



Joint Venture Partners



**OBJECTIVE**

Growing Sailing through Development and Transformation projects

REPORT BACK

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Acting Chairlady  
SA Sailing WC

**PARTNERS: SA SAILING WC (SASWC), DEPT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS & SPORT (DCAS), CAPE PENINSULA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (CPUT) AND ROYAL CAPE YACHT CLUB SAILING ACADEMY IN ASSOCIATION WITH ROYAL CAPE YACHT CLUB (RCYC)**

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Congratulations to 14 CPUT students from both Cape Town and Bellville campus who received recognition for their participation, 80 – 100% attendance, commitment and dedication in a Pilot Project which ran across a 5 week period. The aim of the project was to grow sailing by making it accessible to all. The result was that development and transformation took place automatically and furthermore, life skills were transferred whilst having fun. Sure there were some tough times at sea but these students, men and women, learned that together you do whatever it takes to get your team back to safety and your vessel in tact. Today when they tell their hairy tales at sea, they speak with confidence and pride, broad smiles, knowing that they have achieved something far greater than they ever thought they could.

When we met 24 CPUT students at the Launch at RCYC, most of them had not set foot on a boat before. Today, 5 weeks later, they are different individuals and we watch with interest how our sport will shape their lives and open doors.

The packed audience at the Award Ceremony can bear testimony that Sailing has touched the lives of 14 CPUT sailors. When they addressed our fellow sailors, CPUT officials, WC Provincial Sport Confederation President JP Naude, Cape Town Sports Council Chairman Richard Buckley, RCYC Commodore Vitor Medina and SASWC Acting Chairlady Bev le Sueur they were glowing and pledged to share their amazing experience with their fellow students on campus. Our Sailing doors are always open and we welcome anyone interested in our Sport.

Lindani Mchunu, RCYC Sailing Academy Manager went beyond the call of duty to ensure that safety was in place, that the Program ran efficiently and that all sailors were comfortable and confident, kitted out in proper sailing gear fit for sea conditions, supplied by the Sailing Academy.

To our partners, DCAS – for your commitment, support and guidance; CPUT – for going the extra mile and creating a wonderful new partnership, RCYC and the Sailing Academy – for your fantastic support and dedication to this project; we say BRAVO ! Thank you to each of you who pulled out all the stops and invested your personal self into this Project. The result and the incredibly electrifying emotions and a sense of unity and pride by South Africans, for South Africans which was felt by one and all present in the packed Main Hall during the Award Ceremony at RCYC on 25 June 2017.

Further congratulations to all CPUT sailors as well as existing SASWC sailors who participated in the Youth Regatta 2017 at RCYC 24-25 June 2017. What an inspiration and incredible story for these 14 CPUT sailors who 5 weeks ago had no knowledge of sailing and eagerly competed in not only the Portugal Day Race on 10 June 2017 but also the Youth Regatta.

History has been made; new life long relationships formed, life skills "earned", our sailing family has grown and is being enriched by your energy and passion for the sport of Sailing and fun was had by all. In the process, effortlessly, together, we continue to develop and transform our Sport and unite our Nation through Sport.

I am proud to be a South African Sailing member.

Sincerely,

Bev le Sueur



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Student Leader



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