



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

# *Nurturing Sea Fever*

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2023



## LIFE GOVERNORSHIP OF THE BURSARY FUND AWARDED TO CAPTAIN KEITH BURCHELL

On Saturday 24th June 2023 as part of the proceedings of the Bursary Fund's Annual General Meeting held at Royal Cape Yacht Club, Captain Burchell was handed his Life Governorship Award in the presence of Bursary Fund Board Members, SATS *General Botha* Old Boys', his family as well as past and present Bursary Fund students Loyiso Jantjies, Avela May and Lukhanyo Tetyana.

**The award is in recognition of his outstanding leadership as Chairman of the Bursary Fund for close to ten years. Additionally, his long association with youth development especially in sailing and managing motor craft.**

Captain Burchell has been a Port Captain of Transnet's coastal ports, a long-term contributor to international organisations promoting aids to navigation, a life governor of the National Sea Rescue Institute and held many other executive positions in the maritime industry.



*Keith together with Bursary Fund Board Member Thembela Thaboshe.*

He, along with the 1961-year group of the SATS *General Botha*, understood the need to form a bursary fund to assist disadvantaged young aspiring seafarers to achieve the goals he had personally been given.

In handing over the award Chairman of the Bursary Fund, Simon Pearson said, ***“Keith’s position as Chairman was not an easy act to follow, in those big shoes, but he formed a great team in the Bursary Fund Executive Committee and the Board and it’s only right that he be awarded the status of Life Governor, not as a purely honourable status, but rather in sincere gratitude for all you have done, and continue to do, for this Bursary Fund.”***

*SATS General Botha class of 1961 and Life Governors of the Bursary Fund; Danny Meyer, Neil Lawson, Keith Burchell and Paul Semark.*



*Members of the Bursary Fund EXCO at the AGM.*



## ARSHAY COOPER VISIT TO LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE



Award-winning rower, author and subject of the inspiring movie **A MOST BEAUTIFUL THING** visited LMC to raise funds for their rowing program. He was so impressed by Rowing Captain Thobeka Mavundla (a Bursary Fund recipient) that he invited him to a leadership and rowing camp in America in early August. In Thobeka's words, *"I've done a lot of good things, and I have been to amazing places but my experience in America was **A Most Beautiful Thing.**"*



## VISIT TO ROYAL CAPE YACHT CLUB

Bursary Fund students Nomathamsanqa Mlaba and Lukhanyo Gqibinyanga were guests at their sponsor **Royal Cape Yacht Club's** Meet and Greet event for new members.



Nomathamsanqa Mlaba and Lukhanyo Gqibinyanga



Royal Cape's Sailing Academy General Manager Jennifer Burger was introduced to the students by the Bursary Fund's Tony Nicholas.

## SAIMI WINTER SCHOOL

Bursary Fund Grade 12 students Thandokuhle Nyawose and Thobeka Mavundla were selected together with other LMC students to attend an five day theoretical and practical educational program in Gqeberha.

*Thandokuhle Nyawose was delighted to receive her certificate*



With 50 students participating in various stages of the program in 2023 this has become an ever-growing aspect of the Bursary Fund's endeavour to *NURTURE SEA FEVER*.

## NSRI PRE SEA TRAINING



In May, 17 eager Grade 10 LMC students and two Sea Cadets who had completed their swimming, NSRI online Pre Sea and Bravo Bravo training had an exciting and challenging morning in Simon's Town undergoing their practical exercise led by NSRI Station 10 volunteers. They are now well prepared for their selection of Sail or Motorboat Training which has recently got underway.

## ORIENTATION DAY



No matter the weather, training

No matter the weather training continues! Mentors Anele May and Juvandre Williams (both qualified skippers through the program) introduced the Grade 10's to *Homero* and *Speranza* at False Bay Yacht Club. Donated **Amsol** jackets kept the students dry.

## MOTORBOAT QUALIFICATIONS

At the end of April, 4 Grade 12s passed their **Category E Motorboat Exam at False Bay Yacht Club** bringing to 15 the number of students that have qualified through the Bursary Fund's Motorboat Program and of these 6 are females. The Bursary Fund is truly promoting diversity in the maritime industry!



# SAILING

With all the excitement of Nqobile Khuzwayo's trip on *Maiden* still in the air and the possibility of securing a position in the international yachting world through Bursary Fund partner Marine Inspirations, **there is great enthusiasm to be part of the sailing program and to achieve a Day Skippers Licence.**

In preparation for this, the Bursary Fund enabled 5 students to complete their Radio Licence and attend a training course at Atlantic Yachting, Langebaan in the Winter Break. This was a true yachting experience as they slept on the yacht, sailed overnight as well as buying and making their own victuals - all during very cold Cape Town weather!



*Congratulations to Lighawe Mdoda (left) and Morgan Mangali (on the wheel) who passed their Day Skippers.*



Meanwhile back in Durban **Lwandile Mnyango and Khombisile Mthethwa completed their Day Skippers** thanks to the Bursary Fund's partnership with **Sail Africa.**



*Radios from Amsol Wet weather gear from The Maiden Factor.*



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## MARINE INSPIRATIONS

Past participants in the Bursary Fund's Sail and Motor program now working in the international yachting industry.

