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Simon's Town Navy Dry Dock

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Opening of the Selborne Dock 3rd November 1910

The dockyard in Simon's Town is the nerve centre, its *raison d'être* for the town's being. This association with the Navy and shipping goes back to the 18th century, when Simon's Bay was selected as a winter anchorage by the Dutch East India Company. In 1814 Simon's Town became a British Naval base and finally in 1898, the port was officially ceded to the Admiralty.

In the meantime, the existing Dockyard became too small to cope with the increasing demands made upon it. In 1895, a list of Naval Works in various parts of the world was prepared and considered by the Board of the Admiralty. Simon's Bay was included in this list at the request of the First Sea Lord (Admiral of the Fleet) Sir Frederick Richards, G.C.B.) The Board approved, treasury sanction was obtained and the necessary land purchased in November, 1898 for extensions to the existing Dockyard. The designs for the extension Scheme were prepared by Major Sir Henry Pilkington, K.C.B., R.E. Director of Works, who superintended the works for the Navy to their completion in 1910.

The tender of Sir John Jackson Ltd., was accepted on 27 July, 1900 and the main operations began in January 1901, under the superintendence of D. MacFarlane, M.I.C.E., Admiralty Superintending Civil Engineer, who remained in charge until the completion of the work. The local Resident Agent of the firm was H.R. Stockman, until he was killed in an accident on the Works in August, 1902. He is buried in the Old Cemetery, together with others who lost their lives on the project. Mr A Brooks, A.M.I.C.E., succeeded him.

The amount of water contained in the whole dock when full is approximately 22,000,000 gallons, which is pumped out by the main pumps in four hours. In an official test, however, the pumping plant pumped the dock dry in two hours, thirty-five minutes.

The excavation for the dock was almost completely blasted out of solid granite which sent a pall of fine dust over the town. This infuriated residents into loud, but useless protest. At one stage they even petitioned for the cessation of the work, but to no avail. In the excavation of the head of the dry-dock, the remains of an old wooden ship the *Carpentaria*, which came to grief in 1858, was found in a very good state of preservation.

Materials used in the construction of the Works were mostly obtained from the quarry on the side of the mountain at Seaforth, leaving a gaping raw wound in the mountainside. Many Italian workmen were imported to work in the quarry. The stone they dug out, 2,000 tons per day, was transported to the building site by an inclined railway. Of other material used, most of the granite was imported from Europe, the 80,000 tons of Portland cement, steelwork and other materials came from England.

The contractors opened a General Dealer's store, opposite the "Firs" where workmen employed on the site, could obtain supplies at cheap rates. A row of Houses in Belmont Road was also built by the firm to house the workmen.

On November 15th 1906, the Foundation stone was laid by the Earl of Selborne G.C.M.C. High Commissioner for South Africa. Over two thousand workmen employed on the site paused for a few hours, while the important personages made speeches, the band played, flags and bunting fluttered in the breeze.

Finally, on 3 November, 1910, the work was complete, the rubble cleared, the stage set for the opening ceremony, which was performed by Field Marshall H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn K.G. etc. A presentation golden casket containing a picture of the works was presented to him by Sir John Jackson. The Dry Dock was extensively used during both World Wars and is still in continual use by the Navy and commercially.

Editorial

This week something different but none the less relevant concerning climate change - all global warming as the scientists have determined. By guest appearances I watched two TV programmes which dealt in some detail with this problem at two very different locations, namely:

Marion Island, where, among a range of environmental projects, the research team has been investigating and tracking the gradual and progressive decline of the ice mass on the island. Concluding the ice is melting due to progressive warming of the surface micro climate.

Kilimanjaro: A good scientific team is investigating the substantial and progressive decline and shrinkage of the glacier or glaciers near the summit. The party included a glaciologist from Europe. An elaborate weather station on the summit had 12

months of readings. The glaciologists concluded that the snow-meltage rates estimate data would require subsurface recording - say at one metre intervals to a depth of 50 metres.

Finally, as the climate or weather changes there exists irrefutable environmental evidence that climate change has always been a feature of geological history. For instance, in the Pliocene (say about 2 million years ago) sea level was at Rangoon level and there was no ice anywhere. Conversely, at the peak of the Pleistocene (say 200 000 years ago) sea level was 120 to 160 ft lower than current sea level, and plenty of ice just off Cape Point.

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I were to compile a graph of sea level fluctuation, I would need to use 1000 year intercepts to establish a curve, accepting that the data point would zigzag above and below the mean line of the curve.

Perhaps at this moment in time we are in an upbeat of a zig! So, after all this logic, where does global warming, caused by greenhouse gasses figure?

Reg Loxton
Editor

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Down the Historical Mile

Clara Fijnbosch was clearly worked up at the opening of the September meeting of SLAP. Mr Chairman, she exclaimed in a big voice. Again the West Dockyard clock is not working; for weeks now it has been stuck at 11:20, so when is the Navy going to do something about it? Don't they realise how important that clock is to the simple folk of Simon's Town? We need more than just the East Dock siren to tell us the time of day. Arie nee meneer, this is too verskriklik!

Ja, said Piet Pompies. Last time it broke down it took months to fix; plenty of excuses and humming and ha-ing, but no action. Harold Hardekop suggested that maybe they would be op-en-wakker this time.

Andrew Hoepel had a story to tell about these new refuse bins, a.k.a. wheely bins. Well, Andrew was standing around minding his own business in Chapel Road at the top of Club Lane steps, when he saw the Dok struggling with the bin that the gale-force South-Easter had blown into the street from the alley next to the house where the refuse people had dumped the bin, even though the Dok had complained that he didn't want the blerry bin, and in any case had no blerry place to put the bin. But the

refuse guys said it was orders and he had to take the bin - so wê!

Anyway, there the Dok was struggling against the South-Easter to get the bin up the steps into the alley. As he reached the top of the steps there was a powerful gust of wind and Dok plus bin tumbled into the road. Andrew said he wasn't sure whether the terrible language the Dok let loose was because of the wind or the bin. Dok also had some hard words to say about the refuse people. Andrew said he heard the Dok say that instead of chasing or shooting the baboons, they should be trained to become refuse collectors, who would do better than the present lot.

Hoor, hoor! said Wingnut Williams, who had no time for civil servants anyway. So what happened in the end, Mientjie Boep-pens wanted to know. Well, said Andrew Hoepel, the Dok dragged the bin backward up the alley and into the courtyard. But what he'll do with it, who knows? Perhaps he can brew beer for the boys, said Stoffel Boesman, who always looked at the practical side of things: why waste a good bin?

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St Francis Church Cookbook

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Many local businesses have supported this project by advertising in the book and already some of them have offered to make the book available in their shops. It will be an ideal gift for Christmas and is not too big to be sent overseas - a section devoted to South African recipes makes it attractive to this purpose.

The book will be available towards the end of October. For advance orders or enquiries call Monica on 786-8331.

African Children's Choir

We are looking for donations of children's books... Can you help?

The African Children's Choir would like to start a reading library corner for the choir children. We have identified the need for this facility as the children love to read in their spare time. We also feel this is such a valuable part of a child's educational growth. We plan to corner at a section of the classroom to use as a reading room. In order to realise this goal, we would like to ask for any help and/or suggestions you can make to support this idea. We will be seeking the following things - children's books - educational novels - journals - bookshelves.

Additionally, as our home in Simon's Town is relatively new we will be happy to receive any other household contents such as old TVs, computers, pictures, games, sports equipment, electric appliances (apart so refrigerators) etc. Shoes and clothes are also always needed as the children grow so quickly.

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Simon's Town Civic Association

The September meeting took a different format as we were without the guidance of Co-Minister Henderson and we had 'lobby-walks' present in the form of Frans Hofferbert and Paul Jacques.

They put forward their ambitious plan for the refurbishing of the 'Juke Naturals' Hotel in George's Bay and the developments associated with that project. The intention was to gauge the feeling of the meeting before getting down to some serious planning. Their proposals include the upgrading of the hotel itself, with a conference centre and the construction of some 20 additional rooms and a small shopping centre around a village square. The shops show a cater for holidaymakers, recreation and tourism. Four townhouses are also proposed for the final stages of the development. There were some questions raised but generally the meeting was supportive of their plans. It

will be interesting to see how well the plans go. These details are available. Anyone who wishes to know more about the project should get them. Frans at 786-1752 and Paul at 782-1365.

Of immediate interest will be the report back by the Business Association on the Penguin Festival (1-10-24 September) in which the 'Wag' played an active part. The Business Association and the Bay's Beach Guardians were also actively involved.

