



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

Nurturing Sea Fever

MARCH
2023



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The SATS *General Botha* Old Boys' Association Bursary Fund is expanding its influence on young applicants across the country; also increasing our list of generous funders; always inspiring the youth both with their lifestyle at Lawhill Maritime Centre (LMC) at Simon's Town School and inculcating a deep love of the sea and the craft that they train on.

In 2023, we have nine students at LMC from KwaZulu Natal, the Eastern and Western Cape selected by Captains of Industry many with years of sea-time under their belts.

Our matric class of 2022 did well, considering they were the class of 2020 and were hampered by the effects of the pandemic. One of our students got the top mark in Maritime Studies in the Western Cape. We are very proud. Three of these students have registered with South African Maritime Training Academy (SAMTRA) attending the Officer of the Watch (OOW) program and will continue to be part of the Bursary Fund family and we wish them every success as they engage with higher education. Students returning from sea who are studying at our local University of Technology (CPUT) to obtain their management level marine qualifications will also receive support as well as one student at D.U.T. studying the three-year Nautical Studies Diploma. The tertiary side of the Bursary Fund has certainly grown!

This is a huge investment in financial terms of what we are doing at Lawhill; DUT, SAMTRA and CPUT. Added to this funding is the time and effort volunteers place in taking our students out onto False Bay in a range of boats both sail and motor. To Capt. Blackie Swart and his team, a huge thank you for this amazing commitment. Less evident, but just as important, are the mentors engaging with the learners at the boarding house, on the water, and all the way through tertiary even whilst at sea as cadets.

Sadly, one of the pillars of the Bursary Fund, Mr Peter Coetzee, has passed on after a long illness and we hold his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers. He was committed to seeing, and actively doing, positive work for the improvement of the lives of the youth of South Africa especially in the maritime sector. Peter was honoured at a memorial at *TS Woltemade* Sea Cadet base which he held so close to his heart as well as at a tree planting ceremony at LMC. These events were both attended by several Old Boys including many of his 1961 classmates as well as the students whose lives he had so positively impacted.

Simon Pearson



REST IN
PEACE
PETER
COETZEE

Peter Coetzee with his former mentee's Luyanda Dlamini and Busang Tsukulu both now completing their Maritime Studies at CPUT.



1961 toast their former classmate.

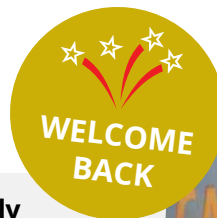


TS Woltemade Commanding Officer Lt. Gaylene Jacobs with Peter's former mentee's Jodie Muleshi and Nikita Adams.



THE MAIDEN FACTOR

NQOBILE KHUZWAYO



First Radio interview.

2023 got off to a very busy start as the Bursary Fund family welcomed Nqobile back on 5 January from her incredible journey on *Maiden* from Dakar to Cape Town. Nqobile completed Grade 12 at LMC in 2022. She hails from Kwa-Zulu Natal and, when not in Simon's Town, resides with her mother and siblings in an informal settlement called Mayville, near Durban. This journey included so many firsts for Nqobile – first flight, first crossing of the Equator, first Christmas and New Year at sea.

The *Maiden*, the boat skippered by Tracy Edwards MBE, with the first all-female crew in the Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989/1990, is currently on a mission sailing a world tour to raise funds for girls' education. The Maiden Factor is raising awareness of the 130 million girls world-wide who are currently not able to access an education. One of the highlights of the *Maiden* crew stopover in Cape Town was their visit to LMC where Nqobile was very warmly welcomed by her former school mates.

Nqobile is deeply honoured to be given the opportunity to support the work of the Maiden Factor as it raises funds for education and gives young girls a platform to share their views. She is testimony to the power of education and how it can change lives and change the world and she wants to use this opportunity to show girls who are faced with similar challenges that, with hard work and support, dreams do come true.

Nqobile is now the lucky recipient of a joint Bursary Fund/ MACS Shipping funding and attending SAMTRA's new OOW programme in Simons Town.



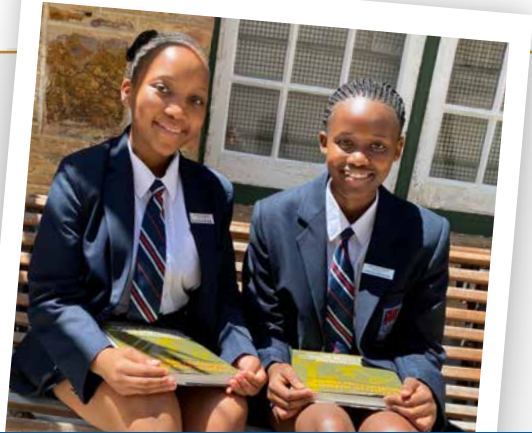
Nqobile with former funders and Bursary Fund mentors Mike Melly (Grindrod Shipping) and Phil Wade (Marine Inspirations).



INDUCTION DAY

Bursary Fund students from Grade's 10 – 12 attended the Annual Induction Day at the Naval Museum to kick off the year. The two new Grade 10 students were welcomed to the Bursary Fund family and handed their badges.

This occasion is also used to meet in Grade's with mentors to discuss any issues and motivate the students for the year ahead. The event is always imbued with the history and ethos of South African Training Ship *General Botha* which was further emphasized by the presence of two esteemed Old Boys' Tim Cowley and Paul Semark.



New Grade 10 students Nomathamsanqa Mlaba and Lukhanyo Mdingi both sponsored by Royal Cape Yacht Club.



