



## Team Sailing League – Western Cape



### Milnerton Aquatic Club

**(MAC)** took custody of the Western Cape SAS Team Sailing League boats in September 2020, a convoy of odd bakkies and multiple trailers setting out to liberate the seven boats from Imperial Yacht Club. The boats will be based at MAC until the end of August 2023.

As with all other activities, Covid-19 has been responsible for the usual disruptions to team sailing at MAC, but the club has been running monthly team racing events when lockdowns, summer holidays and howling South-easters have permitted. To date, three events have been held, with very enthusiastic support from the RCYC Academy, the MAC juniors, HBYC Academy, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, and the University of Cape Town.

The most recent event featured no fewer than six teams, with the final contested between Team Hall, consisting mostly of Zeekoeivlei sailors, and the dark horse entry from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. The highly experienced Team Hall ultimately prevailed, but the CPUT performance was a very welcome surprise.

Hosting team racing events has brought new energy to the racing scene at MAC and provided an incentive for developing a deeper understanding of the racing rules. A

Corinthian approach to team racing does not work! It has been very gratifying to see the energy and enthusiasm



with which the youthful sailors in particular embrace team racing. Spectators have been treated to frequent lively, multi-lingual, in-race debates on the finer points of the rules, but fortunately the umpires have been able to settle these debates instantly on the water. Umpiring duties have been shared between Michael Kavanagh and Patrick Loydell.

Keep an eye on the MAC Facebook page for notification of future TSL events. The next event will be held on 12 June.

