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WHISPER BOATS NEEDS YOUR HELP TO STAY AFLOAT

Over the past five years, Whisper Boats has made its mark both in South Africa and internationally. From humble beginning this innovative and exciting project has grown into a fully fledged full time training programme incorporating a remunerated work-based learning programme and an entry point into the boat building industry.

With the global economic downturn and national slowdown, the donations and grants we were expecting at the beginning of 2009 have not been forthcoming. **We urgently need your help to keep our skills training programme operational.** No matter how small, your contribution will make a difference in the lives of our deaf learners, giving them an opportunity they otherwise would not have.

As you will gather from this month's newsletter we have an exciting new concept in boating for the **2010 soccer world cup**, our green eco-friendly soccer ball boats. If you would like to become involved and brand your product this is a fantastic opportunity. **This is one way you can throw us a lifeline.** Through a substantial order for our soccer balls, we can ensure the continued life of our programme.

We are also **selling the Whisper 580 "Masakhane"**. This beautiful leisure craft has an inboard 28hp Vetus diesel engine and can be delivered anywhere in South Africa. Visit our website or give us a call on 087 805 9570. We also have a few rowing boats in stock that are also on sale. The classic chined 2.8 metre dinghy and our elegant dory style boats.

With your continued support and financial contributions we can keep our school going and continue to provide the deaf with an opportunity to become financially independent and skilled in boat building.

Please contact Vanessa if there is **ANY support** you can offer Whisper Boats. pr@wbba.co.za

2009 Learners

Seventeen deaf learners have been enrolled at the school in Khayelitsha this year. They are already well into their learning programme and progressing well. At an **annual cost of R35 000 per learner**, Whisper Boats needs your financial support to ensure that our school can continue to offer our deaf learners the opportunity of becoming skilled in the art of boat building.

SOLAR BOAT

Whisper Boats is currently producing the first solar powered boat in South Africa. Commissioned by a Dutch client, the 6 metre hull will accommodate a pod driven motor that will be mounted underneath the boat.



2010 SOCCER WORLD CUP

No limits to imagination

For the 2010 FIFA World Cup we have developed a very advanced and innovative way to promote your brand. The “**2010 Floating Soccer Balls**” consist of a half floating and closable soccer ball that can seat 6 to 8 people. The black areas of the balls are actually tinted windows allowing a view from inside while the balls are closed during rainy or chilly conditions. The white areas of the balls are intended for your branding. The boats are **powered by the latest German technology** development for electrical motors, Torqeedo outboard motors. The battery used for these motor will be charged by **solar energy** on a shore station, making these boats the most **eco-friendly** powered boats in South Africa. Additional features can include DVD players viewing promotional features, a beer tap, a wine cooler ... **your imagination is the limit to this exciting and exclusive opportunity**. Please contact Peter Jacops on 072 776 8508 for more information and visit our website at [Soccer balls](#)



WHISPER BOATS NOW THE AGENTS FOR INNOVATIVE "MARINNO" BOW THRUSTERS

An innovative Austrian company "MARINNO maritime innovations" offers the simple, powerful, unprecedented alternative for more safety and comfort: "EXTURN - the external bow and stern thruster." EXTURN features a very easy installation, no space requirements in the boat interior, optimal efficiency due to its ideal positioning, minimal noise emission, much longer runtime per hour, to name but a few advantages.

<http://www.marinno.com/e/index.html>



WHISPER BOAT SALE

The charming Whisper 240 and Whisper 280 rowing boats pictured here: top R9 000 and middle R10 200 (including rowlocks and oars)



DONATION FROM SMIT AMANDLA

Whisper Boats would like to thank Smith Amandla for the donation of R5000 towards our learning programme.

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