



SIMON'S TOWN SCHOOL

LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE

Celebrating 20 years of operation in 2015

LAWHILL HIGHLIGHTS – TERM 4, 2015

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SAFMARINE SUPPORT



This year Lawhill celebrated two important milestones – our 20th year of operation and two decades of consistent and loyal support from our founding sponsor, shipping line **Safmarine**.

In November we had the honour of welcoming **Mr David Williams**, Safmarine's new CEO, and **Mr Dirk Hoffman**, Managing Director of Safmarine Southern Africa, to Lawhill. Their visit was an opportunity to reflect on the significant contribution Safmarine has made to our programme and the huge impact their support has had on the lives of hundreds of young South Africans.

A few weeks prior to their visit, we also had the pleasure of introducing **Christina Holgaard**, a new member to the Safmarine Head Office team in Copenhagen, to our programme.

A huge thank you to Safmarine's **Maria Webster**, **Arnold Eckersley** and **Chantal McCrae** for the additional support they have provided to Lawhill throughout the year.

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY



Our annual awards evening is always a highlight on the Lawhill calendar and this year's event - held on Thursday 15 October - was no exception!

Congratulations once again to our top achievers:

Newall Family Academic Award winners Bohlele Motsieloa, Bokamoso Molale, Thamsanqa Hoza and Lungelo Mkhize; **Newall Family Special Award** winners Khaya Delihlazo, Orlando

Dwakumba, Bradley Felix, Nino and Bongane Mhlakoana, Emil Reed, Ronaldo Strauss, Somelele Vithi, Lwando Teto and Sesethu Twalo; **Sailors Home** Prize winner, Lizwi Dlamini; The **Society for Master Mariners of South Africa** prize winner, Lungelo Mkhize and the **SATS General Botha Old Boys Association Award** winner, Bradley Felix.

Thank you to **Mr Rob Young**, retired Grindrod Executive, and the representatives of the donor organisations, **Mr Hugh James**, **Captain Rob Whitehead** and **Captain Dennis Henwood**, for presenting these awards and prizes.



C. Sean Day Scholarships were also awarded to Bohlale Motsieloa, Bokamoso Molale and Thamsanqa Hoza and the **Barney Sank** bursary to Shanon Swart.

This year's awards programme also included a number of inspiring – and entertaining – presentations, among them the address by **Aubrey Sosibo**, a former Lawhill student who recently completed his cadetship with MSC.

Students also had the opportunity to report back on the two Marine Inspirations trips to Spain, the Jewish Maritime League trip to Israel and the SMIT Amandla Marine voyage from Cape Town to the Port of Ngqura.

MARINE INSPIRATIONS OCTOBER 2015



In October, Grade 12 students Mfundo Joseph and Innocent Jali spent two unforgettable weeks participating in the Marine Inspirations (www.marineinspirations.org) mentorship programme along with two other students from the Sail Africa Academy in Durban.

This was the third time Lawhill students had been given the opportunity to benefit from the programme which gives them practical, hands-on navigational and seamanship skills as well as a broader exposure to the maritime industry.

Thank you once again to all those who made the trip possible! The list of supporters keeps growing and we are most grateful to each and every organisation and individual who has made it possible for our students to benefit from this once in a lifetime opportunity. These include the **General Botha Old Boys Association**, **Captain Phil and Mrs Anne Wade** and **Captain Anthony Just**, as well as **Bruce Brackenhof Jr.** and **Captain Dan Jackson** who sponsored Innocent and Mfundo's flights to Spain. Visit the Lawhill website to read more about the October programme or click on <http://www.lawhill.org/marine-inspirations-all-about-the-october-trip/>

ANNUAL GOLF DAY FUNDRAISER



A number of deserving students will receive bursaries for secondary and tertiary studies in 2016 thanks to the generosity of those who organised, sponsored and participated in the annual Marine Bursary Golf day.

This year's golf day – which was once again superbly organised by the **General Botha Old Boys Association** and **Society for Master Mariners of South Africa** – was held on Thursday 19 November.

Our sincerest thanks to **SMIT Amandla Marine**, the golf day's lead sponsor and to all the committee members and 'behind the scenes' contributors whose hard work contributed to a highly successful event!

BOWMAN GILFILLAN AFRICA



The presentation on maritime law and charter parties made in October by maritime lawyers **Jeremy Prain** and **Lana Jacobs** of Bowman Gilfillan Africa has inspired a number of our Grade 11 and 12 students to consider a career in this field!

We thank them for sharing their passion and knowledge with our students and look forward to welcoming them back to Lawhill for another presentation in 2016.

We are also most grateful to **Bowman Gilfillan Africa** for their offer of providing Lawhill with pro-bono legal support services.

EDUCATOR TRAINING AND STUDY TOURS



At the end of October, Lawhill presented an intensive, five-day training workshop for nine prospective maritime economics educators from the **Eastern Cape** Education Department. Two of the nine were selected to teach Grade 10 Maritime Economics at two schools in East London in 2016.

The Eastern Cape educators' workshop will be followed by a

Gauteng Education Department 'study tour' in early 2016 and a workshop with 20 educators from the **KwaZulu Natal** Education Department in February 2016.

A number of schools across the country are planning to introduce maritime education into their curriculum and there is significant demand for Lawhill to assist in preparing these teachers to present these specialist maritime subjects in their respective schools.

CONGRATULATIONS SNIKIWE!

Congratulations to **Snikiwe Msezane** who obtained his Second Mate's Certificate recently after serving his seetime in vessels in the MACS fleet. He joins a growing list of successful Lawhill past students who have become qualified navigating officers or engineering officers.

THANK YOU



To the **Hamsher family** for their support in 2015 which included sponsoring our cycling team, broadband/internet access and transporting donated clothing and books from the UK.



To the members of the **Fire Department** who continued to keep a close eye on Lawhill after the devastating fire on the mountain behind the hostel and to the members of the **Pineview Retirement Village** who donated funds following their visit to Lawhill.

Our programme continues to benefit from the support of a number of companies and individuals, among them:

- Those who provided **donations, grants, scholarships and bursaries** to Lawhill in 2015 and who have already committed to providing these in 2016.
- **Johan and Karen Swart** for their contribution to our student birthday fund.
- 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.
- **Servest Marine** for providing subsidised transport and
- The **Cape Coastal Rowing Club** for mentoring and coaching our team of six rowers.

A heartfelt thank you to every one whose support has contributed to our success this year!

The term ended on a high note with the news that the Lawhill Grade 10 and 11 boarders had achieved the top 9 out of 10 positions in Simon's Town School at the end of Term 4 and a 100% pass. (The Grade 12 academic results will be announced on 6 January 2016)

Here's wishing you and yours a wonderful Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous 2016!

THE LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE TEAM