Peter Johnson reported on the innovation of having residents from Hazy Valley operating the parking attendants at Jubilee Square and at Gals Point. This is a experiment and motorists are asked to observe whether or not the parking attendants are actually needed. There is no charge for this service and that the attendants are not entitled to nor may they look for payment (fines

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are at the discretion of the motorist. The Police Forum is in charge of the operation and will be monitoring the experiment.

It was clear that we were wrestling against the wind in our attempts to oppose the installation of a toll system. In Chapman's Peak Drive and even our pleas for the car's horns falling on deaf ears. The road attendant is insisting on the proposed toll rate that would run across the peninsula and is convinced that this development was not asked for by the potential users of the road but was the result of commercial interests in the beautification of the road.

On the subject of Water Quality the mystery of the appearance of sudden peaks of coliform contamination remains as puzzling as ever. John has been invited to visit some of the water treatment plants to see the procedures of chlorine addition.

Shupe has taken the Section 21 Company

(The Simon's Town Company) under his wing and progress is being made. Legal advice is being sought and by the time the next newsletter appears there should be something positive to report.

Paul maintains that the plans for the New Year's Eve party are getting nicely put together and still needs more ticket-sellers for 31 December. Contact her at 782-9641.

Finally the Committee Early Needs a Secretary & some remuneration is available. Please contact her at 782-8736.

Cheers for now
John Morris

Beach & Coastal Report

OCTOBER: Since so few met in the hall with BHA are ever aware of "Snowtown Calling", this column is serving no great purpose. In any case, the appropriate

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problems, setting a problem to be reported about by fax or phone. Although other Hali Heights residents might not necessarily receive immediate attention, they are not forgotten. However, since Alderman Nick Fox-Carmichael is in regular contact with SPA, one needs only to ask if there is a problem - even when reported great. Examples of situations reported problems are as follows:

Roads & Drainage have resurfaced paving at Glencairn beach subway and the Glen Road bridge. Amenities have repaired storm damage to the beach paveway. Attention will later be given to the badly weathered side of Water's Edge, as well as the lawn at Seagarth beach - once building operations subside.

To report trouble problems, Roads & Drainage can be faxed at 785-8521, or phoned at 785-6467 (24 hour service). Amenities (including beaches) have fax at 785-8109 or phone at 785-7081. Other local SPA numbers in our region are Glencairn: fax 785-6246, phone 785-3660; Emergency (accident, vandalism, fire, flooding, etc.): phone 101 (24 hour service); Environmental Health (noise dumping, rats, washed-up boats, etc.): fax 782-2394, phone 782-1112; Law Enforcement: fax 782-0808, phone 782-1112; Parks & Recreation: fax 782-1367, phone 782-1112; and Water: fax 712-6167, phone 712-8884.

Although a contact centre for all customer queries has been set up, it's still preferable that we should rather deal direct with the appropriate department in this stage. There is an option for lines of co-ordinated fire machines, but phone calls will generally get free. So it's no our best bet to take the pressure off our staff by helping ourselves.

Bevan Park

Matters currently being dealt with by the South Peninsula Administration are:
1.1 Erf No. 60 Simon's Town (Glencairn), and was departure application on behalf of Walsley Schools. No change from Report No. 41.

1.2 Erf No. 1186 Simon's Town (198 Queens Road): Application for land use departure to convert Residential House to Medical Practice. No change from Report No. 41.

1.3 Erf No. 4495: Cairnsley Apartment 24/25/26/27/28/29. No change from Report No. 41.

1.4 Erf No. 625 Simon's Town (Military Road, Bay View): Application for subdivision into two parcels within local area 0025 & out of. No change from Report No. 41.

1.5 Erf No. 2212 Glencairn Heights: Application for Bed and Breakfast establishment. No change from Report No. 41.

1.6 Erf No. 2484 Forest Hill: Application for subdivision into two parts. No change from Report No. 41.

1.7 Erf No. 4403 Simon's Town (88 Derris Drive): Application for departure from single Residential to convert existing accommodation into "Greenery Flat" by self catering letting and to reduce the building line from 6.5m to 1.5m. May being finalised. No change from Report No. 41.

1.10 Erf No. 1460 Simon's Town (Kleinfontein Road): Application for temporary land use departure in terms of Section 18 of the change No. 15 of 1985 to allow portion of the premises to be used as a sales outlet for gifts and other crafts. Open to interested

parties for comment. It is understood that objections have been received. No change from Report No.41.

1.11 Erf No.4034 Simon's Town : Application for Land Use Departure from single residential to allow conversion to Bed & Breakfast. No change from Report No.41. Application in progress.

1.12 3619 Simon's Town (Glencairn Shopping Centre) : Application for amendment of site development plan To enclose area adjacent to Fish Shop to enlarge existing business area. Objections have been received to the proposal that the area be used as an outdoor restaurant with liquor licence.

1.13 Erf No. 1239 (Cnr Forest Hill Road) Application for re-zoning and possible removal of restrictions. No change from Report No.41.

1.14 Erf No.3636 Simon's Town (Hope

Street/Cardiff Road) Application to adjust the boundaries of Erf No.771 (the abutting erf to Erf No.3636) and subdivide the adjusted erf into three portions in accordance with the site development plan and to erect three dwellings. Report submitted to Sub-Council. No change from Report No.41.

1.15 Erf No.3042 Simon's Town (Clan Stewart Street, Glencairn Heights) Earlier sub-division which was approved has lapsed and this is a re-application for the proposed subdivision of Erf no 3042 into two erven in accordance with the lapsed approval. The two erven would be 312sq.m. and 459 sq.m. respectively. Report in progress. No change from Report No.41.

1.14 Erf No.4004 Simon's Town (Victory Close/Way) Application for Land Use Departure from single residential to Bed & Breakfast. Report in progress.

1.15 Erf No. 2737 Application for depar-



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1.16 Erf No. 560 (Simon's Town Station) Application for rezoning, subdividing and subdivision.

1.17 Erf No. 4875 Application for rezoning of public street to single residential. Further information required.

1.18 Erf No. 1191 Application for subdivision. Further information required.

1.19 Erf No. 2082 Simon's Town (Cnr. Clan Stewart and Blunswick Sts.) Application for subdivision, being gazetted agreement.

1.20 Erf No. 3182 Simon's Town (Queens Road, Sedgefont) Application for rezoning, closure and alteration of public street - to be advertised.

1.21 Erf No. 2296 Simon's Town (Boulders Beach Guest House) Application to rezone

from General Residential to Business. Further information required from S.P.A. State of application unclear.

OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS:

2.1 CF M. 963 Wildschuttsbrandvlei Application for land use department, 9/10 parcels and crafts store, pottery studio and sales outlet and a place for public toilets. No change from Report No. 41.

2.2 CF M. 1404 Wildschuttsbrand Farm: Application for land use department for the establishment of a restaurant and tea garden, an African's guest house and overnight accommodation. No change from Report No. 41.

Consolidated and Amended Town Planning and Zoning Scheme Regulations for Simon's Town and Fish Hoek. No change from Report No. 41. Proposed Lease of portions of public street abutting Erven Nos. 1731 and 1734 (Main Road - Murdock



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Simon's Town Business Association

The Simon's Town Business Association met on Monday 16 September in the Conference Room, Café Pescado. The meeting was well attended and was addressed by Tessa White of National Parks Board and Captain Glen Knox of the SA Navy.

The Parks Board and the Publicity Association are undertaking a joint marketing initiative to produce a long overdue Simon's Town Brochure/Map. All local businesses are being given the opportunity to adver-

tise at a very reasonable rate. Dave Hurwitz has put a great deal of effort and hard work in the very attractive layout and art work. Any business wanting to participate need to contact Chris Kaier at 782-5890 or 083 373 9750. The brochure will be widely distributed throughout the Simon's Town area and at local tourist destinations.

Captain Knox outlined plans for Navy Week 2003. At this stage there will be no visiting foreign ships, but he would like the local businesses, schools and organisations to get involved to make this a bumper event. Given the interest and success of the Penguin festival, current thinking is that a merging of these two events annually could really put Simon's Town on the map. A working committee will be set up to look at the feasibility of this.

It was fitting that Ms Puseletso Thole from the SA Navy was crowned Ms Simon's Town by her predecessor the lovely Eliza

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The contestants all received gifts and prizes generously donated by local businesses. Our sponsors include: The Anchorage, At Ease Book Shop, Black Marlin, Central Hotel, Charles & Annette Bates, Chris Kafer, George Bowes, Gladys Dilley, Hairwaves, Heather Lundstedt, Hester Fourie, Ingrid Franzen, Kalidas, Lynnique Beauty Salon, Quayside Hotel, Sheriff's Office Simon's Town, Simon's Town Bottle Store, Simon's Town Pharmacy, The Journeyman Studio, Salty Sea Dog. Thank you for your generosity. A gala evening like this is only possible with a great deal of hard work. Hester Fourie and Malinda Coetzee must be singled out for all their wonderful efforts.

