

## POWER BOAT CHAMPIONS ON SHOW

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**KOPPIES** – Young South African power boat champions who returned from Ternopol Lake in Ukraine last month will showcase their skills during a two-day festival pencilled for Parys Golf and Country Estate.

The showcase will start from 8 am on Saturday, October 27 until late in the evening as part of the 2012 Phakisa lifestyle festival which will be screened live on SABC starting Sunday at 7 am.

Activities on land will comprise art exhibition and auction, wine tasting, kids entertainment, VIP hospitality area, beer garden and food courts, helicopter flips for the public, aerobatics air show and Powerboat Festival.

Eight-time South African power boating Champion, David Basson Jnr, 16, who received his national (springbok) colours in 2009 and has represented South Africa since then, participated in the 2012 Power Boat World Championship in Ukraine in August this year and was 12th out of 305 boats.

Basson Jnr said Ukraine was an exciting and challenging experience for him.

“It was a nice experience for me and my team but the competition was very tough because our competitors were also good with their boats. But it was an exciting challenge all the same” said Basson Jnr.

His coach and father David Basson Senior said his son could have done better. “But we had to hire a boat because we could not take his boat over.”

Two other pilots who teamed up with Basson Jnr were Clinton Gericke, 14, and Seabelo Maseko, 11.

“Clinton came 19th out of the 305 boats he also received his National colours. Sabelo is the National Champion is Junior B class, he also received his National colours and he is the first black pilot to represent South Africa internationally,” said Basson.

Team South Africa received three awards for the international race and was Best overall Team, best Represented Team and Team which travelled the furthest.

“South Africa won the most well organized team. This was because of our crew included seven pilots from Ngwathe as observers. There were 64 countries which participated in this international event. The country which walked away with 1st place was Russia.

To my peers, don't tell yourself that you cannot do something for we can do anything through Jesus Christ who strengthens us, our God is able,” said Basson jnr.

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