



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

# Nurturing Sea Fever

NOVEMBER 2021





As the General Botha Old Boys' Association Bursary Fund (GBOBA BF) reflects on its' 10th Anniversary we are proud to say that during this time:

**40 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SPONSORED**

and educated at Lawhill Maritime Centre (LMC) at Simon's Town School

**100 STUDENTS HAVE PARTICIPATED**

in the Bursary Funds Extra Mural activities

**9 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN FUNDED**

for their Tertiary education

**5 OFFICERS + 5 CADETS**

funded by GBOBA BF are on their way to becoming Captains

These students come from our major provinces of South Africa – KwaZulu Natal, Orange Free State, Eastern Cape and Western Cape.

The Bursary Fund has had a very busy few months, despite the limitations of Covid restrictions. We hope that you enjoy reading all that has been achieved!

**STUDENT MENTORING NEWS**



# MOTOR AND SAIL TRAINING

Blackie Swart is the Chairman of this aspect of the Bursary Fund's Extra Mural activities with past GBOBA BF Chairman Keith Burchell adding his passion and connections to make this a program a success.

The goal is to ultimately provide the students with certification in addition to their academic qualifications in recognition of the fact that not everyone is able to continue into tertiary education at the end of Grade 12 and the **Blue Economy** is a growing employer. The program includes *TS Woltemade* Sea Cadets as well additional LMC students. Many volunteers are giving up their weekends to make this all possible for which the Bursary Fund is most grateful. None of this could take place without sponsorship and for this we say thank you to **Cape Town Sailors Home, The TK Foundation** and **FPT. AMSOL** has provided jackets to keep the students protected and **Marine Inspirations** continues to assist with the upkeep of 'Homero', the L26 which is used for the sail training. In addition, the Bursary Funds partners with **False Bay Yacht Club** and **NSRI Station 10** who are essential to the trainings' success. At present 30 students are participating in their choice of either motor boat or sail training.

## PRE-SEA TRAINING

On 27 June the NSRI provided this vital training to a group of Motor and Sail participants in Simon's Town. Jumping safely into the ocean was a first for many youngsters, but everyone was enthusiastic and eager for further similar challenging experiences.



## SAILING

Thank you to Wayne Beattie for his dedication to teaching the students the basics of sailing, seamanship and operating on a yacht. Students have also been working through the NSRI task book and have accumulated hours in their logbooks.



Homero at berth



Grade 11's Ngobile Khuzwayo, Juvandre Williams and Anele May observing Covid protocols onboard Homero.



Homero sailing in False Bay with mentors.



Cheerful smiles while keeping the yacht upright.

## MOTOR-BOAT TRAINING



Speranza motoring out of False Bay Yacht Club. SAS Protea ahead.

The students have spent many happy hours on **SPERANZA** a motor-boat owned by Bothie Old Boy Ian Hare. Thus far the students have learnt many skills including safety procedures, engine start up and shut down, practising unmooring and re mooring, how to anchor on plough, man overboard, taking bearings, plotting longitude and latitude and knots. Ian's enthusiasm for training this group of students is infectious.



Grade 12's Jodie Muleshi, Busang Tsukulu and Luyanda Dlamini.



Grade 11 Gracia Pillay at the helm

## SEAN DAY NAMING CEREMONY

Earlier this year a 4.7m rigid inflatable boat (RIB) was donated by the NSRI for the use of the Motorboat training. It was named Sean Day in honour of the significant contribution made by this General Botha Old Boy to South African seamanship training. It was wonderful to have Sean Day connected from his home in America via Zoom for the naming ceremony that took place in September.

## SEAN DAY MOTORBOAT

**Digby Thomson has been at the helm of this training for the past few months.**

At first the students were at varying levels of expertise regarding the handling and skippering of small boats and knowledge of the sea but under Digby's tutorage have progressed very fast. They are quickly achieving the hours required to write a skipper's exam. A highlight of this training for the students has been assisting with dropping marker buoys for the False Bay Yacht Club Spring Regatta.



