

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

FIRST NAMES : Colin, Peter

SURNAME : Simpkins

IDENTITY NUMBER : 5804015084080

DATE OF BIRTH : 1 April 1958

SEX : Male

MARITAL STATUS : Married

NUMBER OF CHILDREN : Three.

DRIVER'S LICENCE : 08 & 02

NATIONALITY : South African

HOME LANGUAGE : English

OTHER LANGUAGES : Afrikaans (Speak, read and write)

CRIMINAL RECORD : Nil

HEALTH : Excellent

## **SCHOOL RECORD**

LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED : Port Shepstone High School

HIGHEST STANDARD PASSED : Matric (with exemption)

SUBJECTS PASSED : English, Afrikaans, Mathematics,  
Geography, Biology, Technical Drawing,

LEADERSHIP ROLES : School Prefect, House Athletics Captain,  
Rotary Youth Leadership Course, Drum  
Major – school cadet band.

## **TERTIARY EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY ATTENDED : University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg)

YEARS ATTENDED : 1984 – 1988

DEGREES OBTAINED : Bachelor of Commerce  
Bachelor of Commerce – Honours

MAJOR SUBJECTS : Purchasing Management, Advanced Business  
Administration, Corporate Strategy.

AWARDS AND PRIZES : Best All Round Sportsman – 1985  
Sportsman of the Year – 1986  
Full Blues (Canoeing) – 1986  
National Colours (Canoeing) – 1986, 1987,  
1988  
Performance of the year – 1988  
Sports Administrator of the Year – 1988

LEADERSHIP ROLES : Chairman of University Canoe Club – (1985 –  
1988)  
Member of the Sports Union Executive  
Committee (1985 – 1988)  
Chairman – S.A. Universities Canoeing – 1988

## **EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES**

PARTICIPATED IN : Surfing, Golf, Surf-Lifesaving, Ski Paddling,  
Wild Water Rafting, Canoeing.

QUALIFICATIONS : Surf Proficiency Award

Advanced Resuscitation Award  
Inshore Rescue Boat Drivers Certificate  
Certificate in Marine Safety and Ocean  
Life guarding (Huntington Beach, California  
1982)  
ICF Level 2 sprint coach  
ICF ITO for Sprint, Marathon and Ocean Racing

LEADERSHIP ROLES : Saints Lifesaving Captain (1978, 1979, 1980,  
1982)  
Saints Lifesaving Club – Senior Coach (1979,  
1980, 1982, 1983)  
Saints Lifesaving Club - Junior Coach (1979,  
1980, 1982, 1983)  
Saints Lifesaving Club Chairman (1983)  
Southern Natal Lifesaving Captain (1980, 1982)  
Lower South Coast Lifesaving Instructor (1983)  
Jaycee Port Shepstone – Vice President (1982)  
Natal Canoe Union – Chairman of Overseas  
Tour Committee (1987)  
Manager – Natal Team – Spain (1987)  
Convenor – University Triathlon (1985 – 1986)  
S.A. Wild Water/Slalom Chairman – 1993, 1994, 1995  
Manager S.A team, Pre-worlds and Worlds WW - Italy  
(1993, 1994)  
Manager S.A. WW Team for Test against the French  
1995  
Captain – S.A. Wild Water Rafting Team (1993, 1994,  
1995)  
S.A. Wild Water Selector (2002 – 2007)  
Dabulamanzi Canoe Club Chairman (2005, 2006, 2007)  
Scottburgh Canoe Club Chairman (2010 - 2021)  
KNCU Vice Chairman (2011/2012)  
KNCU Treasurer (2014 – 2017)  
Canoeing South Africa board member (2012 – 2013)  
Canoeing South Africa Secretary General (2014 –  
present)  
Member of the ICF Ocean Racing Committee 2014 –  
2021  
Chairman of the ICF Ocean Racing Committee 2021 -  
2024

## **MAJOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**

SURFING : Represented Southern Natal at the S.A. Surfing Championships  
Nahoon Reef East London (1974)

LIFESAVING : Southern Natal Iron Man Champion (1980, 1981, 1982, 1984)  
Southern Natal Senior Surf Board Champion (1980, 1981,

