

# SIPHOSENKOSI MTHEMBU

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## Professional Summary

Passionate and aspiring maritime professional.

Have a good track record of academic performance, advanced research skills, and practical execution of work duties in the maritime sector, with excellence awards. Driven and enthusiastic, with a passion to advance further in maritime education and training. Accumulated over 10 years of relevant maritime experience underpinned by excellent customer service.

A young entrepreneur inspired by a "man in progress".

Forging new solutions that will contribute to the long-term goals of South Africa's Oceans Economy as a Maritime Center by 2030. Exploring the future of Offshore operations and ship ownership in the South African maritime sector; the South African coast has immense potential to become the Hub of Offshore operations due to its geographical advantage and abundance of natural resources.

## Experience

**OFFSHORE OPERATIONS SPECIALIST** | 12/2019 - 05/2023

**SAMSA, Center for Ships (Port of Ngqura) - Gqeberha**

- Vetting and managing vessels calling offshore for bunkering and miscellaneous services, including launch operations in Algoa Bay, South Africa
- Conducting research on the offshore bunker industry.
- Developing SOPs and managing systems for the offshore bunker industry in Algoa Bay
- Consulting and liaising with bunker stakeholders in Algoa Bay for improved offshore operations performance.

**CERTIFICATION OFFICER** | 02/2013 - 08/2018

**SAMSA, Head office - Pretoria**

- Issuing various certificates of competency, such as Skipper's licenses, GMDSS, VHF Radios, Seaman's book, and so on, in accordance with applicable national and international regulations.
- Verifications of CoCs.
- Client and stakeholder liaison.
- Inspect small boats and dangerous goods containers under supervision.

## Education

**World Maritime University (WMU) - Malmo, Sweden, Sweden | Master of Science (MSc)**

Maritime Affairs, Shipping Management and Logistics, 2019

- Advanced knowledge and comprehension of the fundamentals of the shipping and logistics industries, both operational and commercial. Advanced statistical concepts, such as economic modeling and market analysis, were learned. Possess empirical research skills in shipping and logistics, using real market data and statistical software such as E-Views. Knowledgeable in establishing and analyzing financial risk management strategies, as well as ship financing and investment appraisals.
- Dissertation in [Assessing ship ownership opportunities for South Africa based on competitive advantage.]

- During the MSc studies, our field visits included prominent shipping countries such as the United Kingdom (London), Denmark, Singapore, and Greece. Among the universities, companies, and organizations visited during the field study were CASS Business School, Baltic and International Maritime Council (BIMCO), International Maritime Organization (IMO), Baltic Exchange, Clarksons Platou, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, National University of Singapore, Singapore Maritime Port Authority (MPA Academy), the Port of Piraeus, Stena (Line, Ro-Ro and Bulk), Tsakos Energy Navigation Limited, Thenamaris Ships Management, Executive Ship Management, YCH Group Singapore, Eastport Maritime Pte Ltd, Gothenburg Chartering, BNP Paribas Bank of Singapore, American Hellenic Hull, and others. During these visits, I was able to learn about the cutting-edge systems that these organizations use as leaders of the global shipping industry.

### University of Kwa-Zulu Natal (UKZN) - Durban, South Africa | Post - Diploma of Higher Education

Maritime Studies , 2015

- Maritime commerce: majored in analysis of Sea Freight Markets and International Business Transactions in Shipping, with a balance of electives from a broad spread of modules in Shipping Law, Port Economics, and Customs and Excise.

### Durban University of Technology (DUT) - Durban, South Africa | Diploma of Higher Education

Maritime Studies, 2013

- Academic Achievement Award: Dean's merit, cum laude.
- Sea transport and maritime law.

### Sonyongwana High School - Ixopo, South Africa | National Senior Certificate (NSC)

Science , 2010

- Bachelors pass

## Certifications

- Small Vessel Surveyor certificate: SAMSA.
- Skippers Licence: Category C < 9 meters, Daylight, 15 nautical miles from shore, proceeding to sea.
- Short Range Radio Licence.
- United States Coast Guard Senior Leadership certificate.
- Customer service certificate.

## Skills Acquired

- Academic research.
- Data analysis: E-Views software et al.
- Shipping risk modeling.
- Shipping finance and investment appraisals.

## Accomplishments

- Among others, led a risk assessment study that resulted in the removal of restrictions, including the requirement for a standby tug on Capesize Bulk vessels and VLCCs above 90000 GRT in Algoa bay, and therefore the expansion of the Algoa bay offshore bunkering business.

## Languages

**Zulu & Xhosa:** First Language

**English:** C1  
  
 Advanced

## References

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