



SAILING TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Partnering with
The Skipper Foundation

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does." – Nelson Mandela

DEAR VALUED POTENTIAL PARTNER,

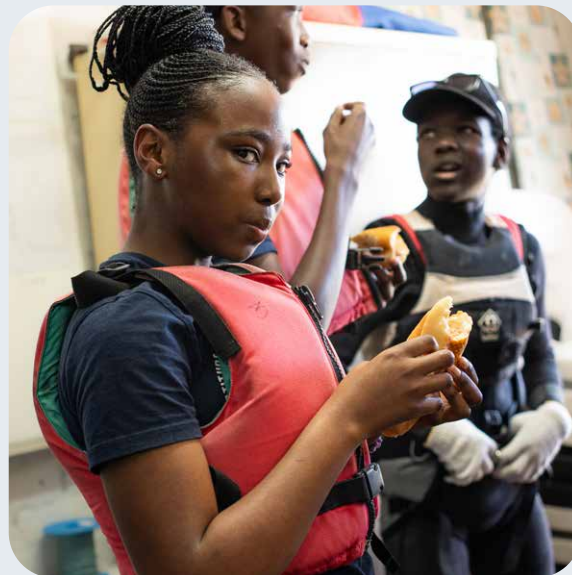
At The Skipper Foundation, we believe every child deserves the chance to dream, to grow, and to build a successful future. For two decades, we've been turning this belief into a powerful reality in Mossel Bay, South Africa, using the transformative power of sailing to uplift children from vulnerable communities. We invite you to join us on an exciting new journey as we expand our reach and deepen our impact, creating ripples of positive change that will last for generations.

We're deeply committed to making a difference, and we'd love to invite you to join our journey.

The Skipper Team



Many global studies have shown the huge impact water sports have on the development of young people from early school development to high school. Internationally water sports are an important part of school sports but in South Africa few children have this opportunity.



Our Story

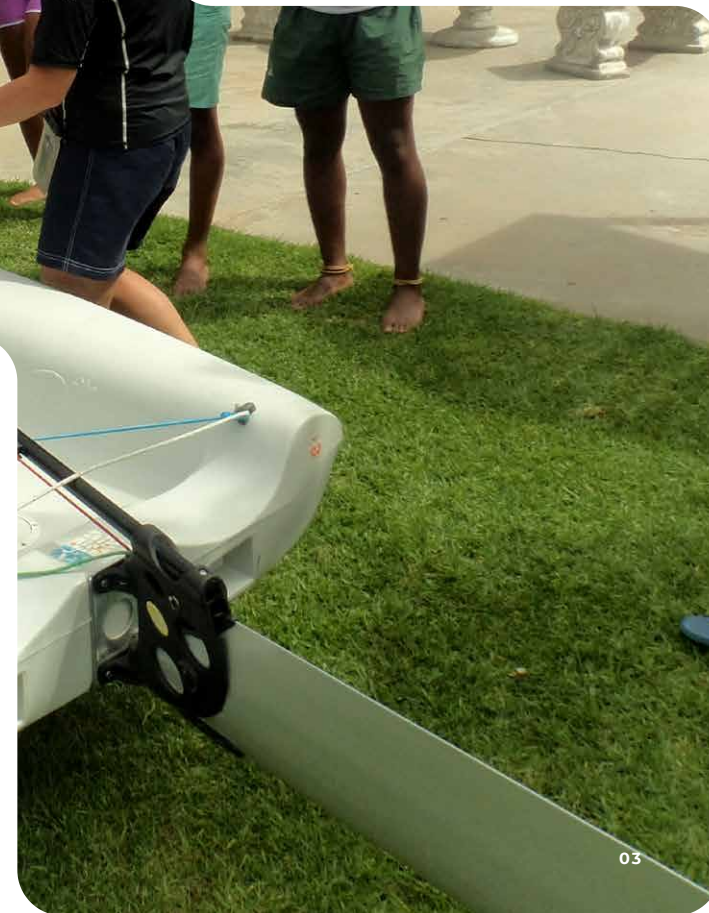
A LEGACY OF HOPE ON THE WATER

Born from a deep understanding of the challenges faced by youth in impoverished areas, The Skipper Foundation began its journey in 2005.

What started as a sailing school within the Mossel Bay Yacht Club evolved into a dedicated charitable organisation, officially registered as an NPC in 2016. Our mission is simple yet profound: to change lives through watersports and recreation.

We've seen over 5,000 children pass through our programs, learning not just to sail, but to navigate the complexities of life with discipline, respect, perseverance, and care for others. Our commitment goes beyond the water, fostering racial harmony, cultural understanding, and a belief in oneself, vital in communities often challenged by high unemployment and limited opportunities.

After facing challenges with premises, we are thrilled to have secured a new, larger facility in 2022. This marks a true tipping point for The Skipper Foundation. With expanded space and renewed energy, we are poised to dramatically increase our capacity and the profound impact we have on young lives.



