



S.A.T.S General Botha OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION BURSARY FUND

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN

WE LIVE IN CHANGING TIMES. PREDICTING THE FUTURE FOR EVEN A MONTH AHEAD IS RISKY.

The GBOBA Bursary Fund has managed exceptionally well and although we have challenges, each month we seem to engineer our way ahead with care and consideration for all parties to the best of our collective ability.

As I write this article the **Matric (Grade 12 scholars) have just written their last subject – Maritime Economics, and so the next chapter of life for our bursary recipients unfolds with many options but no clarity until early next year when the Grade 12 results are publicised.**

A few of the **EXCO committee of the Bursary Fund recently witnessed a moving and contented group of scholars at the LMC awards evening.** Some rising stars, from this Bursary Fund, were those who came away with resounding accolades and well-deserved prizes.

How positively these scholars speak of Lawhill Maritime Centre and the GBOBA Bursary Fund warms the heart. They are so appreciative with the fruit of many hours of mentoring, sailing, motorboat training, etc. all adding enormous value to these young lives. We wish all our bursary awarded students, a successful and fulfilling 2023.

The Sail & Motor programme has been a great success and many thanks to Petrus Swart and his hard-working team who commit to getting these young sailors from LMC onto the water, safely, and taught so that they have now been awarded certificates of competency recognized in the small boat industry. Bravo Zulu.

Two successful events, in this the **Centenary Year of the S.A.T.S. General Botha**, were the **inaugural Durban Golf Day sponsored by Grindrod Shipping** and more recently the **Fairship Marine Bursary Golf Day held at Rondebosch Golf Club** on the 17th November 2022.

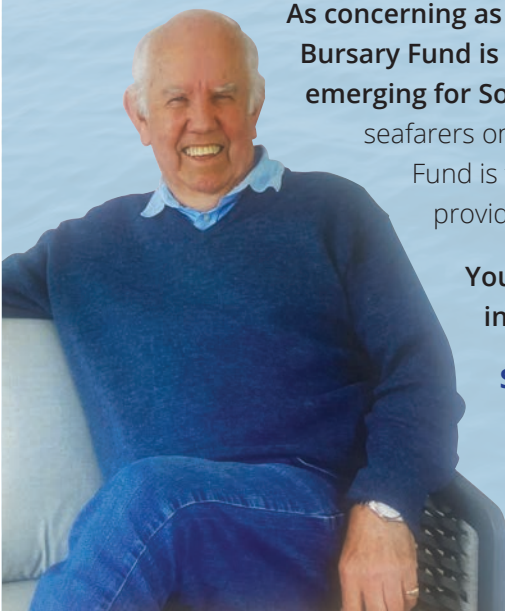
The staff complement has now got a new permanent Student Administrator in the person of Ms. Dana Retief and we welcome her aboard and are sure she will be a strong support for the hard working and efficient General Manager – Mrs. Thalia Hock.

As concerning as the South African political climate may seem to be, the Bursary Fund is very positive that new and exciting career opportunities are emerging for South African seafarers worldwide. Doors are opening for our seafarers on the international market and therefore our role as a Bursary Fund is to help our recipients with the very best advantages we can provide.

Your collective help in supporting the Bursary Fund especially in Fund Raising endeavors is most welcome.

SO, ON THAT HIGH NOTE AND CHALLENGE, IT LEAVES ME TO WISH YOU ALL, INCLUDING YOUR LOVED ONES, A MOST ENJOYABLE FESTIVE SEASON, GOOD HEALTH AND WELL BEING INTO THE NEW YEAR.

Simon Pearson (Chairman).



MOTORBOAT AND SAIL TRAINING

This program has gone from strength to strength during 2022 with the goal of SAMS approved qualifications having been achieved for **nine** students. This would not have been possible without the amazing supporters of this program; **Marine Inspirations, Cape Town Sailors Home, Newlands Rotary Club, FPT Group** and the **TK Foundation Youth Sailing Grant**. We **THANK YOU** for helping the Bursary Fund to make a difference.



