

# MOZAMBICAN SELECTION OF KENDO IN THE 25th EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

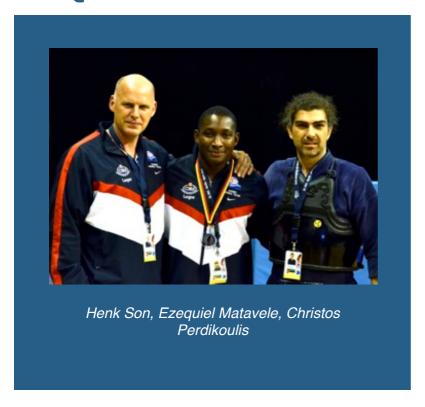
The AKIMO kendo team made up of Ezequiel Matavele, Henk Son, Christos Perdikoulis and Fassilis Perdikoulis, went to Berlin in Germany where it participated to the 25<sup>th</sup> European Kendo Championships 2013, from April 12 to April 24, 2013.

It was an incredible experience gathering athletes from 30 countries and a lot was learnt from it. Thanks to the intense training schedule of Sensei Suenaga at Clube Naval, we were able to give our best during this event. Although it was for Mozambique the first time it had been participating to an event of this size, Ezequiel Matavele was still able to win during the team competitions "the fighting spirit award", which is in Kendo one of the highest rewards.

With this competition experience gained and the new JICA Kendo volunteer arriving in Mozambique, AKIMO will now prepare itself even better for the next year championships.

We would like to thank Clube Naval, the Japanese Embassy, JICA for sending a kendo volunteer from Japan, without this we would not have had these results, and the company LOGOS who did the logos and signage for the tracksuits of the team.

## **EZEQUIEL MATAVELE - MEDALHA DE OURO**



"It was a great experience to participate in this European Kendo Championships in Berlin, winning the gold medal among 300 athletes in the category 'Fighting Spirit'Award'. It put a lot of pressure on the athlete, without addressing the fact that it was my first experience at this level, this victory shows that the Kendo level of our selection is very good and on track. I appreciate and thank for the support of my training partners at the Clube Naval, the JICA, and particularly our coach Sensei Suenanga and everyone that supported me! Muito Kanimambo!"

#### **VASCO DA GAMA REGATTA**







The Clube Naval de Maputo once again supported the 2013 Vasco da Gama Sailing Race which gathered much enthusiasm and the participation of South African sailors. The departure took place on May 2, 2013 in front of the Clube Naval.

It is a replica of the sections covered by the Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama in the early days of the Portuguese discoveries. The race Maputo-Durban (Mozambique-South Africa) has a distance of 300 nautical miles (about 560 kilometers).



The "Trophy Mahante" that usually takes place one day before the start of the race was unfortunately canceled due to lack of wind.

Note that "Mahante "means "shrimp" in the dialect of southern Mozambique and is in fact a typical dish of Maputo.

Check the pictures on: www.clubenaval.co.mz

#### **2013 GLOBAL ALLIANCE REGATTA**

The Clube Naval de Maputo once again participated in the technical organization and coordination of the Global Alliance Regatta, which occurred on April 20, 2013.

The race started in Bairro dos Pescadores in the city of Maputo, conglomerando hundreds of sailing vessels (dhow) that in their day-to-day are fundamental tools of subsistence fishing. The prizes are very attractive, that is why many fishermen participated, being 300, 000 Meticais for first place, 105, 000 Meticais for the second and 45,000 Meticais for the third position. On top of that a food basket is distributed to all participants.

After the awards, a ceremony took place at the premises of Global Alliance for a get-together to celebrate the event.

#### **RESULTS**

1° Position Matlava Boat 'Jesus'

2° Position Claúdio Cossa Boat 'Bubeche'

3° Position António Boat 'Maniquinha'





#### **INHACA FISHING CHALLENGE**

The championship «Inhaca Fishing Challenge» will start on May 6, 2013. This championship noticeable for its five rounds (consecutive days) and the capture of pelagic species without bill. Entries were open to members and other interested parties in the office of the Clube Naval de Maputo. But no team of the Clube Naval registered any participation.

Let us remember that the previous two championships were won by the team of the Clube Marítimo de Maputo, called "Number 1" and led by Captain Richard Martins.

### **JUDO: PAN-AFRICAN IN MAPUTO**





Pan-African Judo Games is a multi-sport event taking place every two years, exclusively for the athletes of the African continent.

Between April 18 and 31, 2013, Maputo hosted the 34th edition, at the Pavilion of the University Eduardo Mondlane. Our selection which represented the Clube Naval de Maputo won a bronze medal by the duo David David and Ivan Chaúque in the category of kata (demonstration), who managed to qualify in third place in the overall.

The only athlete who managed to win was Neil Mala (-66 kg), against a judoka from Cape Verde. However, he lost in subsequent fighting.

The overall winner of the event was Tunisia. South Africa qualified in fourth place in a race dominated by teams from the Maghreb region (Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria and Libya).

The 35 "African" will be held in Chad in 2015.

With this performance, Mozambique flagged ranking of 18th to 22nd place. The previous position was reached two years ago in Agadir, Morocco.