In spite of the Cape Doctor, events at Boulders Beach Lodge, the Cycle Race and the Golf Open day were a great success. The yachties had some very challenging sailing conditions on Tuesday and by all reports the bar did a roaring trade on Saturday and Sunday.

Finances remain healthy thanks to continued effort on the part of some members. The Business Association is always very grateful to John Stirrup for all the effort he puts into collecting contributions for our CPO.

Trish Inggs

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Friends of Simon's Town Library

We wish to thank all interested Patrons and Friends for attending our Annual General Meeting on 26 August and trust they found the talk by Lyn Steyn (Acting Library Services Manager) as informative as the Committee did.

A sad farewell to our long-standing Chairman, Bill Rice and also to his wife Sheila, who has been our very efficient Secretary for the past two years and will be difficult to replace. We wish them well in the future!

New Committee: Chairperson Bobby van Vuuren 786-3890; Vice Chairperson Lonah Fawcett 786-3432; Hon Treasurer Irwin Bezuidenhout 786-3042; Secretary (temp scribe appointed); Members Rachel Browning 786-1254, Denise Fairchild 786-2563, Annamarie Nathan 786-1974, Dave Pugh 786-1981, Ramsay Wright 786-1747.

Telephone numbers have been given in order that Patrons may contact any of the Committee should they have queries, suggestions, fund-raising ideas, projects for school children during school holidays and so forth. We really would appreciate any input from the community. We should use our Library to the **fullest** extent!

Subscriptions: Presently the fee is R5 annually, due to increased running costs we have had to raise this to R10 per person and R15 per family in 2002/2003. Please be assured that your subscriptions, donations and cash from fund raisers are put to very good and varied use and all Patrons benefit from our funding. For instance, we assist the Library in the purchase of books, videos, CDs, audios, magazines and newspapers etc. Also we have furnished the salary of temporary staff until such time as the return of Melanie from maternity leave. Since the severe budget cuts of Libraries,

there will always be a call for financing and we trust we will always be able to supply this. So do consider becoming a member of the Friends!

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While we are exceedingly grateful for the very generous donations received in the past, fund raising is an ongoing affair and we are

always looking for further supplies. So, if you are spring cleaning, relocating or just want to get rid of them, **think of us!** Any subject is very welcome ie gardening, cookery, children's, fiction and non-fiction, paper and hardbacks etc etc. Unfortunately magazines do not have a market so we do not handle these.

The contact number is 786-3890 and Bobby will collect donations from your home, wherever you are!

Once again, advance thanks for your assistance, and watch for our monthly Library Matters Report later.

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Captain Green handed over temporary Command to Commander Richard Penn, Officer in Charge of the SA Navy diving school until such time as a new Officer Commanding has been appointed. Captain Green has been appointed Director Formation Staff Joint Training Division in Pretoria.

Captain Green joined the SA Navy in 1971 and became OC SAS Simonsberg on 10 December 1999. During his career as a Naval Officer he served in various capacities, including that of Officer Commanding of SAS Jan Smuts, SAS Job Masego and SAS Shaka.

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By the old Moulmein Pagoda
looking eastward to the sea,
There's a Burma girl a-settin',
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For the wind is in the palm trees,
and the temple bells they say:
"Come you back, you British Soldier;
come you back to Mandalay!"
Come you back to Mandalay,
Where the old flotilla lay:
Can't you hear their paddles chunkin'
from Rangoon to Mandalay?
On the road to Mandalay,
Where the flying fishes play,
An' the dawn comes up like thunder
out of China 'cross the Bay!

By the old Martello tower
looking eastward to the sea,
There's a pretty girl a-waiting,
and I know she thinks of me;
For the wind is in the yacht sails,
and the lighthouse flashes say:
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Come you back to Simon's Bay,
Where the old 'Restorer' lay:
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The Penguin Festival at Boulders Beach Lodge

This year's Penguin Festival has been a phenomenal success due to the incredible support from the public and business alike. Increasing the amount raised by an alarming margin, we can only say thank you to those who supported this fun filled Festival.

The Opening Launch of the Festival was held at Boulders Beach Lodge where an incredible evening was had by all. A fun filled night of wine tasting, great culinary fare and a fantastic African Jazz Band set the tone for the Auction. Thank you to those who supported this evening.

Saturday 21 September arrived with a howling South-Easterly gale which did not deter those who attended the Kiddies Entertainment and the Food & Craft Market. The children had an amazing day filled with face painting, jumping castles, puppet shows, a whale and dolphin talk and much more. To end off this incredible day, a showing of the City Slickers video had them all enthralled.

The Open Golf Day Challenge was also held in the howling South-Easterly gale at the Simon's Town Golf Club and thank you to those die hard golfers who played! Major sponsors for that day were Boulders Beach Lodge, Grimms Auto Shop and the Black Marlin Restaurant. Thank you must also be extended to the Junior Golf players and especially Edwin and Janine Genade for organising this entire event.

Incredible prizes were won by each and every player and special congratulations goes to Nicholas Genade who won the competition! Thank you to all the businesses who donated the amazing prizes.

To end this event an unbelievable total of R16,000.00 was raised for SANCCOB by Boulders Beach Lodge. These funds will be utilised to support the rehabilitation of Afri-

can Penguin's and other sea bird life.

From Boulders Beach Lodge, situated at the doorstep of the African Penguin colony we have taken a dynamic step towards supporting the plight of the African Penguin which is listed in the Red Data Book as a vulnerable species. SANCCOB, a pro-active organisation, is richly deserving to reap the rewards from the Penguin Festival.

For next year, we can only encourage the whole of Simon's Town and surrounds to get involved in this incredible Festival.

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Marketing Manager
Boulders Beach Lodge

Memories of Happy Days 8

Somewhere near Greenmarket Square was a shop called The Handy House, run by a German family. Among many other things in the shop was a treasure trove of doll's requirements: shoes, socks, little straw hats - every single thing the well-dressed doll could possibly want.

Toward Christmas most shops had a special corner for Lucky Dips: you put a hand into a tub and pulled out a box containing what Auntie Noline rather cynically called "cast-outs". These shops had a Fairy Queen in attendance, all sparkles and spangles and miles of glittery gauze. The Handy House, however decided to be different (what Ma called "otherwise"). Children went down into a luridly lit basement, where they were met by the famous Three Bears, in charge of the Lucky Dip barrels. A child (probably me) panicked at the sight, sound and outstretched paw of a most realistic Daddy Bear and retreated up the steps, screaming and causing a traffic jam of children.

I remember clearly that I came away with-out a Lucky Dip. To console me Auntie Hetty bought a slim volume called Little Grey Coat, about a sweet little girl who has perfect manners, is gifted beyond words and dies young. Many stories written for children dealt with deathbed scenes: Mamma, pale and suffering, yet manages to smile and, with her dying breath, to bless the many sorrowing offspring clustered around her couch. Books like "A Peep Behind The Scenes" and "The Wide, Wide World" were liberally strewn with young orphans. Prayers intended for use by children seemed to harp on death: after reciting "Now I lay me down to sleep I pray the Lord my soul to keep if I should die-before-I-wake I pray the Lord-my-soul-to-take", I would struggle not to fall asleep for fear I'd stop breathing.

One day Dad bought a house - the family had expanded to four and he probably felt that boarding house life wasn't good enough for his infant son (my nose was out of joint and I hated that angel face and the smell of Johnson's baby powder for a long time).

Balfour Street was new and sparsely inhabited. There were two Scottish families and one rather frisky Irish houseful. Further



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along the road, in dour isolation, was a grim looking stone house with a grim looking old man who liked to chase encroaching children with dire threats. Across Balfour Street the forest climbed the mountains; we hunted for "denne balls" on the forest floor. We

sought fairly open pine cones so that the denne pitte - the hard little seed pods - could be shaken out. These were broken open on a rock, with a stone. The kernel inside was worth the labour - delicious. An entire Saturday morning could be spent searching for and enjoying those denne pitte. Sundays, of course were different. On the Lord's Day children had to refrain from any frivolity: no sewing doll's clothes, no playing kennetjie - not even reading about a perfect little girl's pious early death.

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Ai Ais/Fish River Canyon Odyssey

There are certain events in one's life that simply must be repeated before one gets too old and decrepit. For me, a second visit to Ai Ais, in the Fish River Canyon in southern Namibia, was such an event. The Spa at Ai Ais, though enticing in its own right, was not the main attraction - it is the final ten kilometres into Ai Ais: stark, awesome but fantastically beautiful. Bare rock hills and mountains in a dessert environment: almost what one would imagine for a moon landscape.

