

The brief history of  
maritime training at the  
South African Training  
Ship *General Botha*.  
1920 - 2024

# TIMELINE

LMC's three year school programme of maritime studies complements the schools Maths, Science and language subjects and so young South Africans can once again finish their schooling with a nautical orientation and so follow careers of their choice hopefully in the community of seafaring – our proud heritage.



## 2024

In 1995 a group of passionate marine enthusiasts started the Lawhill Maritime Centre (LMC) linked to the Simon's Town School, so back to the roots from which the ship was once moored.

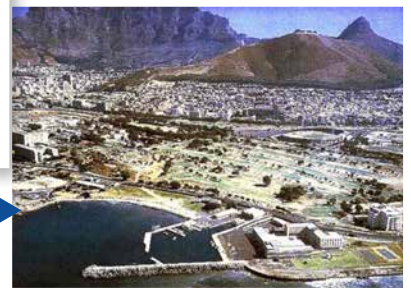


## 2005

2005 Cape Technikon changes to Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

## 1990

1990 SAMNA General Botha handed over to Cape Technikon.



## 1966

In March 1966 cadets from the SANC General Botha moved from Gordons Bay to a new building in Mouille Point (Granger Bay) and became an Academy (SAMNA).

## 1948

April 1948 cadets of the General Botha move to crash boat station in Gordons Bay.



## 1940

During World War 2 May 1940 cadets depart Ship – *General Botha* – for the sport field Redhill above Simon's Town.



## 1922

1922 - first cadets join the ship at anchor in Simon's Town close to dockyard. The ship, named after the Union's first Prime Minister, General Botha, was anchored in the protected waters of Simon's Town where about 150 cadets would undergo both navigation and seamanship education but also **discipline and Honour and Duty – the motto of the Old Boys' Association.**



## 1920

1920 - Mr TBF Davis donated an ex World War 1 cruiser - H.M.S. Thames to South Africa for the sole purpose to train young men for a career at sea in nautical training.

LEGEND  
LIVES ON

HONOUR  
& DUTY

South Africa's youth has been fortunate to choose maritime training from 1922 to the present day.