



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

MARMION MARSH TROPHY 2023

to

Bruce Bodmer

Bruce joined NSRI in January 1984 at Station 8 Hout Bay where he quickly rose through the ranks to become a highly capable Class I Coxswain in January 2006. His dedication to the training and inherent safety of his and the Station's Crew was evident in the many seamanship courses he conducted and refined for the Station and NSRI in general, such as his contribution to Cox'n Training and Assessment of Station 8 Crew, which evolved into the current Coxswains assessment courses presented by the NSRI Training Department.

Bruce became an Honorary Life Member in 2009 and will receive his 40 year Long Service Award this year, 2024. He received the Directors Letter of Thanks in 1987 for the rescue of Yacht Skidaddle and its crew in a 7-hour operation in horrendous sea conditions. Bruce has been involved in multiple Rescue Operations over the years, gaining a reputation for being a seasoned, unflappable Coxswain, able to succeed in the worst of sea conditions, often achieving daring but well-planned rescues.

Bruce is a founding member of Station 29 Air Sea Rescue in 2003. After numerous discussions and presentations to the then National Operations and Technical Committee, Station 29 was formed in 2005. All the early SOPs and Training regimen were written and presented by Bruce, backed by an enthusiastic 22 Squadron SAAF.

Bruce went on to become an experienced Advanced Life Support paramedic, not only contributing to

Station 8's medical support capability but carrying these skills and training over to form and support a Volunteer Medical Response capability in the Community of Hout Bay, which continues in his footsteps today.

Bruce, a visionary and key advocate for technology at NSRI, helped implement the MIS system in 2009. As part of the Futures Committee, he simplified operations through various innovations. He also created the Station Commander Bulletin list for effective communication of operational documents and implemented digital checklists to enhance rescue asset preparedness.

Shortly after Covid, Bruce built a practical application to streamline the ability for Stations to capture and record fuel expenditure and associated credit card slips and data, which is instrumental in reducing administrative overhead and document losses. The value of this and other technology impacts he has implemented is a significant saving to the Institute and Station Commander workload.

In recognition of his exemplary leadership and unwavering support of NSRI, we are delighted this year to present Bruce with the Marmion Marsh Trophy, which is awarded annually to a person who has rendered distinguished service to the NSRI. We would be hard pressed to think of a more deserving candidate for our 2023 award.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Velloza'.

Jonathan Velloza
Chairman: Board of Directors



19 July 2024

Date