OUR STORY

The Skipper Foundation is a registered NPC and PBO and all donations qualify for a Section 18A certificate meaning they are tax-deductible. The foundation is BBBEE registered and has a level 2 rating.

Our Guiding Stars

THE SKIPPER FOUNDATION TEAM

Our success is built on the unwavering dedication of our team. At the helm is Elfie Holden, our Director and CEO, who manages the core of our programs with structures developed over years of experience. Leading our technical procurement and training is Rob Holden, an internationally recognized water sport expert, two-time Olympic coach, and program developer who has trained coaches globally for over thirteen years.

Rob and Elfie are supported by our other Director, Letlhogonolo Sima, our dedicated and talented instructors Wisdom Bali, Waydon Goliath, Lisakhanya Nginingini, Lilitha Malusi and Oliver Holden as well as Axolele (Biza) Jonas our general helper & mentor and finally 'Oom Polla', Paul ten Boer our Treasurer.

Their combined expertise and passion are the driving force behind our effective and impactful initiatives.



Our Objectives

CHARTING A COURSE FOR GREATER IMPACT

Our overarching objective is to provide a safe, nurturing, and empowering environment where children from vulnerable communities can thrive. With our new facility, we aim to significantly expand our reach and the depth of our programs.

Key Objectives for Growth



Increase Capacity

To grow from accommodating 80 children per week to up to 200 students weekly, ensuring more children have access to our transformative programs.



Enhance Nutritional Support

To provide highly nutritious meals daily, improving concentration and overall well-being for children who often lack regular meals at home.



Develop Career Pathways

To further train our students to become certified watersports instructors and equip them with diverse marine industry skills, leading to local and international employment opportunities.



Strengthen Academic Support

To establish a consistent tutoring program with a dedicated tutor, providing crucial homework assistance and fostering academic success in overstretched school environments.



Acquire Essential Equipment

To procure new learn-to-sail boats, performance pathway boats, and safety boats, enhancing the quality of training and expanding opportunities for our students.



Promote Gender Equity

To overcome cultural barriers and significantly increase the retention of young girls in our program beyond early adolescence, empowering them with independence and self-belief.



For some of our students, the meal we provide is the only one they will get in a day. Feeding body and mind is vital for our success.

Our Four Pillars

BUILDING HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

Our programs are built upon four interconnected pillars, designed to provide comprehensive support and foster well-rounded, resilient individuals.



Learn to Sail & Water Sports

Our 'Learn to Sail' program introduces children to dinghy sailing, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding, while also instilling basic ethics and respect.



Performance Sailing

For those who show commitment and talent, we offer a pathway into performance sailing, focusing on athletic ability, attitude, teamwork, punctuality, and discipline.



Feeding the Body and the Mind

We provide meals before and after sailing sessions to ensure they have the energy and focus to learn and participate, and aim to provide consistent homework assistance to help them improve their grades.



Equipping for the Future

Through watersports, we teach invaluable life skills and offer certifications and licenses in areas like SA Sailing instruction, powerboat operation, and first aid, opening doors to careers in the marine industry.





Learn to Sail & Water Sports

The Foundation of Empowerment.

Sailing is more than just a sport; it's a powerful vehicle for development. It has been proven to enhance brain function, physical literacy, confidence, and independence. Our "Learn to Sail" program introduces children to dinghy sailing, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding, while also instilling basic ethics and respect. We also run a "pay-to-learn" program for more affluent individuals, which directly helps fund our charitable initiatives. This hands-on experience on the water is often the first step in a child's journey of self-discovery and growth.



Performance Sailing

Nurturing Talent and Ambition.

For those who show commitment and talent, we offer a pathway into performance sailing. We focus not only on athletic ability but also heavily weigh attitude, teamwork, punctuality, and discipline. Sailors progress from Saturday racing to district, regional, and national and international competitions. Our long-term vision includes establishing Mossel Bay as a high-level training and regatta center for Africa, creating even more opportunities for young athletes to represent South Africa internationally.



Feeding the Body and the Mind

Nurturing Potential.

Many of the children in our program come from homes where regular, nutritious meals are a luxury. We provide meals before and after sailing sessions to ensure they have the energy and focus to learn and participate. We also understand the academic challenges faced by children in overstretched schools. Our aim is to provide consistent homework assistance, helping them improve their grades and build a stronger foundation for their future. We insist on school attendance, and if a child misses school, they engage in shore-based tasks at the foundation, reinforcing the importance of education.



Equipping for the Future

Building Sustainable Lives.

With South Africa's high unemployment rate, especially among youth, we are dedicated to providing tangible skills that lead to employment. Through watersports, we teach invaluable life skills, from using power tools to budgeting, and offer certifications and licenses in areas like SA Sailing instruction, powerboat operation, and first aid. We are also working towards acquiring a yacht to run skippers' tickets and facilitate conversions to commercial licenses, opening doors to careers in resorts, superyachts, and the broader marine industry. We actively teach marine conservation and sustainability, ensuring our students become responsible stewards of the environment.