Bursary Fund Grade's 10, 11 and 12 at the SATS General Botha display at the Naval Museum.

Congratulations to Grade 12 Bursary Fund student Thobeka Mavundla (below far right) on winning the Naval Heritage Trust annual prize awarded by Captain Glen Knox to a student who is a "maritime enthusiast; shown keen interest in the maritime subjects, interest extends beyond the curriculum to sports and developments and trends in the industry."



WREATH LAYING

Bursary Fund students Lqhawe Mdoda (left) and Thandokuhle Nyawose laid the LMC wreath at the SATS *General Botha* War Memorial event.

THE OCEAN WEEK

LMC students, including many from the Bursary Fund were lucky enough to be treated to two visits to The Ocean Week which took place at the Waterfront from 20 – 26 February 2023. This event was part of welcoming the around the world fleet participating in The Ocean Race. Cape Town served as a good port to prepare for the next leg of this momentous race which is the daunting prospect of taking on the race's longest ever Southern Ocean leg 12 750 nautical miles (26 613 kilometres) around the bottom of the world to Itajal in Brazil.

On Monday 20 February the handing over of the World Sailing 11th Hour Racing Sustainability Award from 2021 winners Sail Africa to 2022 winners Greenboats took place. Sail Africa is a wonderful partner of the Bursary Fund as many of our recipients have started their journey with Sail Africa. These students were thrilled to be part of this prestigious event.



Viewing these racing machines was incredible.



Nqobile Khuzwayo.

Later in the week LMC Grade 12 students as well as Bursary Fund tertiary and past students attended the On the Horizon panel discussion "Diversity and inclusion in sailing". GAC Pindar collaborated on the event with [The Magenta Project](#), [World Sailing Trust](#) and [The Ocean Race](#) in partnership with Blue Cape. Among the esteemed panellists were two renowned female sailors Sam Davis and Annie Lush both crew on boats in The Ocean Race as well as the Bursary Funds own "Maiden" Nqobile Khuzwayo. What life changing experiences Nqobile has had through being a recipient of the Bursary Fund!

Afikamathemba Mabaso, Sail Captain and funded by James Fisher Subtech through the Bursary Fund commented after the panel discussion.



Afikamathemba Mabaso(right) together with Thobeka Mavundla.

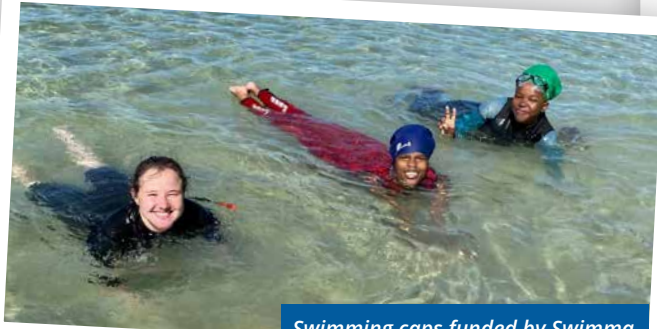
"I've been losing confidence in myself when it comes to sailing because sailing is known as a male dominated sport. But hearing all those wonderful women speak and talk about how they became stronger, inspired me. Now I know that I too can achieve my goals."

SWIMMING

The entire LMC Grade 10 class together with two Sea Cadets applied to be part of the Motorboat and Sail Training program, sadly due to lack of craft, trainers, and funds this will not be possible, but the Bursary Fund ensured that everyone was able to participate in the first part of the program which is swimming/water safety. Unfortunately last minute we were notified that the the pool was not available but the Bursary Fund and the incredible NSRI trainers Sarah Sandmann and Sam Rorwana were not deterred and **training took place at Seaforth Beach. Penguins and tourists alike were curious as to what was going on!**



Safety instructions to start the lesson



Swimming caps funded by Swimma



SAILING ON HOMERO

Weekend sailing on Homero is a highlight of the week for the students. A Competent Crew Camp is planned for June school holidays.



Keeping up to date logbooks is essential.



Thank you to Phil Wade for securing donations of wet weather gear.



Safety first on Homero

SEAN DAY & SPERANZA

Gaining a SAMSA certificate is the goal of the training that the Bursary Fund is providing to LMC students. **Sea time gained on both Speranza and Sean Day under the watchful eyes of volunteers Ian Hare and Digby Thomson, enabled five Grade 12 LMC students to be ready for their Category E certificate.** It is especially exciting that two of 2022's qualified students Anele May and Sylvino October were able to assist with the training – a true example of giving back!



Digby Thomson and volunteer Trainer Anele May (left) and Digby Thomson (right) celebrating the achievements of the LMC students.



Commodore of FBYC David Saul (centre) was delighted to be part of the celebrations. EXCO member Capt. Petrus Swart (left) is the captain in charge of Sail and Motor.

THANK YOU to funders and partners Cape Town Sailors Home, Newlands Rotary Club, FPT, Marine Inspirations, SAMSA, NSRI, False Bay Yacht Club as well as individual donors who together make the various aspects this life changing program possible. Please contact gm@generalbotha.co.za should you want to help us grow this exciting program.

TERTIARY NEWS



SAMTRA students Anele May, Nqobile Khuzwayo funded by the Bursary Fund/ MACS Shipping and Juvandre Williams funded by TK Shipping for OOW (deck) proudly displaying their new uniforms.



Bursary Fund Vice Chair Nomkhitha Mbele with Amanda Gasa who is looking forward to her final year of Maritime Studies at DUT thank you to Fairfield Chemical Carriers, Fendercare and Thembani Shipping.



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