



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

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Nurturing Sea Fever



Every December brings with it the challenge that I face to write something that opens the window into the life of the Bursary Fund that you so willingly support.

Let us begin by viewing our 'structure.'

We have recently spent a day reviewing the Bursary Fund's vision and mission for the years ahead. The executive committee spoke openly and freely with what our major strengths and weaknesses are and how to move ahead in a positive and action centred manner to advance the lives of our young entrants into marine careers that are purposeful and rewarding.

We would like to see your Bursary Fund grow, thus giving more young men and women the opportunity to enter a career of their choice.

What we are privileged to offer to our youth is three years of full financial support at school level that then to progress into tertiary for three years should funding allow this sponsorship.

Our good network assists in finding job opportunities but, like most of our youth in SA, the window of opportunity is misty and challenging.

To give the bursary recipients a worthwhile opportunity in the labour market, we strive to nurture our young and aspiring seafarers on the water in various craft. This leads to a further award of a certificate of competence in small craft and adds enormously to group bonding and a healthy respect for the ocean and those who live and work at sea.

After addressing our 'structure' then follows our Fund's important 'actions points.'

The future careers available to maritime educated youth is critical enough to motivate our partners, and the Fund, to jointly address government and to explore both constructive dialogue and also to map out a course of action.

Growing our influence with our industry partners and our sponsors is designed to assist both the adult maturity and the working life of our bursary recipients. We will endeavour to improve all our relationships across the broad maritime world both locally and internationally.

The final window views our 'staff and large volunteer team.'

There are few organisations who can operate successfully without a dedicated team who know the vision and are comfortable with their efforts. I cannot be prouder of this group of dedicated men and women who give much more than they will ever receive back.

Bravo Zulu to you all, and to every one of you who give us feedback and also spread the positive work of this Fund as it enters its 15th. Year.

Enjoy a time of festivity and family fun until the New Year hails a new chapter in the year ahead.





FPT GIFTS LMC LEARNERS

Lauren Thornton (right) and Nikki van Niekerk (left) had fun meeting and gifting the FPT funded learners Kgutso Nkoane and Aphelele Mbanjwa.

LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE AWARDS

Bursary Fund learners from every grade were proud winners at this years awards which also incorporated celebrating 30 years that this innovative programme has existed.



Bursary Fund Vice Chair Dave Main (centre) with Grade 10 Milani Matolengwe (right) who received the Cape Town Sailor's Home Special Award for positive contribution to hostel life.



General Botha Association's Dave Murray with Sinovuyo Sonti top achiever in Grade 11.



Grade 12 Lukhanyo Gqibinyanga was awarded the Cape Town Sailor's Home Award by Dennis Henwood for Seamanship and practical involvement and interest in sailing.



Congratulations to Grade 12 Nomathamsanya Mlaba (middle) who received an AMSOL tertiary bursary for 2026 from the company's Clare Gomes (right).



FALSE BAY YACHT CLUB OPENING CRUISE

This yacht club continues to provide a welcoming and embracing environment for programme participants and great fun was had at the opening of the season cruise.



CAPE2RIO RACE



Sail Trainer Anika Mtyelwa (left) was delighted to meet Master Sailor Vuyi Jaca who will be skippering a yacht in the 2025 Cape2Rio Race.

DURBAN L26 YOUTH REGATTA



Congratulations to our LMC sailors placed second in the December L26 Youth Regatta held at Sail Africa.



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Behind the scenes support is what makes this life changing programme possible. (left to right) Jahrelle Heim and Naledi Mudzinge from LMC, former participant and 2025 Sail Trainer Anika Mtyelwa and Bursary Fund Administrator Dana Retief.



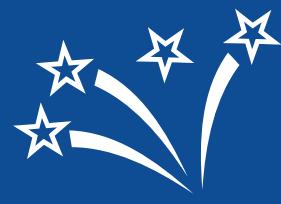
Petrus Swart is Chair of this programme and has spent tireless hours ensuring it runs smoothly. He was delighted to handover SAMSA category E Motorboat licences.



Jason from Mills Boat Academy awarded Nomathamsanqa Mlaba Barry's Board recognising her dedication shown in 2025 in her role as Sailing Captain.



Proud 2026 Sail and Motor Captains and Vice Captains from left to right: Moipone Moopela, Mushfeeq Minnies, Kgutso Nkoane and Londiwe Ngcongo.



2025 AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

44 GRADE 10 -12 LMC AND SEA CADETS PARTICIPATED

24 LEARN TO SWIM

18 NSRI PRE SEA TRAINING

10 NSRI CREW TRAINING

10 SHORT RANGE RADIO CERTIFICATES

5 SAILING DAY SKIPPERS

4 CATEGORY E MOTORBOAT LICENCES



Cape Town tertiary students were treated to an outing to FPT and informed about the company's developments and planned exciting new expansion. They were also provided the opportunity to go on board the Pacific Mermaid and informed about the workings of the ship and its cargo operations.

SBONGA SIBIYA

Sbonga Sibiya recently completed his three year Diploma in Nautical Studies with outstanding results and was recognised by Durban University of Technology with two awards for Distinguished Class Leadership and Departmental Representation and for Outstanding Extra-Curricular Engagement. We look forward to watching his progression in the maritime industry.



Thank you for investing in my future and for the meaningful impact you continue to make in the lives of students. I am deeply appreciative of the support I have received. Once again, thank you for your generosity, encouragement and belief in my ambitions.

PAST STUDENT NEWS



Azizi receiving his Category E SAMSA licence gained through the Bursary Fund Motorboat Programme in 2024.

Well done to 2024 Bursary Fund learner Azizi Mpame on passing his Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch at SAMTRA. We look forward to hearing about your adventures aboard in 2026.



Bursary Fund LMC learners with Fairship Directors Glen Cheary (left) and Alan Vermaak (right)



FAIRSHIP SA MARINE BURSARY GOLF DAY - CAPE TOWN



MC Nick Sloane introduced Speaker Lwandle Mnyango.

Thank you to generous sponsors particularly Fairship SA, this fantastic event on a perfect day at Rondebosch Golf Club **raised R174 000 for tertiary education, an amount sufficient to fund one maritime tertiary student for a full year** - covering tuition, accommodation, food, holiday transport to and from home and uniform.

With funds raised from previous Marine Bursary Golf Days and together with funding partners, in 2025 the Bursary Fund is supporting six students for their maritime tertiary studies at CPUT and DUT - three are studying Marine Engineering and three Nautical Science. Thanks to the Golf Day, the Bursary Fund will now be able to continue funding six students in 2026.



Cape Town tertiary students



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A green poster for a golf day. It features the FAIRSHIP logo (a stylized ship icon and the word 'FAIRSHIP') and the S.A.T.S. General Botha Old Boys' Association logo. The text 'FAIRSHIP SA MARINE BURSARY GOLF DAY' is in large white letters. Below it, '3 JUNE 2026' is in a green box. Underneath, 'DURBAN MOUNT EDGECOMBE COUNTRY CLUB - THE WOODS' is written. A green circle on the right says 'BOOK YOUR 4 BALL NOW'. The bottom of the poster has the email 'golf@generalbotha.co.za'.

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