



Passing of shipping giant, philanthropist

TRIBUTE



BRIAN INGPEN

"SOMEONE in the hostel," a school friend told me 61 years ago, "also collects ships' postcards." I sought him out – he was Sean Day, who, like me, wrote to umpteen shipping companies, begging for postcards of their ships. Presently, thick envelopes of postcards would arrive – in his case at the school hostel, and in my case, in our letterbox, the fruit of an evening's letter-writing. We shared that interest, trawling Cape Town's shipping offices for postcards, periodically swapping duplicates amid shipping-related chatter.

World affairs and shipping were his interests, even in those school days. Each morning, with his schoolmates still asleep, he would hasten to the common room to read George Young's *Cape Times* shipping column, and to scan the newspaper to keep himself informed of global and national events.

Those are my early memories of Sean, a great friend who, after a long illness, passed away last week.

After leaving school, our courses crossed again when, after training at General Botha, he joined Saffmarine, where I appointed him to SA Norderburg, the company's newest ship, which he joined shortly before Christmas in 1967. That posting bugged him, he told me years later – with a chuckle, as he had planned to be home for Christmas. Instead, his ship ironically was off Knysna – his hometown – on Christmas Day!

After his time at sea, he enjoyed a most successful academic path at UCT and Oxford University, followed by a stellar career in shipping that took him to various parts of the world, into merchant banking, ship-owning, and ultimately, to the chair of the prestigious Vancouver-based Teekay Tanker Corporation. I went into education, and as we immersed ourselves in our respective careers, our correspondence grew less regular.

However, Lawhill Maritime Centre in Simon's Town – where I enjoyed 23 fascinating years – won an award in London in 1999, an achievement highlighted by an international maritime journal. An email arrived the next day. "Same person? Regards, Sean."

Our regular correspondence resumed and continued, even into



SEAN DAY – who passed away last week. In every aspect of his life, he was and remains an exemplary role model for young South Africans. | BRIAN INGPEN

those dark days of his protracted illness.

In about 2006, he visited Lawhill, then housed in shipping containers. A second visit followed in 2007, this time with Susie Karlshoej, CEO of TK Foundation, an associate of the tanker company that had been established by Susie's father. Prior to that later visit, Sean had wanted an architect on standby.

"Why the architect?" I probed. "Your new maritime centre," he responded – and, via the foundation, he and Susie kindly arranged the funding for the wonderful, new, custom-built Lawhill Maritime Centre. Subsequently, the foundation has helped Lawhill students in many other ways, including providing vital support during the devastating Covid pandemic.

Sean valued his South African roots and education. Thus, the memory of this amazing man will continue and will be honoured in the lives of many young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, including those at Lawhill whom he assisted via the Sean Day Scholarships. His help smoothed their venture into worthwhile careers and opened new horizons, thereby also improving the circumstances and lives of their wider families.

He travelled extensively in the course of his work – once, he told me that in two days, he had chaired eight board meetings!



TEEKAY'S gas carrier Sean Spirit was named in honour of the company's energetic and astute chairman. She is shown passing through Panama Canal. | TEEKAY



THE RIB Sean Day is used for training students at Lawhill Maritime Centre in small-boat handling. Several students have their skipper's ticket (Recreational Boating) after following the successful training programme, organised by the General Botha Old Boys' Association Bursary Fund of which Sean Day was a supporter. | CAPTAIN TONY NICHOLAS



SA NORDERBURG, Sean's first ship as a cadet after completing his training at General Botha Merchant Navy Academy at Granger Bay. | BRIAN INGPEN

His business skills and negotiating prowess often turned situations and investment opportunities to the advantage of the company, mainly because people implicitly trusted this great man of absolute integrity.

