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SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY FESTIVAL 17 – 19 MARCH 2017

The South African Navy is tasked to defend and protect South Africa's coastal border and trade routes, conduct patrols and operations, execute humanitarian work as well as conduct hydrographic surveys. This requires state of the art equipment and highly specialised personnel who are devoted to serving our country. The SA Navy invites the people of South Africa to see what this entails and thereby, foster an understanding of an essential component of the Defence Force.

The Annual South African Navy Festival will once again take place from 17-19 March 2017 in the East Dockyard, Simon's Town in conjunction with Armscor. This event affords the public a rare opportunity to tour the naval ships and submarines as well as view multi- capability anti-piracy demonstrations of the marines and "get wet" on tug and patrol boat rides. In addition to the outdoor and indoor capability displays of a working harbour, the arena programme will provide live music and exciting military entertainment. Gates open from 10h00 to 18h00 and entrance is free of charge. The following highlights include:

- SA Navy Band public outdoor concert at the Selbourne Drydock on Thursday, 16 March at 1900. Entrance Free. (Inclement weather venue: Simon's Town High School)
- Development Community Street procession opposite Jubilee Square in St Georges Street, Simons Town on Saturday, 18 March at 0900.
- Night Shoot at Lower North Battery on Saturday, 19 March at 20:00.
- HMS CLYDE, British Patrol Vessel will be open for the public.

There will be plenty to see, do, eat and drink at the festival so bring the family and arm yourself with sun protection, comfortable walking shoes and spend the day celebrating the capabilities of our South African Navy – a navy for the people.

Regular updates will be posted on <http://www.navy.mil.za>

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