



SIMON'S TOWN SCHOOL

LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE

Celebrating 20 years of operation in 2015

NEWS UPDATE FOR LAWHILL SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

Another activity-filled term has passed! Here's a quick recap of some of the highlights of Term 3 (and a STOP PRESS announcement on the exciting developments in store for 2016!)

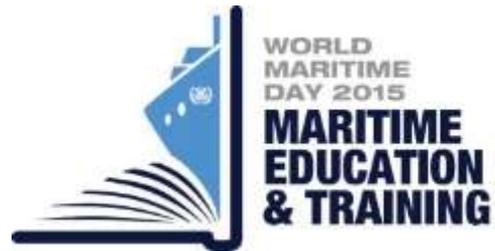


Welcoming Mrs Debbie Schäfer, MEC for Education in the Western Cape, to Lawhill. In the context of Simon's Town School's 200 years of education, the Minister's visit provided an opportunity to introduce her to the Lawhill maritime studies programme and to share the many success stories of past and present students whose lives have been positively impacted by our programme. Our sincere thanks to **Minister Schäfer** for her time and **Ms Marina Petropolous** for her support in arranging the visit.



Celebrating World Maritime Day with the Maersk Group and Safmarine at the South African Maritime Training Academy (SAMTRA).

The Maersk Group decided to use this year's World Maritime Day – which focused on education and training – to celebrate its support for Lawhill and the South African Maritime Training Academy (SAMTRA).



According to the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), a skilled workforce is to become even more important in the future as the maritime industry moves to ever higher standards of safety, environmental impact and sustainability and further effort needs to be made to attract, train and skill motivated, quality new entrants to the seafaring officer corps.

Our thanks to Maersk Group's **Fred Jacobs** and **Arnold Eckersley** for giving Lawhill the opportunity to present our programme at the special World Maritime Day event held at SAMTRA. Thank you too to **Rear Admiral Piet Potgieter** and Mr **Dave Wolfaardt** for their time and patience during the follow up Grade 12 Bridge Simulator training held on 23 and 25 September.



Hosting the Board members of the DG Murray Trust at Lawhill in August. Every year, the Trustees of the **DG Murray Trust** do a four-day site visit in a particular province to understand better some of the key issues, opportunities and challenges that can help shape the Trust's funding strategy. This year the Trust visited educational projects in the Western Cape and Lawhill was honoured to have been one of the projects selected for the visit.



Being invited by SMIT Amandla Marine to send four of our Grade 12 students on a two-day training voyage from Cape Town to the Port of Ngqura.

The voyage aboard the tug Peridot was a valuable opportunity for the students to put into practice what they learn in the classroom. It was also the first time at sea for the four students, Khaya Delihlazo, Orlando Dwakumba, Sesethu Twalo and Ndumiso Mkhize. Our heartfelt thanks to the **Master, Officers and Crew of Peridot** and all the management and staff of **SMIT Amandla Marine** who made this opportunity possible!



Participating, once again, in the Marine Inspirations programme spearheaded by Captains Anthony Just and Phil Wade.

Following the success of last year's Marine Inspirations programme, a further four Lawhill students - **Thami Hoza, Archie Leeu, Innocent Jali and Mfundo Joseph** - were given the opportunity to spend 10 days in Spain to gain hands-on seamanship experience and exposure to the career opportunities in the world of yachting.

The Marine Inspirations initiative, which has attracted increasing support since it was launched in October in 2014, is currently supported by a number of highly respected shipmasters, yacht-owners, ship-managers and associated individuals and organisations in the international maritime industry.

Thank you once again to Captain **Anthony Just, Captain Phil and Mrs Anne Wade, the General Botha Old Boys Association Bursary Fund, Trevor Simpson** and **airfare sponsors** for making these trips a reality for our students!



Benefiting from the ongoing mentoring of the General Botha Old Boys Bursary Fund.

This term the GBOBBF bursary holders had the opportunity to visit the FPT Terminal in Cape Town and spend time onboard a bulk vessel discharging maize. Our thanks to

Captain Tony Nicholas, Mr Allan Vermaak, Ms Nicky van Niekerk, Mr John Tromp and the Captain and officers of Sagittarius for a wonderful learning experience!

Visitors to Lawhill during Term Three included:



Mr **Jesper Karlshoej**, representing the TK Foundation and Teekay Corporation, who spent a week with us documenting the Lawhill story.

Superyacht designer Mr **Shaun Carkeek**, founder of Carkeek Design Partners. Mr Carkeek had met Thami and Archie in Spain during their Marine Inspirations visit in June.

Canadian businessmen Mr **Steve Troyer** and Mr **Abe Neufeld** who heard about Lawhill from Mr Sean C. Day, the chairman of the board of Teekay Corporation.

Maersk Crewing's Ms **Jackie Linford** and Ms **Katherine Henderson** who subsequently donated two more Maersk Triple E Lego models to Lawhill.



MUR Shipping RSA's Captain **Michael Brown** and Executive Chairman of Dockendale Ship Management, Mr **Garrick Fletcher**, and Fugro Survey Africa's **Gerard Ferreira, Liescke Dyers, Tim Paynter** and **Marco Gillisen**.



Delegations from bursary sponsors **Transnet National Port Authority (TNPA)** and the **South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)** as well as a delegation from the **Eastern Cape Education** Department.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO....

- The **Hamsher family (Mark, Elna, Emile and Sebastian)** for their personal involvement and for their generous support of the Lawhill programme!
- **Ms Rhoda Kadalie** and the Impumelelo Academy for Social Innovation for inviting Lawhill to participate in its Job Creation Think Tank.
- Captain **Charles Kingon**, Third Officer **Cameron Ehlers**, Captain **Anne Till** and Captain **Keith Pletschke** (a husband and wife team) for their interesting and inspiring presentations to our students.
- Mr **Bill van Rÿswÿck** and Mr **Hugh James** for extra mathematics and science instruction and to master mariner, Captain **Iain Peddle** for his seamanship and cargo stowage teachings throughout the term.
- **Cape Coastal Rowing Club** for continuing to mentor and coach our team of six rowers; and
- *To everyone whose support is helping to strengthen and grow our programme, each and every day!*

The Annual Lawhill Awards evening will be held on Thursday, 15 October from 18H30 – 21H00. If you are able to attend, please RSVP (as soon as possible) via email to Debbie@lawhill.org

Until next term!

The Lawhill Maritime Centre team

STOP PRESS: EXCITING NEWS

TK Foundation to fund expansion of the Lawhill facilities!

We are delighted to advise that the TK Foundation Board has generously agreed to fund the expansion of Lawhill's boarding and teaching facilities in 2016.

The expansion will include building six more cabins (to accommodate another 12 boys at Lawhill) and a new classroom for electronic navigation instruction which will give Lawhill students exposure to the modern navigation systems used on most ships. This instruction will prepare our students better for entry to careers at sea.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: Funding is required to equip our new facilities and anyone interested in assisting Lawhill in this regard – or with any of our other projects and funding priorities - should contact Debbie Owen on Debbie@lawhill.org or 021 786 2106 for more information.

Your investment in a future maritime generation will be greatly appreciated!