He was a hands-on Teekay chairman who understood the complex lives of seafarers and the conditions under which they work. When he visited the shuttle tanker Nordic Laurita, anchored in Table Bay for weeks awaiting her next cargo, he took me with him. Out in the launch we went, we climbed the long pilot ladder, and, while chatting to the master, he learned that the ship had not been alongside for a long time. He scribbled in his little notebook, and the following day, at his insistence, the tanker

berthed in Cape Town to enable the crew to enjoy a run ashore. "We must look after these people," he told me, referring to the ship's sudden berthing in Cape Town.

In 2018, Teekay honoured his contribution to its phenomenal success by naming its new gas carrier Sean Spirit, a gesture that meant so much to him. On a smaller scale, but equally sincerely, his interest in and support for Lawhill's small boat training programme was marked by naming a RIB Sean Day.

Although his illness must have been extremely frustrating and exhausting for him, his emails to me always reflected his positive attitude

and growing prayerful faith. He deflected inquiries about his health, writing instead of his enormous appreciation for the devoted help and care from his wife, Ginny, and their four daughters and how proud he was of their own exceptional achievements. Naturally, his emails beamed his absolute delight to welcome his grandchildren into the world and to the wider Day family.

What a great privilege to have known this honourable man, a true shipping leader, and to reflect on his admirable and exemplary life of family values, of service, and of generosity to those needing a hand-up! A giant cedar has fallen

RECIPE
Chakalaka air fryer pull-apart bread

INGREDIENTS
1 x 400g can Rhodes Quality Chakalaka Mild & Spicy
600g plain flour
10ml salt
5ml sugar
1 x 10g packet dried yeast
15ml butter, melted
500ml lukewarm water
1 egg, whisked
250ml Cheddar cheese, grated

METHOD
Place the Chakalaka Mild & Spicy into a sieve over a bowl and leave to stand to drain the sauce.



To make the bread dough, sift the flour, salt and sugar into the bowl of a mixer. Sprinkle over the yeast.

Pour in the butter. Using the dough hook attachment and the mixer on a medium speed add enough of the water to bring together a soft dough.

The dough must be able to knead easily and should not stick to hands or the bowl.

Continue to knead the dough for about 10 minutes until dough is elastic and smooth.

Form into a ball and place in a floured bowl.

Cover with a damp cloth and leave in a warm spot to rise until it has doubled in size. Knock down with your fist and knead again.

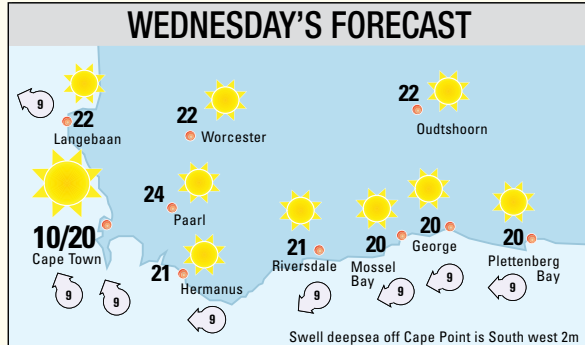
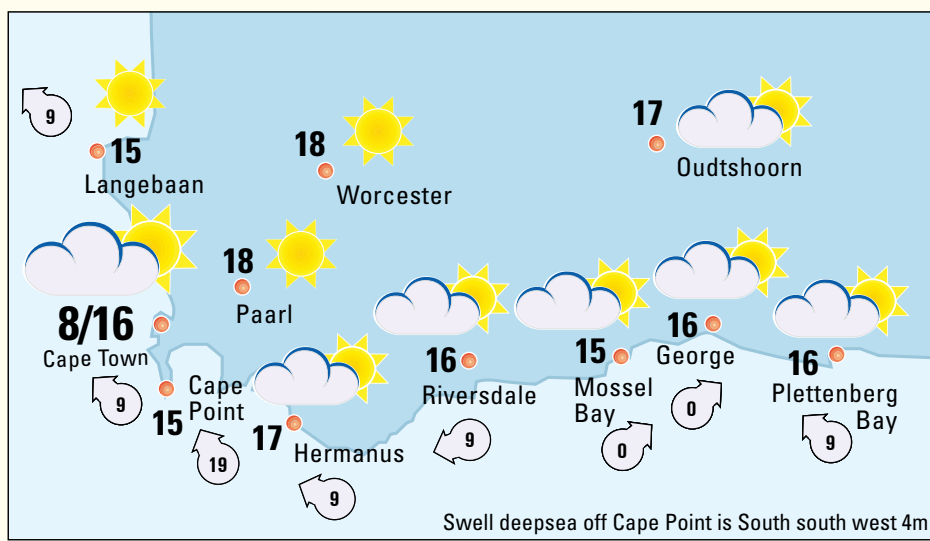
Measure the dough out into even sized (40g) small bread rolls.