Petrus Swart oversees this training which includes the Bursary Fund's own students, selected LMC students as well as Sea Cadets from TS Woltemade base. In total 50 students have participated in the program this year. The Bursary Fund's dedicated team of volunteers who give up their weekends to demonstrate true intergenerational commitment are the key to all that has been achieved. **We are grateful to False Bay Yacht Club** for continuing to allow the program to use their facilities and LMC's Faye Kula for coordinating student participation.





NSRI PRE-SEA TRAINING

After the Grade 10 students have completed swimming in the first term, the Bursary Fund needs to ensure that they are water safe before they head out onto the ocean. The students first complete NSRI online training followed by a day long practical exercise at NSRI Simon's Town Station 10. For many of the students this day, where fears of the ocean are overcome, was a highlight of the year.



Jumping off Simon's Town Pier – for some a life changing moment!



SKIPPER LICENCES

Grade 12 Bursary Fund students **Anele May** and **Alwande Sithole** together with **Sylvino October**, **Siphosethu Libalele** and **Xolisa Miggels** from Lawhill Maritime Centre at Simon's Town School (LMC) passed their **Category E Motorboat Licences in June**. This was all possible due to the many hours of time Digby Thomson on RIB *Sean Day* and GBOBA Old Boy Ian Hare on *Speranza* volunteered to ensure that the students had the necessary sea time and skills required.



SAILING QUALIFICATIONS

The Bursary Fund ensured that Grade 12's **Nqobile Khuzwayo** and **Juvandre Williams** as well as Grade 11's **Afikamathemba Mabaso** and **Thobeka Mavundla** completed the necessary Short Range Radio Certificate before they embarked on Day Skippers qualifications.

Simon's Town School's Deputy Head Boy Juvandre attended Atlantic Sailing where he completed a RYA/MCA Day Skipper for Sail and Power Craft sponsored via the Bursary Fund.



Juvandre Williams



Afikamathemba steering the course.



The Bursary Fund's partner Sail Africa funded **Nqobile, Afika and Thobeka** to complete Day Skippers qualifications in their hometown of Durban.

SAIL AND MOTOR CELEBRATION

As the year draws to a close the fantastic achievements of 2022 were celebrated at NSRI's Simon's Town base. Mentors were on hand to laud the students. **The event was also an opportunity to reflect on the outgoing Grade 12's and honour them for their outstanding achievements** despite the challenges of schooling during two years of Covid.



Award of NSRI Pre-Sea Certificates.



Thank you to Mentors and Trainers – Wayne Beattie, Simon Pearson, Ian Hare, Petrus Swart, Digby Thomson, Dave Main and Guy Jamieson. Without your input this program would not take place.



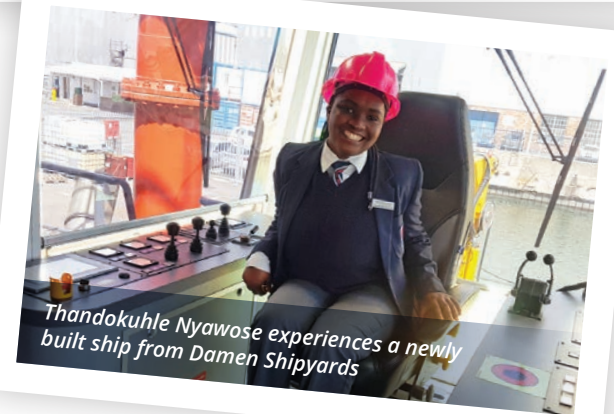
Outgoing Sail Captain Nqobile Khuzwayo handed over a badge to incoming Captain Afikamathemba Mabaso.

BLUE CAPE OUTING AND BOATICA

The Bursary Fund students were the lucky recipients of an end of Term 3 outing coordinated by Blue Cape's Linsay Oberholzer. They were accompanied by mentors Tony Nicholas and Petrus Swart to Viking Life-Saving Equipment and Damen Shipyard.



Students and mentors at Damen Shipyards.



Thandokuhle Nyawose experiences a newly built ship from Damen Shipyards

The students attended Boatica - Africa's largest Boat Show where amongst other things they interacted with interesting stall holders, experienced being aboard a super yacht and met with the inspirational Royal Cape Academy crew who will be participating in the 2023 Cape to Rio yacht race.



