

# SIMON'S TOWN SCHOOL'S LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE



INVESTING IN A  
FUTURE MARITIME  
GENERATION



## HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER 17 - JANUARY 18



## **SIMPLY HAVE TO SHARE...**

So much has happened in the past two months in and around Lawhill we decided we simply had to share the news by sending out a special, **New Year** edition of our newsletter, rather than wait until the end of term...

And while it may be a little late for New Year wishes, we nevertheless hope that 2018 has been good to you and yours.

Thank you once again for your support throughout 2017 – we appreciate having you on board!





## BBWP 2017 – A ROARING SUCCESS

The 2017 BBWP fundraiser was a huge success – and its all thanks to our generous supporters!

Our deepest gratitude to the organising team - Captain Phil Wade, Anne Wade, Captain Anthony Just, Dorria Watt, Linda Beatty and the GBOBA BF team - as well as our award-winning musicians **Tony Cox, Steve Newman, Robin Auld and Tananas**. Thank you to all those who bought tickets, dressed up and donated prizes and to the RCYC for the venue—we couldn't have done it without you!

*If you missed the 2017 event, do make a date to be at the Royal Cape Yacht club for the 2018 edition of the BBWP on **Friday, November 30** when it will be time to don your sombreros and ponchos for a Mexican-themed event.*





Just over R100 000 was raised at the 2017 BBWP and this year the organising team is hoping to obtain sponsorship for some of the expenses, such as the catering, drinks and décor so there will be more funds for bursaries for Lawhill's deserving students.

*The funds raised at the 2017 BBWP have been used to provide a bursary for one of the Class of 2017 GBOB BF students to attend the Officer of the Watch Course at the Sea Safety Training Group College in Cape Town.*





# TRAINING WITH A PRO

The annual Cycle Tour is around the corner and thanks to Captain Phil Wade, we were able to meet up with pro-cyclist **Linus Gerdemann** - a former **Tour de France stage winner** - for a training ride.

It was a real honour to have one of our Lawhill cyclists, Thapelo Moletsane, join members of Songezo's Cycling Academy in nearby Masephumelele for a memorable training ride.

Linus won the 7th stage of the TDF in 2007, a win which gave him the **yellow jersey as leader in the general classification** as well as the white jersey for **best young rider**. He also won the Tour of Luxembourg in 2011 and 2015.

A special thank you to **Quintin and Hailey Joseph** who drove all the way from Melkbosstrand on the West Coast to join us for the training ride.

*(There is a short video of the ride on the Lawhill youtube channel!)*





## MANDARIN COURSE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

We were very proud to have had **Thabiso Rantsho**, one of our Grade 12 maritime students (and a SAMSA bursary holder) selected for the China Winter Camp held during the December 2017 holidays.

The trip was arranged by the Sun Yat-sen University's Centre for Continuing Education in Guangzhou, which offered international students a short term Mandarin course and cultural exchange programme.

Our thanks to **SAMSA** for arranging additional bus transport which allowed Thabiso to return home to Welkom before and after his trip to China, as well as hotel accommodation provided on Christmas Eve when he arrived back in Cape Town.

*A short report on Thabiso's trip and additional photos will be added to the Lawhill website in February.*



# MARITIME ACADEMY OF MASSACHUSETTS



We had great fun hosting the students of the **Massachusetts Maritime Academy** at Lawhill on Friday 26 January and what an honour it was to finally meet the inspirational, South African-born **Dr Portia Ndlovu**, one of their senior lecturers.



The MMA is regarded as one of the world's top maritime universities and we hope to see our students study at this fine institution one day!

*Dr Ndlovu, who was born in Estcourt in the Natal Midlands, received a particularly warm welcome from Dudu Mlaba, pictured top left, also from Estcourt.*



# CAPTAIN FOR A DAY

Speaking of fun .... Our new Grade 10 Nautical Science students were given a fun introduction to the subject when they visited SAMTRA on Thursday, 25 January.

SAMTRA very generously made its bridge simulators available to give the students a 'taste' of what its like to be at the helm of a small cargo vessel.

It was wonderful to capture the reactions of the students to this 'real life' experience ...





