



# ICS South Africa Newsletter

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## Upcoming events

**12 September**

Committee Meeting

**19 September**

Prize-giving Lunch at Durban Country Club

**23 – 25 September**

Controlling Council Meeting in Vancouver

## Welcome to our first Newsletter

This is the first edition of the ICS Newsletter which we plan on sending out every quarter to try to keep everyone updated with some of the latest information.

You are very welcome to send suggestions, ideas and contributions to us for the next edition. Please contact Fiona at the ICS office ([Fiona@ics.za.org](mailto:Fiona@ics.za.org)) who will gladly include going forward.

We hope you find this information interesting and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards  
Natasha Vaughan FICS

## Great News from Nomcebe



We are very pleased to update you with the news from Nomcebe Sibisi. Nomcebe is a student of the ICS and has been accepted to study at the World Maritime University in Sweden. This is a 14 month Masters programme which starts shortly in which she will be studying towards a Masters in Science in Maritime Affairs and majoring in Law and Policy.

Nomcebe is currently a part time educator at New Forest High School teaching Maritime Economics to Grades 10, 11 and 12 students.

In addition to her ICS studies, Nomcebe has also completed her LLB (UKZN).

We wish her well on her travels and studies.

## Exam Results and Prize Winners...



We had a mixed bag of results this year and once again several students 'could not believe I have failed' but fortunately many were delighted that they passed.

This year 35 students attempted the Foundation Diploma and we achieved 17 passes – both subjects attempted in one exam year must be passed to obtain the Diploma.

Eighteen students attempted the Advanced Diploma and we unfortunately only had 4 students pass this qualification. The students that passed either one or the other subject may carry these forward to the PQE, which is good news.

**10 October**

Premier Drinks Evening  
at DLI Hall

**31 October**

ICS Luncheon at RNYC

**21 November**

ICS Luncheon at RNYC

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Education is the most  
powerful weapon which  
you can use to change the  
world

– Nelson Mandela

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Of the 30 students that sat the PQE, we obtained marginally better results than last year with 15 students passing some of their subjects and 6 passing all their subjects and are now eligible or election to membership.

We had a bumper crop of international prize winners this year – these students achieved the best results internationally and should be extremely proud as their hard work has paid off handsomely. They are Wesley Bowden, Serena Robson and Gillian Ward, who obtained distinctions for both her Advanced Diploma subjects.

The SA Branch will be hosting the annual prize giving lunch on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at the Durban Country Club and we are very pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be Olympic medallist Natalie du Toit. More information and invitations will be sent out shortly.

## Grantleigh Careers Evening



Amanda Harrison (MICS) and Mason Harrison of “D and A Shipping” attended the Grantleigh Careers Expo on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013, to present the students with a 30 minute presentation on choosing a career in the Maritime Industry. Attendance was at the request of Grantleigh High School.

Choosing a career is the next step after school and is often a daunting prospect for students. The intention of the Careers Expo is for students to broaden their horizons and consider career options in our industry.

The Careers Expo held annually is unique to the Zululand region, with more than 50 presenters visiting the school to discuss their respective field of expertise. Students gained an insight into post-Matric studies and the opportunity to investigate various careers options.

The careers evening was compulsory for the Grade 10 and 11 learners as these students are in most cases uncertain as to what careers are available.

The focus was to enlighten the students of what careers are available in the Maritime industry, followed by an overview of the ICS.

Information on the various courses available by the ICS and contact details were handed to all parents and students.

As in previous years, the responses from students and parents were very positive and the evening was deemed to be a great success.

## Congratulations to Joan!



Congratulations go to Joan Murphy, MUR Johannesburg, on a fantastic achievement. She has recently not only successfully completed an MBA in Shipping and Logistics from Middlesex University, UK but was awarded a distinction for her thesis thereby cementing an overall Cum Laude award and finishing in the top 4 overall.

This unique MBA in Shipping and Logistics is run by Lloyds Maritime Academy in association with Middlesex University. It is run over a two year period, is done solely by correspondence and includes a Business Transformation Project (dissertation or thesis). Successful completion of the Qualifying Examinations of the ICS provided Joan with the post graduate qualification required for admittance.

Commenting on the course, Joan felt that it was an invaluable qualification. “This MBA has changed my whole outlook on my career and the part I play within the industry. I highly recommend this MBA to anyone interested in promoting their careers, or simply rounding off their shipping education.”

The graduation ceremony was held at the Hendon Campus of the University of Middlesex on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Joan described the day as electric, exciting and the happy culmination of two and a half years of hard work and sacrifice.

Joan joined MUR in October 1996 as a Girl Friday and later became secretary to the then MD of MUR (the current CEO). In 2000, upon passing her ICS qualifying exams, Joan moved into the operations team and is today one of the senior operators with MUR Shipping RSA.