The geology comprises the Namaqualand metamorphic Complex overlain by the Nama formation. So we have schists and gneisses with volcanic intrusions and flagstones, almost slate in places. The dirt road deviation into Ai Ais is in good condition, but - watch out for the cattle crossing!

At Ai Ais there is a great variety of accommodation: smart apartments, caravan park and extensive camping ground; also a shop and restaurant. Take note of the shop: prices are a good 50% higher than ours.

One of the main attractions of Ai Ais is the back-packers trail down the Fish River valley, some 80 - 90km from the Canyon viewpoint to Ai Ais, a hike of some 4 to 5 days, highly organised, well-planned and popular with the young and energetic. I suppose one of those landmark events that one just has to do, to qualify to be a person of stature - like the Comrades Marathon and the Duze canoe marathon.

Due to excessive heat the trail is limited to the cool season of May - September. Contact Minister of Environment and Tourism, Private Bag 15207, Windhoek.

Distance by road from Simon's Town is 700km +, for most people too far for one



the road, I saw the best show of flowers some 50km north and 50km south of Springbok.

The road is narrow, busy and I would say bordering on dangerous, far too narrow for size and volume of vehicles: en route to Ai Ais and the Citrusdal Spa I counted over 100 truck/trailers or pantechicons travelling north. So take care and keep awakes!

Bon voyage - it's really worth a visit. By the way, the mineral water of the Spa could have some healing qualities. I had two scab-like eruptions on my body, about the size of a R1 coin, which did not respond to treatment. Well, after three days in the waters of Ai Ais, the scabs fell off. So give it a try!

Reg Loxton

day's travelling; so overnight south of the border at Vioolsdrift. We crossed the border and did the overnight in Namibia - a mistake because our reception at Namibian border post was less than welcome. Let us say that late afternoon is not a good time for civil servants: much better reception early in the morning.

As it happened, we travelled through Namaqualand at the height of the Spring flower season, and by observation along



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Simon's Town's New Sailors

(Taken from the Cape Argus, Saturday 30 July, 1960)

A stranger looking down from the top of Red Hill into Simonstown harbour might wonder at the mass of small boats rising at their moorings.

There are about 190 of them - boats of all shapes and sizes, from 12ft, home-made dinghies to £30,000 twin diesel-engined tunny cruisers.

Almost every week another boat of some sort or the other turns up, and mooring space in the basin is at a premium.

Apart from a few naval craft, the boats are privately owned and they represent a total investment of several hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The owners of the craft are all anglers who,

mainly for pleasure and sometimes for profit, pursue the fish of False Bay, from the humble mackerel at the Bull's Nose to the lordy tunny beyond Cape Point.

Ten years ago there were only about a half-dozen privately-owned pleasure boats at Simonstown. Why have their numbers grown so quickly and why are they increasing week by week?

The main reason, according to every angler I have spoken to, is the steady deterioration of rock and surf fishing.

This is ascribed to rocks and beaches becoming more and more denuded of all forms of bait because of uncontrolled exploitation. If, as happened some years ago, men with ploughs drawn by donkeys plough up whole beaches and collect white mussels by the ton, the fish which normally come inshore

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to feed on the beds at high tide, will seek other food sources out beyond shore fishing range.

Gains confidence

Redbait, prawn, coral worm, mussels and perlemoen are becoming scarcer round the False Bay coast and beyond, and with lean rock-fishing bags becoming the rule rather than the exception, many rock anglers are taking to deep water and seeking the shoals of pelagic fish which at various seasons swarm into the bay.

An angler who decides he is going to seek out the shoals, buys his first boat and usually regards it merely as a platform from which he can fish. Soon, however, as he gains confidence and ventures farther and farther out, he begins to love the sea in all its moods and what is more he begins to respect the craft which carries him safely home when a wind squall, accompanied by the often dangerously steep chop of False Bay, suddenly blows up.

Thus, a love of boats is born and that is why most of the boats at Simonstown are kept in perfect order and immaculate condition.

In the spring just before the summer run of kob, geelbek and yellowtail begins, one has to book weeks ahead to get the boat-slip because the harbour master has a waiting list as long as his arm.

Then the pier at Simonstown is cluttered with owners and their amateur crews scraping, cleaning, painting and repairing.

Engines are stripped and overhauled and everyone is working at full pressure to put their craft in perfect order so not to miss one of those glorious runs of geelbek or yellowtail when the big fellows are biting freely and every fish that comes aboard is worth £1.

Compares catches

There's a distinct pattern about fishing and boating from Simonstown. An angler sees

some of the fine catches that are regularly brought to the pier and compares them with the few miserable rock fish he has managed to land during the last half a dozen outings.

There and then he decides he must acquire a boat of some sort, and soon he is the owner of a 16ft dinghy and outboard motor.

He starts off by fishing round the Bull's Nose and near the harbour wall, but after a couple of months his confidence grows. He finds that his craft, which at first seemed so flimsy and his outboard motor so inadequate, are capable of greater things.

Soon you find him pottering around happily near Millar's Point, at Smitswinkel Bay, or as far afield as Buffels Bay.

Eventually, however, a prolonged spell of stiff south-easters confines him to the nursery steps and he soon becomes dissatisfied.

Bay is treacherous

When you see him again he is storming along in a smother of foam to Seal Island or Cape Point in a 25ft inboard-engined craft, having sold his previous outfit to someone who has decided to try boating.

Finally he and a couple of friends own a wacking big twin-engined tunny boat which will take them anywhere in almost any weather.

False Bay is not as easy stretch of water to play around on. It is treacherous and its moods which range from absolute calm to spells of sudden and extreme violence, must be treated with the utmost respect.

The regulars at Simonstown are good seamen. Most of them started small and built up their knowledge by experience.

The golden rule is not to ask more of your boat than you yourself know it can reasonably take. And that this rule is followed is shown by the fact that mishaps are almost unknown.

However, the unruly and inexperienced sometimes do take fantastic risks.

A friend and I were out recently in our 25-footer. It had been a beautiful morning, with the sea dead as m. We had caught a host load of snapper off Puffin's Bay and decided to call the day because we could see that a stiff north-easterly, the city's most uncomfortable breeze wind, was blowing up.

On the way back to Simonstown we encountered a tiny glass-tine dinghy of the type that can be carried on the roof of a car.

It was crowded with a one-and-three-quarter horse power outboard motor and two tiny coal-carried children, his wife and three small children. The tiny craft had lost more than four inches of its board.

Father was doing everything to keep the engine alive, which was likely to be swamped at any moment, and the rest of the family were dealing furiously with caps

and seaboard-bank caps.

By the way the wave tops were sloping into the boat it was obvious that indeed as I was it could not stay afloat for long so we took the family on board and the boat in tow.

So suddenly and violently did the water come up, that by the time we reached Simonstown pier the engine had been knocked out and the boat had reached 30 knots.

But even much closer to shore and shelter people are sometimes lulled into a false sense of safety. Let us the dinghy owner was misled by a wave that did not last.

We picked up a heavy rowing boat from Simon's Rocking (Rhodes) on Sunday. Although and his wife, including in Cape Town, had hired it from a fisherman for the day.

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saw other boats further out, but, misled by the calm weather, rowed out to rescue them.

What they did not know was that there was a strong offshore current and later a light breeze blowing out to sea. Spring out with wind and current was easy enough, but coming in was a different story.

The poor man was holding it to break his back and had splashed his hands until they bled, but was making no progress at all with the heavy boat. He was in fact being tossed seaward out to sea.

Boat owners, however, stick together. They will always give a hand both at sea and ashore.

We have in our ranks clerks, sailmakers, electricians, carpenters, airbrake, train conductors, directors and even a couple of millionaires.

Early on a Sunday morning, on a Sunday or public holiday is a good time to see the boat-fishing scene.

Groups of men, and women too, dressed in the cutest and most outrageous clothes gather on the pier waiting for their respective craft.

There is at the St Leonards pier a large fish shed, but this structure looks a great deal more than its humble exterior would lead one to think.

Presiding genius over the establishment is old and hairy Archie Blake, a marine engineer and boat expert of men who is doing the work he loves and is doing it in an original way.

His workshop and store room at the fish shed is a Menzies in which all boat owners gratefully come time or another, and Archie is a sort of gruff old, somewhat, adviser to and consultant to the boat owner's craft.

Made his workshop and store room an ordered chaos prevails. There are chains, anchors, coils of rope and wire, tins of oil paint and grease, pipes, metal plates and

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propellers. Oars, spars and lengths of timber lie across the ceiling beams. A dealer in non-ferrous scrap would whoop with joy if he were let loose in the place.

