



# Skipper Foundation

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*1 All five Topper sailboat back on the water with the donated sails. The High performance is so glad some serious racing will be taking place.*

**Great to be back on the water.**

**Our new direction of “Working with the end in mind” has kept the managing team on our toes. We need to make sure our sailors are ready for employment and stepping into the big world after school. We can see the planning and organising starting to bear fruit, even though we are still in the beginning phase of this project. You can feel hope for the future entering our sailor’s life.**



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## Sailing as usual

After all the covid-19 restrictions our groups are sailing four days a week again.

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday - we have taken a new intake of Learn to sail sailors. They completed their level 1 and 2 certificates by the end April, and are starting on their Level 3.

Friday - We do high performance racing training and we give the sailors some exercises that needs to be practised the following week.





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Here Waydon Golaith, one of the previous Topper Worlds Participants, is showing the other high performance sailors how to accomplish a roll tack in light winds.



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## Club Racing

One Friday a month is dedicated to club racing. After two club racing days we held a prizegiving. All the sailors were handed water bottle and the important 's of drinking enough water was discussed.

## Assistant instructors

The foundation would like to increase the amount of youth introduces to sailing. To achieve this we need more instructors. Assistant instructor course is being run constantly when we can't get on the water.

Learning how to deal with land drills and how to deal with learners on the water.



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## Event organising.

Waydon Goliath the candidate on the foundations mentoring program was tasked with the preparing and the running of the RS Tera Western Cape Provincials and the Mossel bay Inter clubs held a week later. Waydon put together the preparation schedule and made sure that all the tasks were done on time. He also put together a minute by minute schedule for how the event days should run. Waydon did an excellent task in making this event a success. The skills his learned will assist him in his organisation at the centre but also will show in any other vocation his steps in to.





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## Regatta staff training.

Running the regatta in Mossel Bay was a great opportunity to teach a new skill to our students. Students was taught how to assist on the bridge boat. The art of time keeping, how to handle general and single recalls. Flag test was run. They were also taught and tested on how to write down results. With this knowledge they can be an asset on any bridge and a great support for the bridge officer.

Mark layers was taught the correct position and way to put down marks specifically the start mark.





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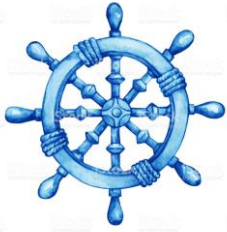
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## RS Tera Western Cape Champs.

Five of our sailors got a chance to compete in the championship. Except for one the rest did not compete as well as they hoped. However, it showed them the work that still should be done for the new season.





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## Ladies in sailing.

One of the foundation concerns is the number of ladies that is participating in sailing. Unfortunately, our changing and toilet facilities is not conducive to attracting ladies. However, some tough young ladies decided to take the bull by the horn and the foundation high performance sailors got the chance to introduce thirty-two young ladies to sailing. The team conducted them so professionally that twenty two of those ladies decided to continue with the sailing.







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## Race Organising Course

An opportunity has opened for the longstanding sailors to earn some pocket money by running club champs for the Mossel Bay Sailing Club. To make this happen they need to be competent race managing team. We have started with a bridge and mark laying course to prepare them for this prospect.





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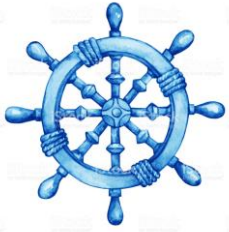
## Lunches

Thanks to three amazing volunteers we have been giving lunch to all the sailors on a daily basis. However, it has come to our attention that some of our sailors are not getting the nutrition they need. We are giving extra parcels of food on a weekly basis to take home so that they will be able to have breakfast and supper.



## Facilities and equipment.

As we grow our capacity to assist the youth, so our facilities keep on changing and evolving. Thanks to Mr. Albert Wiffen for the use of his container. Coastal rigging set it into place thanks to the amazing drivers and helpers. We have now more packing space. If everything has a proper place, things work so much smoother. With limited space the back of our old container was always a nightmare as there was not a proper place for everything.



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Our new safety boat got a lovely new trolley to cart it to and from the beach. Making it possible to put two safety boats on the water increasing the number of sailors that can be taught.

## **Schedule for the winter months for the sailors and staff.**

### **Bridge, Mark layers and Rescue**

This will continue with regular practical sessions on the water.

### **Catamaran Sailing**

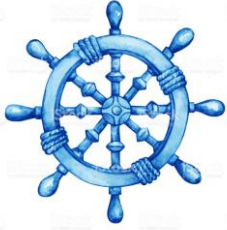
We would like our sailors to join the catamaran racing on the weekends. We are preparing two extra catamarans so that our sailors can compete.

### **Instructor training**

To build our capacity and to equip our student we need more Instructors I have identified nine of our sailors that I think is capable and willing to be equipped in this way.

### **We will need the following to make this happen.**

- a) Some hours of instructing
- b) Day Skipper course
- c) Radio Licence
- d) First aid course



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## **e) Safety boat**

## **f) Instructor course**

### **Hours of training**

The sailors will be instructing 22 new girls in a Learn to sail Courses Level 1 and Level 2 under my strict supervision. This course will run over the next 12 weeks on a Tuesday and Thursday giving them the hours and training they need.

Also any courses or joy ride that are booked they will assist in.

### **Skipper course**

This is the difficult one as the cost is high, R2500 per student

So we have decided to go the difficult root. We are going to get the sailors their day skippers.

Day skippers will give these students a chance to get their keelboat instructors and they will be able to skipper our rescue vessels till one mile offshore. This will also open employment opportunities on charter boats and boat deliveries.

We will study on bad weather days in the next three months including July holidays. An examiner has been organised and he will provide us with mock paper.

We will practice and get our hours on Ellen however we will have to get a bigger boat to get our test done. We still in the process of enquiring with boat owners.

### **Radio licence.**

It seems like this will be quite costly however, we have contacted a company that might be able to assist us at a more affordable price.

### **First aid**

Rescue 911 have offered to provide a course to us at a reduced rate.

### **Safety boat course**

Elfie Holden can present the course. We will just have to pay the necessary fee to South African Sailing.

### **Instructor course**

All this will equip us for the Instructor course that we would like to happen in August/September. The cost per student is around R4000 per students. We will contact South African sailing to see if it is possible to get a reduced rate for our students.

A possibility would be that the foundation can sign a contract with the new instructors that they work back the funds through courses they present at the centre.

**course**



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We are looking at a busy mid half of this year. This input will make a difference in our sailors' future.

## **Thank you.**

A big thank you to all our financial sponsors that make it possible to continue our work. The Andrew Simpson foundation, Department of Culture Affairs and Sport Western cape and Shenzhen Across four oceans Sailing Club.

## Supporters

Diaz Museum

International Topper Class Association

Mossel bay sailing club

Portnet Mosselbay for the use of the slipway

South African Sailing

All those assisting with lunches and food parcels

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries.

Please find our banking details below and remember we are a Section 18a(1) Public benefit organisation and donations to us are tax deductible.

Kind regards,

Elfie Holden

Skipper foundation Chairperson and Centre manager.

## **Bank details,**

### **Skipper Foundation**

**Nedbank**

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