*Shukri Kafoor, Lutho Thomas and Jonoel Meyer together with Captain Colin Richardson.*



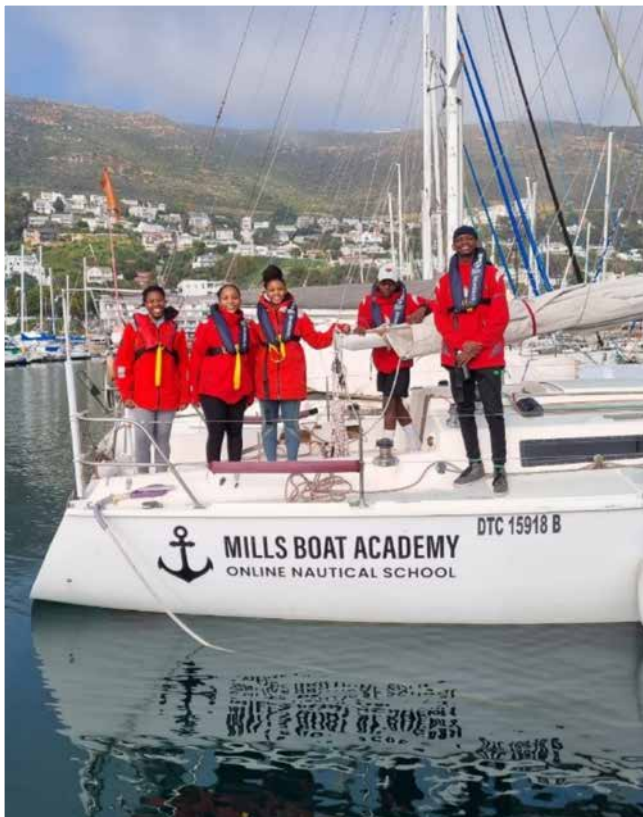
## TRIP TO THE SUPERYACHT INDUSTRY

Marine Inspirations will be giving four young men the fantastic opportunity of a trip to Palma, Majorca in September to expose them to the super yacht industry. **Bursary Fund student Liqhawe Mdoxa has been lucky enough to be selected.** Please contact [pandawade@gmail.com](mailto:pandawade@gmail.com) if you would like to partner with Marine Inspirations on this exciting project.

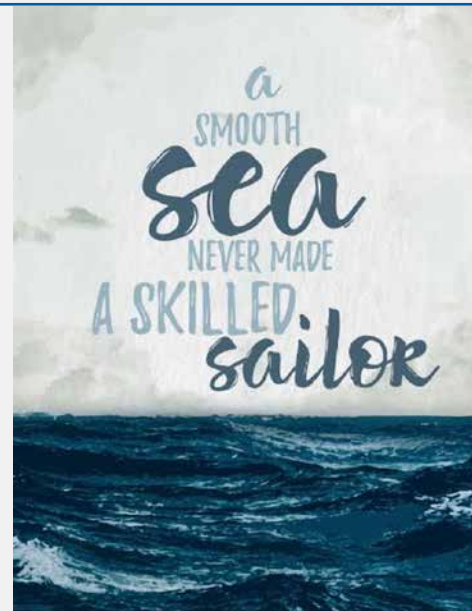


## MILLS BOATING

Sailing on an L34 is crucial to achieving a Day Skippers thus five LMC students were funded in August for a Competent Crew Course which is the first step in achieving this much coveted qualification.



*Anika Mtyelwa, Nomathamsanqa Mlaba, Akhona Zondo, Lubanzi Mgenge and Misokuhle Langa preparing for a day on the ocean.*



## FTP VISITS LMC

Long time supporters of the Bursary Fund FPT visited LMC and met Grade 11 Anika Mtyelwa.



Anika Mtyelwa, Nicci Van Niekerk, Thobile Mdluli and Lauren Thornton.

## FAIRFIELD CHEMICAL CARRIERS MARINE BURSARY GOLF DAY

For the second year in a row the Durban Sub Committee organised a wonderful event at Mount Edgecombe which raised much needed funds for tertiary studies.



The Golf Day team - Rod Hall, Nomkhitha Mbele, Mike Melly, Toni Farren - Hanford and Roy Scallen.



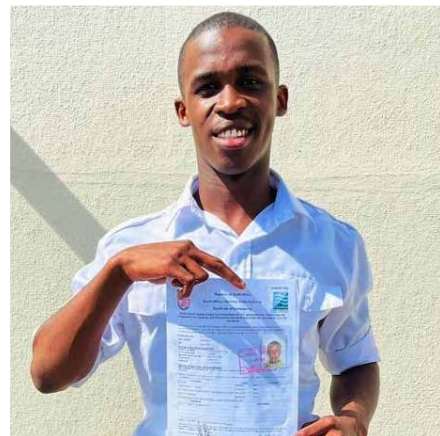
Bursary Fund Chairman Simon Pearson together with past students Menelisi Mkhize, Smangaliso Dlamini and Sabelo Mthimkhulu as well as the rose among the thorns, tertiary student Amanda Gasa.

## PAST STUDENT NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS

**AVELA MAY on passing your SAMSA Certificate of Competence. Perseverance pays off!**

Avela continues to flourish and together with Loyiso Jantjies is completing his S4 at Cape Peninsula University of Technology with tuition and living expenses covered by the Bursary Fund.





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A promotional poster for 'Marine Bursary Golf Day'. The background is a photograph of a golf course with a white golf ball on a tee and a golf club head in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image in a dark blue, serif font. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'FAIRSHIP' which includes a silhouette of a ship and wavy lines representing water.

**FAIRSHIP** Marine Bursary  
Golf Day

Save The Date!

26 October 2023

Venue:  
Rondebosch Golf Course  
Cape Town

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