Everything, however, has its purpose and all the odd bits and pieces, sooner or later, will be cut down, built up, or adapted for some piece of marine engineering. The carefully kept lathe, bandsaw, drilling machines and other power tools show that there is much more to the place than would appear.

Why, for instance, are there three work benches, three heavy vices, and a wood-working vice, duplicate sets of hand tools and I don't know how many boxes of old nuts and bolts in which people seem to rummage happily all day long?

The answer lies in an unusual but most refreshing way of doing workshop business.

"Boat owners," Archie explained to me "are individualists. Every man has his own ideas

about the various gadgets he want on his boat. There are always minor jobs to be done and most of the men really want to do these things for themselves.

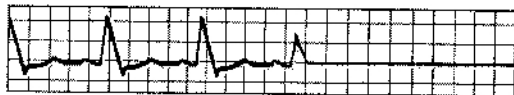
Friendly business

"You can't just pick up a 20ft boat carrying a 500lb engine and put it in your garage so the owners want somewhere to file, plane and hammer."

"I could never get enough real work done if I had to pay attention to everyone who came in and wanted to borrow the vice for a moment or a file or a hacksaw, or to drill a couple of holes, cut down a piece of pipe and a thousand and one other little things."

"On the other hand I see no point in scaring off people with "no admittance" or "keep out" notices. Instead I put in a couple of extra benches and vices and made available what I call the lending-out tools and the do-it-yourself fellows are welcome, providing they put things back where they find them and clean up when they have finished."

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Thus notably at week-ends, one will find Archie working serenely at his bench or lathe in the middle of his shop. These are strictly taboo to anyone but himself. In the remoter corners, however, there are always others working away furiously at a variety of jobs, and if one gets stuck over some technicality or other, Archie is always willing to give advice.

Does this novel system pay? According to Archie it does. "I have been here a good many years," he said, "and the more happy boat owners there are at Simonstown the better it is for me."

Sooner or later every boat owner finds something has to be done that requires the attention of an expert. When you have worked alongside a man in his own workshop you can do business with him in a friendly way and with confidence.

It is to the boat owners of Simonstown in general and to Archie Dilley in particular, that I owe some of the happiest days of my life on and off the water, days that I know will be often repeated as long as I can run as engine and steer a boat.

Hank Heinecken

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The current situation regarding fishing and boating as reported by Brian James

From the Bosun's Chair

Having been one of the extremely privileged youngsters to have fished out of False Bay in the early 50s and heading out West of Cape Point in those early days to do battle with the large Yellowfin tuna that abounded there.

This was in the days long before the first outboard powered ski-boats had even been thought of. Yellowfin tuna were caught in-

side the Bay and we on the 40 foot Ketch "Elegance" even had double strikes near the Roman Rock Lighthouse when on the way home from a day's fishing. Both of these fish were boated and were in the 165lb class.

In those early days Simonstown had a resident fleet of large wooden diesel powered tunny boats, from memory, Shaka, Plettenberg, Sally, Bluefin, Speranza, Pocketa, Witch of Endor, Tassie, Volante, Orca, Amberjack, PortoFino and others that have eluded my memory.

In those days these powerful fish were sometimes encountered by anglers fishing off the ledges at Rookrans just inside Cape Point, here my dear friend Mills Fenwick and his son Earl could write a book on their experiences here and offshore.

Never from memory did we ever have to go further west than twelve miles to find Yellowfin tuna, mostly at the Point or around the Bellows rock which lies to the SW of Cape Point. "Elegance" being a yacht had a diesel motor which pushed her at a modest 6 knots which is ideal trolling speed for these magnificent fish hence our luck in picking up fish even on our way down the Bay in the early mornings.

These days we have found that many of the large tunny boats are based in Hout Bay as they are much nearer to the Yellowfin which have moved out much further to the West, whether this has been caused by overfishing by the large foreign long-line vessels or grill-netters we are not sure, it could even have been caused by changes in ocean currents that have pushed the warmer water frequented by these fish further out.

A recent sensible move by our Government to no longer renew offshore fishing rights to foreign fishing fleets could see the return of fish to inshore waters which will greatly benefit our local fishing industry.

False Bay now has masses of cold water kelp around its coastline which was not evi-

dent 40 years ago because warm blue water of 23°C used to enter the Bay along with shoals of Kantonkel and large Horse Mackerel which used to make the most delicious kippers when smoked by Mills Fenwick.

Our spiralling diesel and petrol prices have also played a part in a lot of boats moving to Hout Bay as the extra twelve miles from Simon's Town to Cape Town before turning the corner to head out west also adds onto the fuel bill for a day's fishing in the deep.

Brian James

Wheelie Bins

In our mountainous region, the only real advantage of wheelie bins over garbage bags is that they discourage scavenging animals and vagrants. Although both can just as easily be discouraged by a little Jayes Fluid or turpentine poured onto the contents, who would bother? For some people, it is

already an effort to properly tie their bags – let alone use them. Wheelies also discourage the separation of recyclable items – not that it really matters. In Glencalm, the most littered space is around even half-empty "ig-loos" at the Shopping Centre. So perhaps it is high time that STCA members get off their butts and resolve this issue!

Since ratepayers were never consulted, those with many steep steps can only use their cumbersome bin for storage. Even on level ground in very windy areas, mostly large families benefit. This is because a fully loaded bin is unlikely to freewheel down the road and cause an accident. Whereas people living alone with minimal garbage (and incidentally, paying the same levy) could have such a problem, as well as insufficient storage space.

As we all know, the emptying of wheelie bins is a painfully slow start-stop procedure.



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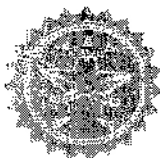
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Many homeowners are therefore now reverting to the swift collection of garbage bags. Although it is rumoured that Municipality will remove unwanted bins, the levy will still be enforced. In these tough times, surely the last thing we need is a system that costs more money and creates job losses - but is not always practical?

Bevan Pank

Memories of Fishing in the Good Old Days 5

Sunday mornings straight after breakfast we would all weigh anchor and sail for home at a leisurely pace. An interesting stop-over was Dassen Island, we would sail into House Bay and drop anchor, these were also the days before red tape and one could land. The only courtesy necessary was to stop off at the Headman's bungalow situated above the rickety jetty and ask for permission to look around. Dassen is (or was) a desolate rocky island with patches of sand and low scrub about two feet high under which there were hundreds of shallow holes in which were penguins and rabbits living side by side. On the one trip with *Atalanta* we actually ran down two rabbits and took them back on board where a very tasty stew was made tasting not unlike chicken. Regular weekend sails were had in Table Bay with one of the highlights being a stopover on Robben Island for a picnic or braaivleis. Then for obvious reasons a ban was put on public landings which put an end to a lovely venue. Hopefully in the near future one will again be able to land here and enjoy the total peace of this place.

Usually around October *Elegance* would sail around to Simonstown where she had a mooring right up in the corner of the yacht basin where the Royal Navy (the Royal Navy had Simonstown Dockyard in those days) had a netted-off swimming pool for the rat-

ings. Here every single school holiday was spent on board, living on pocket money and when that ran out funds were raised by fishing with a group of Moslem youngsters, Apie, Allie, Georgie and one other whose name eludes me. They would come along-side *Elegance* towards sunset and tap lightly on the topsides to ask if I would like to go fishing with them. Never can I remember them coming on board uninvited. Apartheid was unknown to youngsters united in the excitement of rowing down to the old target which used to be moored off Simons-town Station in about 30 feet of water. The dinghy would get tied up to the target and we would climb on to its steady deck; from memory it was a good 40 feet long. We would fish well into the evening, our catch varied from large mackerel to elf with yellowtail and Kob being caught very regularly. There was always a ready market for fresh fish and once divvied up my share went towards provisions.

On one particular morning, I woke up with the sun pouring through the portholes and climbed up into the main hatch and whilst having a good stretch I surveyed my surroundings. It was a flat calm morning with the water like a mirror, not a single ripple marred the surface. Directly alongside *Elegance* was a shoal of Yellowtail swimming aimlessly about with their dorsal and tail fins just breaking the surface. I tumbled down the companion way and grabbed the first rod that came to hand already rigged up with a "Cottom special" flat back spinner. The fish had moved off slightly and were only some 25 yards off on the starboard side. Every cast caught a fish but the fun came when you had to get them on board single handed. They were large fish, all in the 20lb category and to play, gaff, and lift them six feet from the water level over the top of the guard rails was no mean feat for a "lighty".