Bursary Fund General Manager Thalia Hock, Chairman Simon Pearson and Sail and Motor Sub Committee Chairman Petrus Swart together with LMC's Morgan Mangali and Lqhawe Mdoda.

TERTIARY NEWS



Dennis Henwood, Chairman of the Tertiary Sub-Committee handed over the awards.

At the recently held LMC Awards Ceremony Anele May and Nqobile Khuzwayo were awarded General Botha Old Boys' Association Bursary Fund Tertiary Bursaries to study the Officer of the Watch (OOW) programme in Simon's Town at the South African Maritime Training Academy (SAMTRA).

Amanda Gasa and Sifundo Sithole will continue with their Nautical Studies Diploma at Durban University of Technology in 2023. Thank you to Fairfield Chemical Carriers and Fendercare Marine SA for this wonderful partnership.

PAST STUDENT NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS!

SMANGALISO DLAMINI on passing your Certificate of Competence and being promoted to Third Mate on IVS Orchard.

FAIRSHIP MARINE BURSARY GOLF DAY

Not only was it well attended, much enjoyed, very well managed by Dennis Henwood and his team, but **importantly the event raised R153 000 for the support of Tertiary Bursaries.** Another round of applause for all the donors, especially **Fairship**, but **many other sponsors** and those who spent hours ensuring that the day is a calendar favorite and very much appreciated. **Special mention must go to past LMC student Lutho Thomas who previously benefitted from the Bursary Funds Extra Mural program** and is now sailing on super yachts in the Mediterranean. His sponsorship of the halfway house was a true example of giving back and very much appreciated.



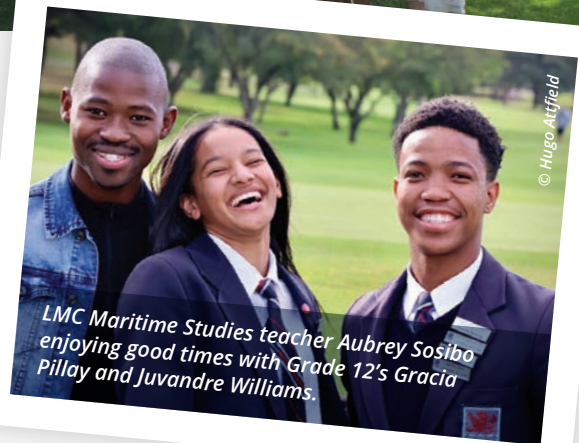
Lutho Thomas, Hans Schroder and Phil Wade.



The fantastic Fairship Team enjoying the hospitality at the MSC watering hole.



Grade 11 and 12 Bursary Fund students are invited to mingle at the Golf Day.



LMC Maritime Studies teacher Aubrey Sosibo enjoying good times with Grade 12's Gracia Pillay and Juvandre Williams.

GRINDROD SHIPPING MARINE BURSARY GOLF DAY



2022 saw the inaugural Durban Golf Day take place at Mount Edgecombe Golf Course. The Durban Sub Committee led by Nomkhitha Mbele did a sterling job of pulling the event off and a fantastic amount of R80 000 was raised. The sponsor for 2023 is in place and the team is planning an even more successful event!



eThekweni Maritime Cluster were proud participants on the day.



Archer Aviation's Four Ball – Rajen Dandekar, Stuart Low, Amith Sinath and Oliver Peacock.

THE MAIDEN FACTOR

www.themaidentfactor.org | Nqobile Khuzwayo (19)

THE CULMINATION OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE PAST YEAR IN SAILING IS THAT **GRADE 12 NQOBILE KHUZWAYO** HAS JOINED THE CREW OF THE MAIDEN FACTOR **and is sailing from Senegal to Cape Town**. Maiden is completing a **90 000 nautical mile circumnavigation**, aimed at **empowering women in sailing and raising money for girls' education**. This once in a lifetime experience would not have taken place without the passion for uplifting young lives that Phil Wade of our partner organisation **Marine Inspirations**, exudes. Please follow the journey and join the Bursary Fund in welcoming her back to Cape Town ETA 5 January.



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