



SIMON'S TOWN SCHOOL

LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE

NEWS UPDATE FOR LAWHILL SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

*Below follows a quick recap on the **Term Three highlights** at the **Lawhill Maritime Centre!***

Thank you, as always, for your support!

GENERAL NEWS

- **NEW WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS:**

Term Three ended on a high note when, after months of hard work, our new website went live on Friday, October 3!

Please visit www.lawhill.org to view the new site, which includes key information on our programme as well as a 'wishlist' on how you can support us.

The site also features a live Facebook news feed where you will find all the latest news and photos (even if you don't have a Facebook account!). You can also follow us on Twitter (@LawhillMaritime) and connect with us on Linked-in.

A big thank you, once again, to **Nautic South Africa** for providing financial assistance for the new website, and to **Afrihost** for providing free web hosting for the first six months.

- **TOP FIVE, TOP OF THE CLASS:**

We are delighted by the academic performance of our Lawhill students, especially those who took 'top 5' honours in the School in each of Grades 10, 11 and 12.

Thanks to all those whose support for Lawhill has helped make these achievements possible, including the teachers at Simon's Town School!

- **YOUNG INNOVATORS:**



Two of our Grade 10 learners, **Thami Hoza** and **Bokamoso Molale** have made it to the finals of the *SA Young Innovator of the Year* competition hosted by HIP2B2. The winners will be announced on October 16. We wish them the very best of luck and thank the school's science and mathematics departments for their role in this fine achievement!

OFF TO SPAIN:



Grade 11 students **Bradley Felix** and **Ronaldo Strauss** are heading for Spain on Friday, October 3 to participate in the Ibiza Rendezvous, the first super-yacht sailing regatta to embrace the island of Ibiza (<http://ibizarendezvous.com/>).

The trip forms part of a new charitable mentoring programme, 'Marine Inspirations' (www.marineinspirations.org) which aims to give young South Africans from disadvantaged backgrounds the practical and valuable boat-handling skills considered to be fundamental to good seamanship.

'Marine Inspirations' is the brainchild of two South African super-yacht captains, **Phil Wade** and **Anthony Just** and is endorsed by the General Botha Old Boys Bursary Fund, amongst other private donors. We thank them for giving two deserving youngsters the opportunity of a lifetime!

*A special thanks to **David Just, Trevor Simpson** and **Andra Roets** for assisting with the documentation and other requirements for this trip. Visit www.lawhill.org for the full story!*

EVENT NEWS

Interest and support for the Lawhill Maritime Centre is growing if the increasing number of visits is anything to go by!

Visits this term included those from former students, potential and existing sponsors, members of the maritime industry and a number of overseas guests. We greatly appreciate the interest shown in Lawhill.

(Visit the Lawhill Maritime Centre Facebook page for more on these visits).

We also spoke to:

- The Rotary Clubs at the City and Civil Club in Cape Town on 15 July.
- Port Nolloth, Northern Cape, with a view to recruiting learners from the west coast area (courtesy of Smit Amandla Marine).
- Probus Club, St James, on 14 August. The Club followed this up with a visit to Lawhill on September 25.

The big Lawhill event of the year is, of course, our **Annual Awards evening** which will take place on Tuesday, 14 October, 2014.

If you haven't yet received an invitation to this event or would like to contribute to the costs of hosting this event, please email Debbie@lawhill.org. All contributions will be appreciated.

- **STRENGTHENING BRAND LAWHILL:**



SIMON'S TOWN SCHOOL
LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE

The Lawhill Maritime Centre has standardised its **logo** (see above). Thank you to Kevin Freeman and Mike Want of Optimus Cape Town for assisting with the design.

Please do contact Debbie Owen (Debbie@lawhill.org) if you require a copy of this logo, should you require it to promote your association with Lawhill.

- **IN MEMORIUM**

Lawhill mourned the recent passing of:

- **Captain Paul Staples and his wife Margaret.** Captain Staples was one of the original Lawhill crewmembers and retired as Harbour Master and Senior Pilot at Saldanha Bay after a life at sea.
- **Riaan Robyn**, the son of our cook Mrs Thora Robyn, who was murdered in August.

Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

SUPPORTERS UPDATE:

We would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their support during Term Three:

To the **Sailors Home Committee** for their generous financial donation made during the July holidays.

To **Maersk Group Infrastructure (MGIS) and MGIS's Ryan de Klerk** for the donation and installation of eight new PCs (CPU, monitors and keyboards). A big thank you too to **Safmarine** PR & Communications South Africa (Maria Webster and Luke Ramsey) for initiating the PC donation and also for providing three Lego models of the Maersk Triple E vessels for a 'Lego Blitz Build' held in September to commemorate both World Maritime Day and Heritage Day in SA. (See our Facebook page for more photos and photos of the winning team, 'Saf-Oomph')



To **Nautic South Africa** for their generous donation which has been put towards Lawhill's IT requirements, including the development of our new WordPress website (www.lawhill.org), the purchasing a photo scanner as well as acquiring audio visual equipment for the Centre's large common room area.



To **Bominflot South Africa** (Gert Nell) who donated their entire office contents (including computers, office furniture and stationery) following the office relocation to London.

Thank you too to **Tahra Sargeant** for continuing to motivate support from IBIA Southern Africa members.

To guest speakers **Captain Charles Kingon** (Safmarine Master), Maritime Attorney **Patrick Holloway** (Webber Wentzel) and **Eddie Noble** (Nautic Africa) whose presentations inspired our students and enriched their knowledge.

To **Transnet Port Authority** Cape Town for inviting Simon's Town School to participate in a Careers Week in August.

To **Captain Tony Nicholas**, manager of Pacific International Lines, for arranging a visit by a group of British students.



To **Hilde and Andrew Sturrock** for generously donating a state-of-the-art table tennis table (<http://www.cornilleau.com/en/>) and to Hilde Sturrock and Grant Gorton of Sturrock Shipping for their visit and interest in our programme.



To **Mark and Elna Hamsher** for their continued support of the Lawhill cycling team, the provision of books for the school's library, the donation of clothing (via friends in the UK) and for generously sponsoring a new pool table for Lawhill.

An additional thank you too to **Nils Hansen** of Woodstock Cycle Works for providing technical support to our cycling team and to **Danie Maritz** for transporting the many bicycles.

A big (belated) thank you too to **Terrence Matthews** for his bicycle donation at the end of the 2014 Cycle Tour.



To the members of the **General Botha Old Boys Bursary Fund (GBOBF)** – for sponsoring and arranging a GBOBF bursar to the SAS Assegaai Museum submarine, additional mathematics assessments and their ongoing and personal interest in the personal development of their learners.

To **Optimus's** Kevin Freeman and Mike Want for ongoing valuable branding support and advice and to **Captain Peter le Roux** who donated books to our library.



To SAMSA's **Nigel Campbell, Mamela Njingolo, Cloris Ngwenya and Mapitso Dlepu** and others for bursary sponsorship, their encouraging visits and other support provided throughout Term Three.

To **Hugh James**, a General Botha Old Boy and retired school principal for extra science lessons, to **Captain Iain Peddle** for teaching aspects of seamanship and cargo stowage and to Mr **Bill van Rÿswÿck** for Grade 10 Extra Maths.



An extra thank you to **Mr van Rÿswÿck** for initiating and leading our very first Lawhill Spring Walk to view the fynbos and rare and critically endangered protea – the Hairy Spiderhead or Swartkops Spiderhead protea (*Serruria hirsuta*) - on the Swartkops mountain behind the Lawhill Maritime Centre. The Saturday morning hike was a huge success with Lawhill borders keen to learn more about nature on future walks.

To **Smit Amandla Marine** for sponsoring a Lawhill team to participate in the Maritime Industry 7-a-side Soccer Tournament to be held in October and for donating maritime equipment from their storeroom for teaching instruction. Photos of these will be posted to our Facebook page!

To **SAMSA** and **Maersk Line/Safmarine South Africa** for the invitations to the Volvo Ocean Race in November...

And to everyone else who has supported us in so many ways!

Thank you. Thank you.

THE LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE TEAM