Fortunately *Elegance* was equipped with long gaffs which made life easier. Within an

hour and a half I had 13 yellowtail lying on board . It was here that a trek boat put off from Jaffer's beach which if any of you will remember was directly behind the present face brick police station in Church Street. They succeeded in netting the whole shoal of yellowtail numbering some 300 odd.

I rowed ashore and phoned my Father at Farbers Motors in Cape Town when they opened and asked him if he wanted some Yellowtail as I had had a bit of a "geluk" and I am sure I heard an audible groan on the other side when I related my experience. James senior despatched one of his drivers "Oppie" Opperman to fetch the fish , I don't remember how many I was left with to sell at the fish market on the jetty but I made a profit anyway.

To get back briefly to Jaffers beach, my knowledgeable friend Mills Fenwick tells me that the beach was named after a Mr Jaffer who operated a trek boat from there and

that Mills and his son Earl used to have a boat moored there from which they used to fish the Bull's Nose area very successfully.

On one occasion they came in towards Jaffers beach so loaded with Yellowtail and Geelbek that the boat sank as they reached the beach. Today Jaffers is no more, it, the prawn beds, the pool and all the lekker memories lie under thousands of tons of concrete having been reclaimed for development. Mills was telling me only recently that he and Earl used to pump prawns and then lie quietly in about 8 feet of water and watch 40-50lb white Steenbras swim up to their fresh prawn baited hooks and just swim away. These were also trekked by Jaffer as they still are down at the Glencairn refinery treksite.

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N.S.R.I.

Station 10 Simon's Town

October 2002

I am truly sorry for allowing a computer grem-lin to inflict my readers with the same article for two months running. Attention to detail was something that was drummed into me as a junior officer but I obviously failed to grasp the nettle. It is just as well that no serious call outs have occurred in August and September.

Station 10 has, however, continued constantly training crews in preparation for the summer months to come. Both boats are in tip top shape and truly well maintained to meet any task that lies ahead.

At this time of year A.G.M.s are held. The Shorelink Committee of Station 10 have finalized theirs. The existing Committee, Chaired by Phil Ferreira, will do duty for a further year with Bill Damerell

(ViceChairman) AnneFry (Secretary) PennyPrice (treasurer) Malcolm Stuart-Findlay, Mary Thomas, Reg Hopkins and Don Dollery and the Committee are pleased to welcome Dennis Mc Killen and are sad to lose the services of John Reese-Williams. It may be as well to say that we always welcome people who are willing to assist the N.S.R.I. in it's fund raising efforts. We need volunteers to help in certain tasks of which the main one is the placing of collection boats at willing shops and businesses and recovering them from time to time. We need someone to do this at present between Fish Hoek and Muizenberg. The "Reg Hopkins" collection scheme is very highly placed in South Africa as a top N.S.R.I. fund raiser. Persons interested in this activity may contact either Phil Ferreira at 7861663 or Don Dollery at 7861714.

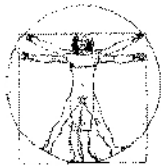
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ings rescue boats from Gordon's Bay and Simon's Town went out into the Bay and fired white flares at fixed intervals and coast watchers from around the Bay noted the times and duration of sightings and later reported to a central control at Gordon's Bay. All Coast Watchers have been given a simple compass card which contains a bearing arm along which to sight an object and report it to a controller who is aware of the reportees geographical position and can with sufficient reports get a good idea of the position of the casualty. Any one who is keen to participate as a coast watcher should contact their nearest N.S.R.I. Station.

On Sunday 25 August Members of Station 10 were invited to attend and royally entertained at a hamburger lunch by members of the Cape Boat and Ski Boat Club at Rumbly Bay. Station Commander Dave Roberts thanked the Club Committee for their thoughtful and kind entertainment and a jolly good time was had by all at one of

the finest venues in the Western Cape.

Station 10 had their own A.G.M. in September and Station Commander Dave Roberts was unanimously voted in to continue as Station Commander. He announced that when Headquarters ratified his appointment he would announce some changes in Station portfolios.

In a Station Commander's activity report at the September Meeting of the Shorelink Committee Dave announced that the replacement 5.5 metre Rigid inflatable boat is currently under construction at I.B.C. in Epping and once built would go to Aquamall in the Strand for fitting out. The new trailer has been ordered and sufficient funds are available for this entire project including the eventual sale of the current semi rigid wave rider.

No order has as yet been placed for the replacement of the Mobile "Response Vehicle" but that a meeting would be set up



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with Head Quarters to get the ball rolling again. Funds would become available from the Western Province Nomads golf day on the 1st of November and Dave would be calling on Shorelink and Station members to assist at the golf day.

At the Station A.G.M. certificates were handed to three crew members after successfully completing a coastal navigation course at the F.B.Y.C. and four members were promoted to full crew status.

Planning will have to be put in place for the launching ceremony for the new boat.

Dave also announced that at the recently held Cheese and Wine party the Beaumont Family had raised the magnificent sum of R9,100.00 for Station 10. Their efforts on behalf of our Station are becoming legend. He told the meeting that Darren Zimmerman was manufacturing and fitting a much needed chart table in the "Spirit of Freemasonry" and that Warren Combrinck had

passed his Level 5 Ambulance Course with distinction.

Chops Craig and Warren Combrinck had stood by in the Station Mobile to give Medical assistance at the recent False Bay Yacht Club Red Hill - Cape Point cycle race and Dave had stood by at Smitswinkel Bay for the return leg.

Station 10 crew members will need to do some sprucing up of the Boat House in preparation of the launching of the new boat which will no doubt keep us busy in the near future.

For those of you folk out there who venture on the sea take care!

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The Night Sky

The night sky still has the dominant Scorpion, the Scorpion, followed by Sagittarius, which is at the centre of the universe, in the west. Libra, the Scales sets soon after sunset and Capricornus, the Goat, with the tail of a fish, follows. We only see the Goat's horns! Aquarius, the Water Carrier, Pisces the Fish and Aries the Ram are next. Aries is always taken as the first constellation of the Zodiac, and associated in the Southern Hemisphere with the Spring Equinox. The thirteen constellations of the Zodiac pass overhead and are situated in the Ecliptic, the path of the planets (or wanderers). As Aries is made up of three bright stars and three dim stars, it is not easy to find, so binoculars or a telescope should be used to find it.

It was in the constellation of Aquarius the planet Neptune was discovered by two

mathematicians working independently, Adams in England and Leverrier in France. In 1845 Adams personally delivered his calculations to the Astronomer Royal Airy, who ignored them, but Leverrier sent his to Dr Galle at the Berlin Observatory a year later who, on the same night as he received them, put his telescope on the calculated position and found Neptune within 1 degree of the predicted position on 23 September 1846. It takes Neptune 167 years to orbit the sun.

At this time of the year it is interesting to look south and find the position of the Southern Cross. At 9pm in mid October the Cross is at 5pm (position in the sky) so that for several hours after 9pm it is not visible at this time of the year. Of the pointers, Alpha Centauri is the third brightest star in the sky as only Sirius the Dog Star and Canopus

Extra! Extra! Extra!

China Express

Saturday 19 October at 8pm Artscape Opera House

A promotional performance showing extracts from the works to be performed in November in China by the **CAPE TOWN CITY BALLET**. The ballets being taken on this first-ever tour to the East are Christopher Kindo's new African Firebird, Jean-Paul Comelin's Les Nuits d'Été and a specially commissioned work incorporating traditional gumboot & pantsula dance. Take this opportunity to see the **CAPE TOWN CITY BALLET** in a different light and support our foreign venture. Tickets available through Computicket and ARTSCAPE Dial-a-Seat at R55 throughout.

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23 - 26 October Artscape Opera House

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are brighter. Alpha Centauri is actually three stars revolving around one another over a period of 79 years. It is the closest of all stars being only $4\frac{1}{4}$ light years or 26 million, million miles away. Its distance was first measured at the Royal Observatory Cape Town in 1822-3 by the method of annual parallax, which is the shift in position made by a star as it appears to make, as it goes around the Sun over exactly six months. The second pointer to the Southern Cross is Beta Centauri which is always closest to the Cross.

Two other bright stars always associated with the southern part of the sky are Achernar, (always opposite Beta Centauri) and Canopus. Achernar is the bright star at the end of the celestial river called Eridanus, and Achernar means the end of the river. Canopus is the Captain of the great ship Argo. The Babylonians, who gave the names of the northern stars and constellations could only see the great ship Argo low down in their southern sky, as 70 percent of

the sky was invisible to them. This "new" southern sky was discovered and named by Magellan, De la Caille and others mainly mariners from the 1700's.