Place half the buns in the bottom of a baking pan that fits in the air fryer. Spoon the drained chakalaka over the top of the buns and sprinkle with half the grated cheese.

Add the remaining buns in a second layer and brush with the whisked egg. Air fry the buns at 180°C for 15 minutes.

| RHODES

WEATHER OUTLOOK



National Min/Max temps					
Bloemfontein	3/15	Mahikeng	3/20	Pretoria	-1/17
Durban	14/21	Mbombela	10/20	Richards Bay	9/19
East London	11/17	Musina	12/25	Rustenburg	4/20
Geberha	8/17	Polokwane	7/23	Uppington	3/19
Johannesburg	-1/15	Pietermaritzburg	6/19	Vereeniging	1/18
Kimberley	1/16	Potchefstroom	2/19	Vryburg	-3/18

International Min/Max temps					
Atlanta	20/33	London	16/22	New York	18/27
Buenos Aires	18/22	Los Angeles	21/32	Paris	17/23
Frankfurt	14/21	Mecca	32/43	Perth	13/22
Hong Kong	28/32	Nairobi	14/25	Rio de Janeiro	17/24
Jerusalem	21/32	New Delhi	29/36	Rome	21/32

Storage Levels 24th July 2022-2023			
Capacity-Ml	2022	2023	
Berg River Dam	130 010	88.2%	100.5%
Steenbras Lower	35 517	79.1%	102.9%
Steenbras Upper	31 767	91.7%	100.6%
Theewaterskloof	480 188	76.4%	102.2%
Voelvlei	184 095	62.4%	87.5%
Wemmershoek	58 644	62.9%	100.0%
Total Storage	898 221	75.3%	99.1%

Outlook for Cape Town
Wednesday: 10/20
Clear skies. Wind SE 9km/h.
Thursday: 12/21
High level clouds. Wind NNW 9km/h.
Friday: 12/19
High level clouds. Wind NNW 19km/h.
Saturday: 11/18
Cloudy. Wind SW 0.

Outlook for George
Wednesday: 8/20
Clear skies. Wind ENE 9km/h.
Thursday: 13/23
High level clouds. Wind NNW 19km/h.
Friday: 15/24
High level clouds. Wind NNW 9km/h.
Saturday: 12/23
Partly cloudy. Wind SW 0.

Yesterday's Reading
Barometer: n/a
Humidity: n/a
Temp: n/a

At Cape Town International Airport:
Min: n/a Max: n/a
Wind at 6pm: n/a

Report Fires to the Emergency Services on (021) 480-7700
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Today's Forecast
Cape Town City: 8/16 - Partly cloudy.
Cape Flats: 4/17 - Partly cloudy.
Alexander Bay: 7/26 - Clear skies.
Beaufort West: 3/16 - Fog, high level clouds.
Calvinia: 0/13 - Clear skies.
Clanwilliam: 4/20 - Clear skies.
George: 7/16 - Partly cloudy.
Grabouw: 5/17 - Partly cloudy.
Hermanus: 9/17 - Partly cloudy.
Langebaan: 3/15 - Clear skies.
Malmesbury: 3/16 - Clear skies.
Mossel Bay: 9/15 - Partly cloudy.
Oudtshoorn: 3/17 - Partly cloudy.
Paarl: 4/18 - Clear skies.
Plettenberg Bay: 8/16 - Partly cloudy.
Riversdale: 5/16 - Partly cloudy.
Robertson: 4/18 - Partly cloudy.
Springbok: 2/13 - Clear skies.
Sutherland: -2/13 - Fog, high level clouds.
Vredendal: 4/22 - Clear skies.
Worcester: 4/18 - Clear skies.