*Grade 12 Luyanda Dlamini delivered a moving speech at the event*



*Motorboat students close to Roman Rock lighthouse*



*Launching the RIB - 'Sean Day'.*

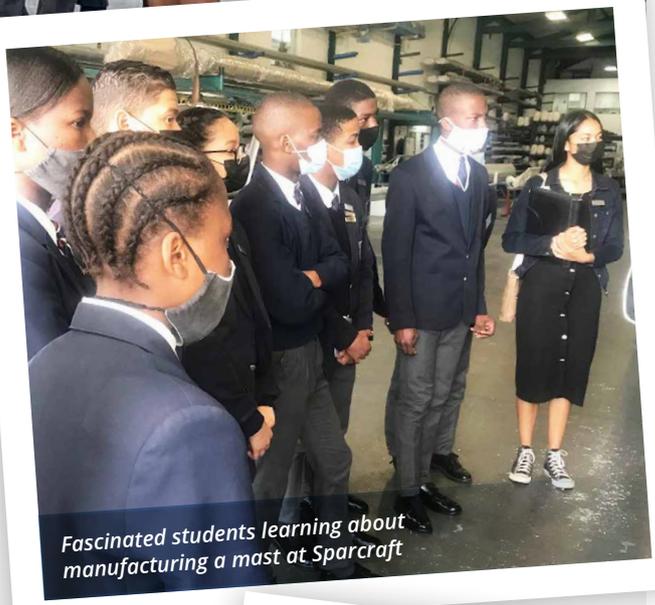


*Sea Cadet Layla Manuel at the helm of the RIB in a jacket donated by Amsol*

# BLUE CAPE OUTING



The Bursary Fund is most grateful to have formed a relationship with **BLUE CAPE** who together with its founding partners, the **City of Cape Town** and the **V & A Waterfront** is aiming to build a resilient ocean economy. They treated the Grade 11 and 12's as well as past students Thapelo Moletsane and Buren Van Wyk to an outing to Sparcraft who manufacturer masts, Du Toit Designs and Two Oceans Marine. The students were thus able to see every stage of the boat building process and learn that South Africa is second to France in catamaran building. This growing industry presents exciting future opportunities for the students.



*Fascinated students learning about manufacturing a mast at Sparcraft*



*Sifundo Sithole and Nqobile Khuzwayo in front of NSRI's state of the art new rescue craft which was built by Two Oceans Marine*



*Yacht Design in action at Du Toit Designs*



## WORK SHADOW



Grade 12 Bursary Fund student **Jodie Muleshi** together with **Namport** funded student **Jennifer Skrywer** from the small town of **Marienthal** in **Namibia**, spent the school holidays at **Fairship in Saldanha**. Highlights were meeting Saldanha's inspirational female Harbour Pilot and a tour of the port in which they saw the gigantic ships that they learn about at LMC. Thank you to GBOBA Old Boy **Allan Vermaak** and **Adelinde Kotze** who annually make this life changing opportunity for the students possible.

The Bursary Fund would also like to congratulate **Jodie who has been** awarded a bursary for a nine-month part time online course by the Institute of Chartered Shipbroking.



On the iron ore jetty at Saldanha Bay.



Jodie Muleshi, Adelinde Kotze and Jennifer Skrywer

## JAMES FISHER SUBTECH

Grade 10 student **Afikamathembu Mabosa** hails from **Durban** and in her holidays was invited by her funder **James Fisher Subtech** to work shadow. During this time, she had the privilege of visiting **Dormac's Shipyard** and experience the workings of a drydock.

**James Fisher**  
Subtech



PLEASE CONTACT GENERAL MANAGER **THALIA HOCK** AT [gm@generalbotha.co.za](mailto:gm@generalbotha.co.za) SHOULD YOU BE ABLE TO OFFER ANY WORK SHADOW OPPORTUNITIES IN DURBAN OR CAPE TOWN.

## CONGRATULATIONS

2021 has seen Tertiary Bursary funded students **Loyiso Jantjies and Nkazimla Mtshixa** pass their **orals** with assistance of coaching from Bursary Fund Chairman Simon Pearson and also Chairman of the Tertiary Committee Dennis Henwood. Both Loyiso and Nkazimla are now serving Officers.



Loyiso Jantjies



Nkazimla Mtshixa

In our last newsletter an appeal was made for a learnership opportunity for **Owami Zuma**. Fairship stepped forward and after being very impressed by her during the interview stage they offered her an opportunity at their Durban office. **Owami writes:**

*I am pleased to tell you that I am having an educational and exciting journey at Fairship. The company is an agency company. It has enlightened me on the importance of agents in the maritime industry and the splendid work they do. I did not think that there would be such a load of work that goes behind being an agent. It was also interesting to know how many people were involved in getting one vessel to port. The company has amazing employees. They continuously make everyday at Fairship a good one.*



OWAMI AT  
FAIRSHIP  
TO LEARN

## FUNDRAISING APPEAL

**THE BURSARY FUND IS SEEKING PARTNERSHIPS TO HELP EDUCATE STUDENTS AT LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE.**

**So many lives have been uplifted through our partnerships in the past ten years.**

**Funders receive termly feedback from our mentors and are thus able to be a part of the development of a young deserving South African.**

BBBEE certificates as well as 18 A Tax Receipts are available on request.

**Please contact:**  
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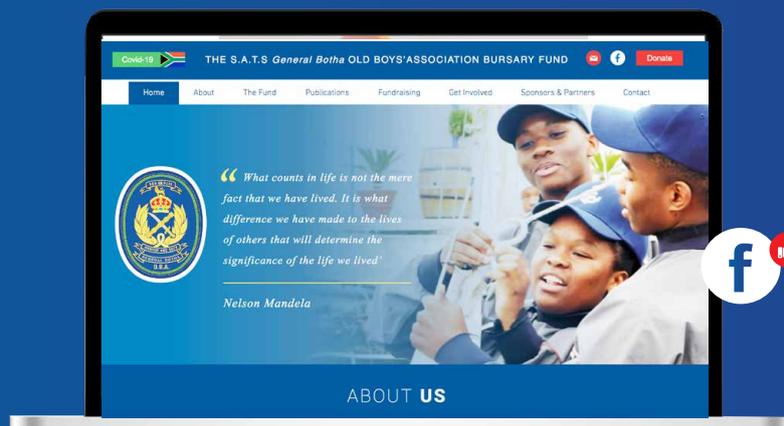
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