The two dark clouds in this southern part of the sky were named after their discoverer and are called the Magellanic Clouds and at 9pm at this time of the year are at 8 and 10 o'clock in the south polar region.

The Planets (or Wanderers)

Mercury, magnitude +0.2 is a morning planet in Virgo, and at greatest elongation on the 13th and on the 27th 4° North of Spica.

Venus, magnitude -4.4 is an evening planet at the end of the first week in November. On the 12th it is 10° south of the Moon and on the 31st it is in inferior conjunction.

Mars, magnitude +1.8 is an early morning planet being 4° south of the Moon on the 5th and will be found in Virgo.



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Jupiter, magnitude +2.8 is a bright early morning planet in Cancer. On the 30th it is 4° south of the Moon. It stands out in the clear pre-dawn sky with Orion and Sirius. Saturn, magnitude +1.1 is a morning planet in Orion. On the 1st it is stationary, and on the 26th is 3° south of the Moon.

Mars, magnitude +1.7 is a morning planet. On the 16th it will be 4° south of the Moon, is to be found in Capricornus. It will become an evening object in mid-November.

Neptune, magnitude +7.9 is in Capricorn in the morning sky and may be "conded" north of the Moon on the 14th.

Polaris, magnitude +1.3 is in the 13th star of the Zulu's Opticulus but is only visible in telescopes of over 12" aperture. It is a morning object.

The Moon

New Moon is on the 6th; First Quarter on

the 23rd. Full Moon is on the 21st Last Quarter on the 29th. Apogee is on the 26th and perigee on the 6th. There will be a penumbral eclipse on the 26th November at 11h22m.

The Sun

The Sun crosses the celestial equator at the equinox and is now in the tropic of Cancer. On the 1st Sunrise is at 06:55am and Sunset at 05:58pm. On the 30th Sunrise is at 06:00am and Sunset at 7:18pm. The days are becoming 15.01 night. Pledge Solar Eclipses over South Africa will take place on the 4th December from 7:30am at Simon's Town ending at 11:30am. The Sun's altitude will be only 38° at the Station. Totality at the Negeer Farm there will be a total eclipse from 01:20h to 01:26m, with a duration of only 1 minute 16 seconds of totality.

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Comets

No reports of comets visible in the Southern Hemisphere are expected this month.

Stella Magnitudes

Viewers seem to have difficulty associating brightness with stars, as I have reports of only bright and dim stars. This list of bright stars and their magnitudes may be of assistance to those who have any difficulty in identifying different brightnesses: Achernar

magnitude 0.6; Alderbaran 1.1; Rigel 0.3; Canopus -0.9; Sirius -1.6; Canopus -0.72; Vega 0.03; Procyon 0.12; Betelgeuse 0.5; Spica 0.98; Regulus 1.35; Acturus 0.2; Antares 1.2; Altair 0.9. The Sun's brightness is -26.72. As mentioned last month there is a difference of 2½ times between each magnitude.

Peter van Blommestein

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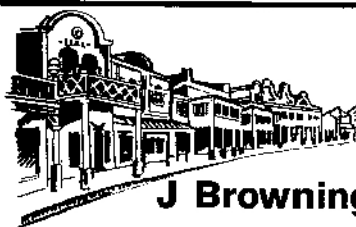


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Desse works as the Crime Information Analysts Centre and his main task is to gather and analyse information on various groups and types of crimes. He has been instrumental in cracking several A.T.M. fraud gangs and is presently assisting the Community Police Programme public awareness campaign with emphasis on the drug problem now biting its ugly head in this area.

Looking for the young to be a grandfather, Gase and his wife are indeed proud grand parents, two parents to 2 daughters and a son. His hobby of assessing mechanism has led breeding exotic birds of the exotic family.

Believing that Simon's Town is the most

beautiful town in South Africa he believes that not all of the residents truly appreciate it. Living in Fish Hoek and travelling by night he feels exhilarated being able to see two oceans each day. It's Simon's Town he belongs to Simon's Town. Being in touch with information in crime and the, as he says, "jolly, we can stand together and make a difference".

Consuela Mercurio Mjncor

Born and educated in Johannesburg, Marais studied at the University of the Western Cape and became a qualified teacher with a degree in Physical Education. Having taught in various places she then decided to join the Police Service and after nearly three years is still enjoying her job with enthusiasm and a sparkling personality.

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CRIME REPORT

Simon's Town SAPS

Crime Update

Although crime has shown a slight decrease for the period, this is due to a slight drop in our larceny.

Theft out of motor vehicles has increased in the Boulders - Links Crescent area and other coastal parking areas. With the holiday season fast approaching, it is anticipated that this crime will increase. If you notice any suspicious motor vehicles or persons please contact Simon's Town Police with the details.

WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND "REJECT AND REPORT STOLEN GOODS"

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not safe to leave a house key hanging on the door handle or in the doorknob.

- Do not buy second-hand goods, cut to the chase and dispose of these in sealed black bags, a branded bag is a tell-tale sign of what thieves could find in your house.
- Do not buy second-hand items in the street. Honest trade does not operate in that way.
- Conceal your belongings when walking in the street.
- Never buy expensive brands of perfume, clothing or any luxury goods at bargain prices both dealers with dubious credentials.
- Never leave your car keys in the ignition even if only for a few seconds.
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FIREARMS: LICENCE APPLICATIONS

With immediate effect, firearm applications will only be processed by Police Stations in whose policing area the applicant resides. **Change of address:** Regulation 37(1) makes provision for the owner of a firearm to have to inform the Central Firearm Register of the South African Police Service within 30 days that his or her permanent post residential address changed. There is no official form for the change of address. It must be done in a letter and the following must be attached to it:

- Certified copy of Section 62(2)(b) 112, details of all firearms in possession of licence holder (copies of licences could be attached)
- Details of new physical or postal address. **Now details can be mailed to Central Firearm Register, SA Police Service, Private Bag X61, Pretoria, 0001.** Failure to change addresses could lead to prosecution. Firearm owners should also take note that his or she must have a safe at his or her disposal at the new physical address. Firearm Owners who stated in their initial applications that they had a safe at their disposal, should use the fact that they changed from physical address as a defence.

Remember together we can make a difference!

Inspector GT Store - 786-2116

Simon's Town Community Police Forum



Inspector Simon and Volunteer Yvonne Brown with attentive audience

PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

After three meetings for the Murdoch Valley, Froggy Farm, and Seaford areas we are pleased to report that each meeting has been well attended and much discussion achieved between the SAPS and the Simon's Town residents. Much fun and laughter too, has been shared as well as serious intentions.

Highlights of our evenings have been the programmes for the anti-rapes courses being held by Inspector Rix and his staff. The audience very much appreciated Heidi Luyt's demonstration of how to put down very quickly and effectively any attacker. The questionnaires and literature available on drugs has also proved tremendously informative and enlightening.

The meetings also include a question and answer session which has proved most popular and also informative and it is highly encouraging to see the strengthening of good relations between the Police service and the public. Captain du Plessis and his officers have given their time and efforts to these meetings and we are pleased to see such

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positive results.

Refreshments before, during and after the meetings have also been enjoyed and I would like to personally thank all the ladies who have contributed so generously.

Just a reminder about our next few meetings: Meeting: 14 October Loro House, 12a 6:30pm Meeting: 22 October Phoenix Hall, Glenorchy Heights Meeting: 11 November Phoenix Hall, Glenorchy Heights (last meeting).

Heather Lundersledt (786 3505)
Public Relations - STCF

Whaling Exhibition

WALEMARK a Division of the
Cape Town Unity's Tourism
Department is mounting an
exhibition on whaling and marine
resources at the **SIMON'S TOWN
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Tide Table - October 2002

