has joined us who will be able to make an important contribution to this ambitious challenge. Gaeta will be the home, and the International 2.4 mR Class will bring the people who will work together in that home to achieve such a great and unique goal," concludes Antonio Spinelli, President of Argo Challenge.

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