*Opportunities to
Make a Difference*

YOUR INVESTMENT IN A CHILD'S FUTURE

Your partnership is crucial
as we stand at this pivotal
moment of growth.

Most of our team operates on a volunteer basis, and our basic running costs are largely funded by the commercial activities we run on the slipway. You can therefore be sure that 100% of the funds you donate will be used directly for the benefit of the project you donate to.

Any contribution, whether a one-time gift or a recurring donation, allows us the flexibility to direct funds where they are most needed to sustain and grow our programs.

However, we also offer several tangible ways for you to contribute to The Skipper Foundation's vital work through specific projects. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, we will gladly provide more details on exactly how your donation will be used.

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| 1. Sponsor a student | 3. Nutrition partner |
| 2. Learning partner | 4. Equipment partner |

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Sponsor a student (R2 000 per child/month)

This is a deeply personal way to make a direct impact. Your support covers the cost of a child's participation, including transport, food, and program activities. We can provide you with information on the specific child or children you sponsor, allowing you to follow their progress.

OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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Learning partner (from R10 000/month)

As a learning partner, you'll provide the backing for our students to get reliable academic support from a competent tutor. Another option is to sponsor our instructor training which empowers young people from the program to become certified watersports instructors, creating employment opportunities and further increasing our capacity.



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Nutrition partner
(R25 000/month)

As our nutrition partner you ensure that 40 students each receive two nutritious meals a day, fueling their bodies and minds.



OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

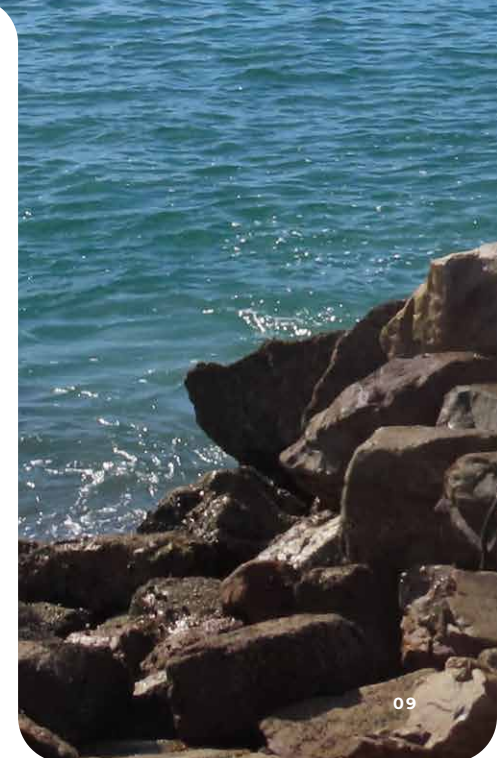


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Equipment Partner

Our equipment is costly and the more boats we have on the water, the more children we can help. As an equipment partner we can tailor a sponsorship package to include the supply or refurbishment of any number of different kinds of boats from the smaller Learn-to-Sail units to group training boats, safety boats, performance craft or (our long-term goal) a 36-foot training yacht. Beyond the boats, we're also in need of classroom equipment like desks and computers to allow us to expand our tutoring support.



Your Impact INVESTING IN A BRIGHTER SOUTH AFRICA

By partnering with The Skipper Foundation, you are not just donating; you are investing in the future of South Africa's youth.

So far, we've had over 5 000 children go through our programs. Many of them have found jobs here in Mossel Bay, either within the marine industry or beyond. Some have been accepted into universities for further study and others have followed career opportunities all over South Africa and further afield. But we're just getting started.

Please visit our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for some of our success stories.

*Your support
will directly
contribute to:*



Poverty Alleviation

Equipping young people with tangible skills and qualifications that lead to sustainable employment, breaking cycles of poverty.



Job Creation

Creating direct employment opportunities within the foundation for program graduates and opening doors to international careers in the marine industry.



Improved Education

Providing crucial academic support, leading to better school performance and increased opportunities for higher education or specialized training.



Healthier Communities

Promoting physical activity, good nutrition, and reducing negative social behaviours associated with boredom.



Environmental Stewardship

Instilling a deep respect for marine conservation and sustainability in the next generation.



Self-Confidence and Resilience

Building strong character traits like discipline, perseverance, and self-belief that are essential for success in all aspects of life.



Gender Equity

Actively working to empower young girls and help them overcome cultural barriers, fostering their independence and leadership potential.

JOIN US!

The Skipper Foundation has a strong foundation, a dedicated team, and a proven model for success. We are at a critical juncture, poised to make an even more significant impact on the lives of thousands more children. We invite you to join us as a valued partner in this inspiring journey.

Your expertise and generosity can help us unlock our full potential and create a lasting legacy of hope and opportunity.

Let's work together to help every child in Mossel Bay and beyond dream of success and provide them with the tools to achieve it.

Contact us today to discuss how your organisation can make a difference:

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