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	Day of Week Day of Month	High Water		Low Water		Sunset		Moonset	
		Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
1	Tue Oct	11:13	12.48	04:51	17.42	06:21	14.48	11:08	13.05
2	Wed Wed	12:02	—	05:05	18.40	06:23	15.45	08:35	14.12
3	Thu Thu	01:42	13.24	05:57	19.29	06:24	16.42	01:45	15.23
4	Fri Fri	01:32	14.51	07:09	20.27	06:25	17.39	05:19	16.35
5	Sat Sat	02:11	14.33	08:18	20.37	06:19	18.31	08:54	17.47
6	Sun Sun	02:58	13.19	09:57	21.28	05:16	19.22	05:29	18.30
7	Mon Mon	03:26	13.58	10:25	22.06	05:18	19.53	07:03	20.12
8	Tue Tue	04:17	13.51	10:15	22.99	05:14	19.53	07:56	21.25
9	Wed Wed	04:58	17.10	10:37	23.31	05:13	19.54	08:14	22.37
10	Thu Thu	05:41	17.55	11.41	—	05:11	19.55	09:02	23.46
11	Fri Fri	06:25	18.43	03:18	12.33	05:10	19.56	09:51	—
12	Sat Sat	07:23	19.53	01:16	13.44	04:09	18.57	10:45	04:51
13	Sun Sun	08:18	21.41	02:22	14.56	03:27	18.57	11:43	05:23
14	Mon Mon	10:32	23.33	04:23	17.27	03:59	18.52	12:43	06:37
15	Tue Tue	12:07	—	05:55	18.32	04:54	18.59	13:43	07:39
16	Wed Wed	05:32	19.53	12:46	19.43	04:52	18.59	14:42	08:34
17	Thu Thu	06:16	12.25	01:57	19.45	04:52	18.59	15:39	09:26
18	Fri Fri	01:46	13.58	01:41	20.10	04:51	18.59	16:35	09:54
19	Sat Sat	02:16	14.26	03:17	20.38	05:00	19.01	17:23	10:20
20	Sun Sun	02:43	14.23	04:47	21.21	05:53	19.02	18:55	09:45
21	Mon Mon	03:13	15.13	06:07	22.17	06:53	19.03	19:42	09:17
22	Tue Tue	03:37	15.45	07:22	23.34	05:52	19.04	20:16	09:55
23	Wed Wed	04:04	16.12	08:39	23.23	05:53	19.03	21:02	10:30
24	Thu Thu	04:32	16.40	10:27	22.51	05:54	19.06	22:13	07:41
25	Fri Fri	05:02	17.11	10:54	23.02	05:53	19.07	23:08	08:25
26	Sat Sat	05:36	17.37	11:32	—	05:52	19.08	—	09:04
27	Sun Sun	06:15	18.05	02:31	12.23	05:51	19.08	00:37	09:50
28	Mon Mon	07:16	19.52	03:55	13.65	05:50	19.09	01:03	10.54
29	Tue Tue	08:57	21.45	02:22	15.06	05:49	19.10	01:10	11.57
30	Wed Wed	10:46	23.16	04:00	17.72	05:48	19.11	02:14	13.04
31	Thu Thu	11:47	—	05:50	21.14	05:47	19.12	03:15	14.13

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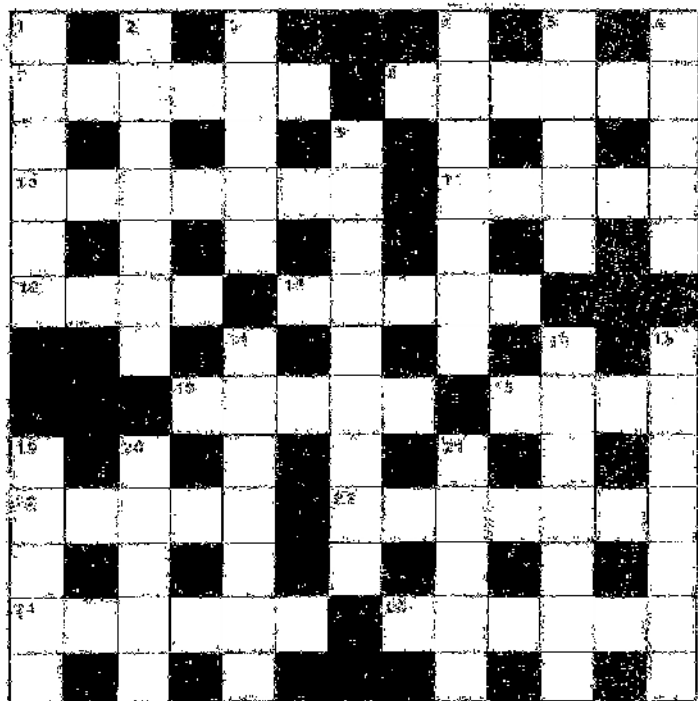
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Clues Across

- 2 Vegetable, very moist, gives a signal light (5)
- 3 A small US state, returning labour migrants a major export (Most of our exports) (5)
- 10 End to be an instant issue of the subliminal? (7)
- 11 The essence of a politician (5)
- 12 Has honours start of the track (That's a plot) (4)
- 13 Miss Harding in the Motherlode - all at once (5)
- 14 The trade-mark of an old resident (5)
- 15, 16 Stage ones could start in Fairy Day (10) See 14, 16
- 22 See 4
- 23 See 25
- 24, 25 Is this the date to catch a train running on a line, like 1977 (5,7)

Clues Down

- 1 An American girl in a foreign country (5)
- 2 Mother's quarrel with Lord November (5)
- 3 Sort of doctors found the words (5)
- 4, 20 Newspaper over autumn pages down Baker's Terrace (7,5)
- 5 Faces telephones (5)
- 6 Remains the better's yesterday's the grand old one caught in (5)
- 9 Joss' hotel - probably he got star (5)
- 14 Body of the indignation of the girl (7)
- 15 A half-cent a (10) (5)
- 17 It's very noisy if this mistake is dropped (7)
- 18 White a snail photograph becomes jelly (5)
- 20 When he ran off (10) (5)
- 21 What takes in 23, 24 might not be continue the (10) (5)

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Forthcoming Events October 2002

A Fascinating Adventure in Archeology, Science and Bible Prophecy. A fascinating Bible seminar series presented by popular speaker and scientist, Peter Dalbock, in stunning multi-media format. Venue: Paul Greyling Primary School Hall, off Sunray Rd, Fish Hoek Time: Weekdays at 7:30pm, Sundays at 4pm. The following fascinating topics will be covered in October: Tuesday 8 - "Revelation's bitter harvest" Thursday 10 - "A date with destiny" Sunday 13 - "666 and the mark of the beast" Tuesday 15 - "The wine of mystic Babylon" Thursday 17 - "Two beasts become friends" Sunday 20 - "The New World Order". Every evening Dr Ron Palse will present a 15 minute Health Slot which will include the following topics, amongst others: How to deal effectively with a Cold, Exercising for Life, Ten steps to a Healthy Weight, Arthritis, Foods that fight diseases, Osteoporosis. Call 782-2569 for more info.

Friends of Simon's Town Coastline: Talk on **Thursday 17 October at 7pm for 7:30pm** at the Simon's Town Museum. Prof. Geoff Brundrit of the Oceanography Dept at UCT will be speaking on 'Sustainability in the ocean after the Johannesburg Summit'. All welcome; entrance free; refreshments served for small donation. For more info call 786 1072. **Saturday 19 October 9:30am:** In pursuance of our project "Significant Trees of Simon's Town", we are having a guided walk led by Mr Peter Salter along the public areas of Simon's Town to identify some interesting indigenous and alien trees. Meet at Cole Point parking area in front of Albertyn's Cottage.

Pensioners Shopping Bus: To Pick 'n' Pay Longbeach Mall and Sun Valley. From Murdoch Valley (Ixia Crescent terminus) via Simon's Town and Fish Hoek / return. Next trip **Thursday 10 October**. For times and pick up points please phone 786-3137.

Full Symphony Orchestra Concert: The highly acclaimed UCT Symphony Orchestra will be presented by the Fish Hoek friends of Music for their final concert of the year. Conducted by Prof Jurgen Schwietering and his senior students, this outstanding orchestra will perform Haydn's lovely "London" symphony and Tchaikowsky's exciting 4th symphony as well as Bruch's "Kol Nidrei" and Bizet's "Carmen" Suite. **Please note the change of venue to Fish Hoek Senior High School on Friday 11 October at 8pm.** Tickets R25 (children R5) at AP Jones, Dog's Whiskers or the door. For more info call Carole 782-2282.

Museum Lecture Series: 16 October 5:30pm for 6pm "Genetics, Medicine and Mankind" New Knowledge and technology will have an immense impact in medical practice and upon many aspects of daily life. These issues will be reviewed in this illustrated, non-technical talk by Professor Peter Beighton, Emeritus Professor of Human Genetics at the Medical School, University of Cape Town. Your donation of R10 helps to raise funds for the Museum. A plate of eats would be greatly appreciated.

Sophea Gallery & Tibetan Teahouse new Spiritual Art Exhibition titled "Spring: Transformation, Rejuvenation & Rebirth" currently on. Gallery hours 7 days a week 10am-5pm 2 Harrington Rd Seaforth (opp the 7 Eleven). Call 786-1544.

Sophea Gallery & Tibetan Teahouse presents a new book launch "EVE-OLUTION" by author Marguerite van der Merwe on Friday 25 October 6pm. Please RSVP by 15 October if you wish to attend. Call 786-1544.

"Balletto": Ballet performance at the Masque Theatre from 24th to 26th October. To book call 788-1898.

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