1982, 1984)  
Southern Natal Surf Swim Champion (1982, 1984)  
Southern Natal Victor Ludorum (1980, 1981, 1982, 1984)  
Natal Marathon Man Champion (1980, 1981)  
Scottburgh to Brighton Surf Board Champion (1980, 1981)  
Natal Double Ski Champions (1986)  
South African Double Ski Champions (1985)  
South African Single Ski Team Champions (1985)  
Selected to Represent S.A. in Lifeguard Exchange Programme  
U.S.A. (1982)  
Selected for the national lifesaving team  
South African Reel Alarm Champions (1988)  
Selected for S.A. Lifesaving Team (1985)

**SURF SKI :** 3<sup>rd</sup> Port Elizabeth to East London Ski Race (1987)  
Winner – Pirates/Umhlanga/Pirates Ski Race (1976, 1988,  
1996)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Scottburgh to Brighton Single Ski (1988)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Scottburgh to Brighton Double Ski (1989)

**CANOEING :** Guinness Book of Records – K2 Crossing of the English  
Channel (1986)  
Guinness Book of Records – K1 Crossing of Loch Ness (1987)  
Winner Umkomaas Marathon K2 (1986, 1988)  
Winner Tugela Marathon (1988, 1999)  
Natal Canoeist of the Year (1988)  
Winner Fish River Marathon K2 (1991)  
Winner Lowveld Croc Marathon K1 (1995)  
Represented S.A. at Pre-worlds and Worlds WW (1993, 1994)  
Silver Medal World Marathon Championships Veterans K2  
Stockton (2001)  
Winner Liffey Descent, Ireland (2001)  
Gold Medal World Marathon Championships Veterans K2  
Perth (2005)  
Silver Medal World Marathon Championships Sub Masters  
Brandenburg Germany (2016)  
Silver Medal World Marathon Championships Masters K2,  
Pitesti, Romania (2021)  
Bronze Medal World Marathon Championships Masters K2,  
Ponte De Lime, Portugal (2022)  
Gold Medal World Marathon Championships Masters K2,  
Vejen, Denmark (2023).

**GOLF :** Winner – Fancourt Amateur Open (1997)  
Current Handicap – 12

## OTHER EXTRAMURAL

ACHIEVEMENTS: Jaycee Port Shepstone - Best Impromptu Speaker (1981, 1983)  
Jayce Port Shepstone – Best Prepared Speaker (1983)  
Jaycee Natal – Best Impromptu Speaker (1981)

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY :

1977 - 1980	Constable – South African Police Force
1980 - 1981	Lifeguard and Shark Mesher – Borough of Uvongo
1981 - 1982	Travelled Abroad
1982 - 1983	Natal Electronics – Security System Salesman
1984 - 1988	Student – University of Natal
1989	Purchasing Research Analyst – Toyota S.A. Manufacturing.
1989 - 2008	Owner/Manager Canoe Concepts
2008 - 2010	Property Development. Simpkins and Associates. Scottburgh.
2011 - 2017	Estate Manager – Abrams Crest Residential Estate – Kelso.
2014 – 2021	Secretary General Canoeing South Africa

## ICF OCEAN RACING CHAIRMANSHIP

I competed in my first Ocean Race when I was 17 years old, in 1975.

Since then, Ocean Racing and Canoeing have occupied the majority of my life. Not only as a competitive sportsman, but as an administrator.

I began to serve the sport from a very young age, and have been on committees since then.

I have served on the ICF Ocean Racing Committee since 2014.

The discipline has fantastic potential, as it can be practiced almost anywhere, where there is a body of open water. It needs no facilities or courses.

There needs to be an increase in focus on safety, development and nurturing of relationships with the host of independent race organizers around the world.

I have been the chairman of the ICF Ocean Racing committee since the Rome congress. During this time, we have held successful world championships every year. In 2023 we had the highest number of participants at a World Championships, with just under 600 taking to the water in Perth, Australia.

This year, in Madeira, we held the World Championships with the highest number of nations participating. A record of 35 taking part.

We have hosted very successful TIP camps over the last two years in conjunction with the World Championships. This has been a first for our discipline.

Our discipline has secured bids for the world championships until 2028.

During my tenure, we have made significant changes to the ICF Ocean Racing rules, ensuring that the discipline does not lose its unique character.