## FULL HOUSE - AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT

The Lawhill hostel is **filled to capacity**! We have 66 boarders in total which includes 25 new Grade 10s and two new Grade 11 students, all eager to learn more about the maritime industry.

We are delighted that almost all students from our **Class of 2017** are either embarking on **tertiary studies** or have entered into **learnerships** this year. Our Grade 10 and 11 students also dominated the top 10 positions in their grade at Simon's Town School and we are expecting even stronger performances from our students this year.

*We are most grateful to our bursary sponsors who have provided tuition and boarding support for 2018. We currently have **four** Grade 10 students in need of bursary sponsors should anyone be interested in sponsoring them.*

Email [info@lawhill.org](mailto:info@lawhill.org) for more details



## PAST STUDENT NEWS

Past student, Thami Hoza (Class of 2016) - pictured below with Professor Jonathan Jansen - is really going places! This former Lawhill Sean Day Scholar travelled to India in January with **Startup Safari** after winning the Western Cape round of Disruption48, a pitching competition aiming at grooming university-based innovators. He is also the **only South African** to be chosen as a GLOBAL TEEN for 2018 and in June he will be receiving the **Queen's Young Leader Award** which recognises young leaders in different fields trying to help create change.

We can't wait to hear what's next from this inspiring young man, who has Safmarine Global CEO, David Williams, as his mentor in South Africa and who was selected to participate in the prestigious Marine Inspirations ([www.marineinspirations.org](http://www.marineinspirations.org)) programme in Spain in his Grade 11 year.





# PLEASE SUPPORT

Entries are open for the annual SAIMENA golf day which will be held at the Milnerton Golf Club on Friday, March 9.

We are most fortunate to be one of the key beneficiaries of this event, so please support them by sponsoring a Four Ball or a Hole!

Our thanks too to SAIMI for its support for this event!

See you on 9 March!

## ANNUAL SAIMENA GOLF DAY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAIMI

Friday, 09th March 2018  
Milnerton Golf Club



Cost Per 4 Ball: R2800  
(Halfway House & Dinner Included)  
Hole and Green Sponsorships: R600 each  
Golf Carts: R300 each  
Competition Format: 4 Ball Alliance,  
2 Scores to Count  
First Tee-Off Time: 11h00  
(Tee-off times will be allocated on a  
first come first served basis)



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& Naval Architects

### SAIMENA GOLF DAY REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the following registration form and email to [saimenachairman.capetown@gmail.com](mailto:saimenachairman.capetown@gmail.com)  
by no later than Friday, 23 February 2018 to confirm attendance to the SAIMENA Golf Day.

Company Name ..... Billing Address .....

Contact Person ..... ..

Contact Number ..... Email Address .....

#### 4 BALL TEAM MEMBERS

Name & Surname ..... Handicap .....

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Do you require a golf cart (2 seater)? Yes / No If yes, how many (R300 each)? .....

Would you like to donate prizes for a 4 ball? Yes / No If yes, what will you be donating? .....

#### DO YOU WANT TO PROMOTE YOUR BRAND?

Sponsor a hole at a cost of R600 per hole and use the opportunity to showcase your company to industry players.

#### EFT BANK DETAILS

SAIMENA  
First National Bank: Thibault Square  
Branch Code: 202 509  
Account No: 5145 360 3727  
Please use the company name as a reference

Four-Ball cost: R.....  
Golf Cart (If Applicable): R.....  
Hole Sponsorship (if Applicable): R.....  
Total to be invoiced: R.....



# THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO MAKE ALL THIS POSSIBLE...

Our programme continues to benefit from the support of a number of companies and individuals... **Thank you to:**

- CHAIRMAN, GOVERNING BODY AND PRINCIPAL- Support
- SAFMARINE, MAERSK GROUP/FOUNDATION - Major Sponsor since inception – 23 years - for their annual grant and mentoring support
- TK FOUNDATION - Building extensions and European trip sponsorship (and funding for Simons Town School Mathematics and Science classroom upgrades)
- NAMPORT – Grant – Building enclosure and Bursaries
- AMSOL - Grant/Extra lessons/Mentoring and Bursary
- BARLOWORLD POWER - Bursaries
- COMMUNITY PROPERTY COMPANY - Bursaries
- DAY FAMILY – Scholarships
- MARINE INSPIRATIONS – Captain Phil Wade and Anthony Just
- PAN AFRICAN HOLDINGS - Bursary
- FALSE BAY YACHT CLUB – Support, training and sponsorship
- CAPE COASTAL ROWING CLUB & SIZWE NDLOVU– Rowing equipment, coaching etc
- CAPTAIN NICK SLOANE – Financial support .....(continued../)



## THANK YOUs .... continued

- SATS GENERAL BOTHA OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION - Mentoring, Bursaries, Sponsorships. Additional thanks to bursary sponsors Richard Masters, Fairship, MDSol, Dockendale, Royal Cape Yacht Club, NSRI and other major contributors to the GBOBA, including all the golf day supporters and sponsors
- HAMSHER FAMILY & FRIENDS- Various Sponsorships/Cycling and Support
- HOWARD DAVIS FARM TRUST – Grant - 2017
- JOHAN AND KAREN SWART - Birthday Fund Sponsorship – 2015 -2018
- JEWISH MARITIME LEAGUE - Barney Sank Bursaries
- CAPTAINS KEITH PLETSCKE/ANNE TILL – Bursary
- LCL LOGISTICS – Bursary
- MARETEK/CAPTAIN KIERON COX – Donation of ECDIS software
- MICA AND MARINA NAUMANN
- MUR SHIPPING – Learnerships
- MOLLER FAMILY – Grant
- PETER AND JULIE NEWALL FAMILY – Grant and prizes
- NAMPORT – Bursary and building enclosure funding
- SAILORS' HOME COMMITTEE - Grant /Special Project support
- SERVEST MARINE - Subsidised Transport support ...

## THANK YOUs.... continued

- SOCIETY FOR MASTER MARINERS (PART OF GBOBA) - Bursaries, Grant
- SOUTH AFRICA MARITIME TRAINING ACADEMY (SAMTRA) – Bursary, Courses, Experiential learning
- SOUTH AFRICAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY (SAMSA) - Bursaries
- STURROCK GRINDROD MARITIME – Bursaries, Grant
- SUBTECH GROUP – Bursaries (Tertiary) and other support
- MARINE CREW SERVICES – Bursaries
- MSC – Learnerships
- TRANSNET NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY - Bursaries
- TRUSTEES: LAWHILL MARITIME EDUCATIONAL TRUST – Support and funding
- CIAMARI FAMILY, DAVID ABROMOWITZ AND FRIENDS – Support related to the acquisition of the new L26 yacht for Lawhill's new hands-on sailing programme and maintenance and repair thereof
- CALULO FOUNDATION - Bursaries
- LCL LOGISTICS - Bursary
- FAMILIES OF CAPTAINS PAUL STAPLES, DAI DAVIES AND ROBERT PABST– Maritime Memorabilia
- SAIMENA – Donation
- KIRSTENBOSCH ROTARY CLUB



## THANK YOUs continued ..

- PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL LINE – Grant
- RAUBICON - Grant
- Mrs ELNA DE JAGER and Mr HUGH JAMES for extra mathematics and science instruction
- Captain IAIN PEDDLE for his seamanship and cargo stowage teachings throughout the term
- Event organisers, DORRIA WATT and LINDA BEATTY for their invaluable assistance in organising the 2017 BBWP
- Members of the media - for publicity support
- Anthony Bradford (Branding support) and Trevor Simpson (logistical support – Marine Inspirations)
- ROD ELLIOTT for photographs of sailing ships
- SAIMI - Support
- Daryl Meyer (IT support)
- AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, Professor JONATHAN JANSEN for his inspiration and support...

**... And each and every one who has helped us  
invest in a future maritime generation.  
Your contribution is highly appreciated!**



**A big thank you too to our past students for supporting the 2017 BBWP event and visiting Lawhill to inspire our current students. You make us very proud indeed!**

**Feedback on this newsletter is always most welcome  
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