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## Durban sailing opens up for young women sailors



Girl power: the young women from Pinetown Girls High, and Gelofoe Hoerskool learn the ropes of sailing at the Durban harbour.

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Rotary Club International and Sail Africa youth development foundation has joined forces to introduce more than 50 school girls into the sport of sailing as a way transforming sailing in Durban. Sailing has been recommended as a vehicle to introduce youth into the broader spectrum of maritime industry careers, and Sail Africa has been the fore-runner and ambas-

sador for the development and transformation of sailing. This has been achieved through its partnership with the EThekwini Municipality's and the provincial Departments of Sport and Recreation.

"We want to introduce these learners into a sport that they might never had a chance to partake in. The sport is fantastic, and they are gaining a lot of skills and it is a good sport for developing decision making abilities," says Wendy Mayall of Rotary. The main aim is basically to give them exposure to the maritime industry as a whole so that they can branch out to any career of their interest in the maritime industry.

Learners spent a week, from 3 to 8 October 2016, learning about sailing and other included getting to know the Durban harbor; water safety; lifesaving in the water; and environmental cleanup. Learners also visited the Port Natal Maritime Museum.

Lakeisha Williams, a grade 10 learner from Pinetown Girls High, and Sarah Goldman, in grade 11 at Gelofoe Hoerskool, both expressed their excitement about the project. They both thanked Rotary Club International and Sail Africa for the opportunity which they described as a lifetime experience, saying they would like to explore sailing further.

Rotary Club International has been involved in a number of community projects with emphasis on education. Sail Africa has recently sent 2 Durban boys, Smangaliso Dlamini and Praise Baras to Spain for a sailing course and maritime career awareness programme. They left the country on the 1st October 2016.

### EMC Incubator Shines Through Strugglers Projects

Nokwanda Dlamini Director of Strugglers Projects, who's business is part of the Ethekewini Maritime Cluster Incubator programme, is a finalist in the Best Skills Contributor category of the The Women in Transport Awards. The awards are a collaborative platform dedicated to recognising women in rail, ports, harbours and

maritime industry in Africa. This year's awards celebration will be attended by senior-level executives, key decision-makers and suppliers, within the transport, rail and maritime industry. The 2016 categories are: Best Performing Institution in Transport; Best Head of Department Transport; Best Innovation Partnership in Service Delivery (project); Best

Port Operator or Terminal in Africa; and Best Skills Contributor. In the category of Best Head of Department in Transport, four of the seven finalists are from TNPA, specifically the Port of Durban.

The awards will take place at the Durban ICC on Tuesday 18, October 2016. Sindisiwe Chikunga, Deputy Minister of Transport, will deliver the keynote address.

## Message About Upcoming Events

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Women in Transport Awards| 18 October 2016 | Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre | for more info visit [www.womenintransport.co.za](http://www.womenintransport.co.za)

African Ports Evolution| Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre | 17—19 October | For more info visit [www.portsevolution.com](http://www.portsevolution.com)

Export Week| African Ports Evolution| Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre | 17th - 21st October 2016 | for more info visit

KZN Exporter of the year Awards 2016| Inkosi Albert International Convention Centre| 20 October 2016| for more info visit [www.Durbanchamber.co.za](http://www.Durbanchamber.co.za) | [www.tikzn.co.za](http://www.tikzn.co.za)

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