Tides Table Bay
Today
High: 02:51 & 15:15
Low: 09:07 & 21:28
Sunrise: 07:38
Sunset: 18:06
Moonrise: 17:45
Moonset: 07:38
Tomorrow
High: 03:31 & 15:55
Low: 09:46 & 22:11
Sunrise: 07:37
Sunset: 18:07
Moonrise: 19:02
Moonset: 08:24

Moon Phases
Full Moon: 1 August
Last Quarter: 8 August
New Moon: 16 August
First Quarter: 24 August

UV Levels Low
Best time to Fish 11:41 - 13:41
23:02 - 01:02

LEGISLATION

Agri SA pokes holes on proposed water licence regulations

STAFF WRITER

GIVEN the legal and food security implications of the proposed Water Use Licence Applications, Amendment and Appeals Regulations published in May, Agri SA says it is essential that they are reviewed and substantially amended.

Agri SA yesterday said it had submitted its comments on the proposed regulations. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation, the purpose of the amendments is to effect reforms in relation to equitable allocation of water use, as well as to amend the procedural requirements related to applications of new water use licences, including reviewing the time frames and fees linked to licence application processes.

Comparative statistics drawn from issued water use licences to Historically Advantaged Individuals (HAI) and Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDIs) since 1998 indicate that a total of 412 million cubic metres (m3) of water has been allocated among the two groups. Of the 412 million m3, 313 million m3 (75.93%) has been allocated to HAI, while 99 million m3 (24.07%) has been allocated to HDIs.

The department said the statistics indicated that water allocations remained highly skewed towards the HAI group, and they should make

efforts to improve this situation.

The revised regulations have introduced proposed thresholds of abstraction volumes of water against the level of black ownership in applications submitted for new water use allocations.

Legal and policy executive at Agri SA, Janse Rabie, said subsequent to the publication of the draft regulations, on June 15, 2023, Agri SA had a meeting with the department where officials clarified that the new transformation requirements would only apply with respect to the 1.5% of water resources in South Africa that had not already been allocated.

"The regulations are also not intended to apply to applications for the renewal of existing water use licences, or to the water use licence applications which will arise out of compulsory licensing.

"Agri SA welcomes this clarification and has included these parameters in our suggested reformulation of the regulations. Notwithstanding this important clarification, Agri SA remains concerned that the draft regulations, as published, are not consistent with the relevant provisions of the National Water Act, the Equality Act, and the Constitution," Rabie said.

No provision in the National Water Act empowered the minister to make regulations prescribing substantive requirements for licence applications or for the determination of licence

applications, Rabie said.

"Even if such a power is inferred, the act provides that, in issuing a licence, the responsible authority must take into account all relevant factors. This includes a list of 11 factors, including efficient and beneficial use of water in the public interest, and investments already made by a water user. The need to redress past racial and gender discrimination is one of these 11 factors. By law, when determining an application for a water licence, the responsible authority must strike a reasonable balance between all the factors.

"The arbitrary and thus legally impermissible nature of racial quotas has already been established by court judgments. As the draft regulations do not allow for any element of discretion, they are so rigid as to be indistinguishable from a quota, and therefore invalid," Rabie said.

A further concern was that the draft regulations "reduce transformation to black ownership". Agri SA said the inclusion of women as a previously disadvantaged group should also be taken into account, as currently, only racial transformation goals were included in the draft regulations.

"Agri SA is all too aware of the historical imbalances that prevail in the farming sector today, but the sector must achieve equality within the rule of law," Rabie said.

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