



The Directors of The National Sea Rescue Institute have pleasure in awarding the

ALRIC SIMPSON TROPHY 2024

to

V&A Waterfront

The Alric Simpson Floating Trophy is awarded annually to an organization which has rendered distinguished service to the NSRI. The Trophy was sponsored by the Late Mrs. Eleanor Simpson and her two sons, who wanted to donate an unusual award named in memory of her sea-loving husband Alric, resulting in the Alric Simpson knot board. This year, we award this Trophy to the V&A Waterfront.

In 1990, while digging through the archives, a photograph from circa 1898 depicting a wooden lifeboat on a slipway near Quay 4 was discovered. This photograph, presented to the V&A Waterfront's Design Review Committee, led to the decision: "We have found a place for the NSRI." The committee's visionary decision provided NSRI with a new home at the Port of Cape Town.

The V&A Waterfront generously offered the slipway near Quay 4, requiring NSRI to construct its own building. With rapid and substantial funding, including a notable donation from I&J Fishing Company, an all-glass Boat House was designed by the late Rob Meek of GAPP Architects. This state-of-the-art structure, featuring a Control Centre, Crew Lounge, and Galley within the adjacent Quay 4 restaurant's roof space, won an award for industrial design.

The V&A Waterfront's unwavering support extended beyond the initial construction. Listed among the portfolio of charities supported by the V&A Waterfront, the NSRI secured an affordable

lease, enabling sustained operations. This strategic partnership has significantly bolstered NSRI's mission to save lives on South African waters.

Additionally, the boat cradle for Rescue 3, "Spirit of Safmarine," built by the port mechanical workshop and sponsored by Portnet, retained the original mechanical and low-voltage winch from around 1910, powered by the old Dock Road Power Station, now the Timeout Food Market.

The V&A Waterfront's generous contributions and ongoing commitment exemplify the spirit of this accolade, making them a deserving recipient of the Alric Simpson Floating Trophy. Their support has had a lasting and profound impact on the safety and well-being of maritime communities.

It is for the V&A Waterfront's substantial contribution to saving lives on South African waters that we award them this year's Alric Simpson Trophy, with our particular thanks to the Staff and Management of the V&A Waterfront, who have played an integral role in ensuring that NSRI has a functional and innovative base of operations.

We owe the V&A Waterfront a great debt of gratitude for their role in ensuring that we have effective, fit-for-purpose facilities for our rescue bases around South Africa, allowing our volunteer Sea Rescue crews to operate efficiently and safely.

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Chairman: Board of Directors



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Date