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Form: Circular with attached loop.

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Variations:	Size	Metal	Mass	Value
	75 mm	Bronze		\$90

Edge: Plain.

Obverse: Starboard and bow view of a submerged submarine. Legend above: "MARIA VAN RIEBEECK" and below: "NANTES 1970".

Reverse: Starboard and stern view of a sailing ship in Table Bay, Table Mountain beyond. Signed : "Georges /Guiraud" with small signature on the right rim. Legend above: "S.A. NAVY (left) S.A. VLOOT (left)" and below: "DUBIGEON NORMANDIE".

Notes: The SAS Maria van Riebeeck was a Daphné-class submarine of the South African Navy. It was the first of three such boats the SAN built in France at the Nantes shipyard of Dubigeon-Normandie. The medal commemorates the hand-over and commissioning of the boat.

The boat was named after the wife of Jan van Riebeeck, the first Dutch governor of the Cape. The ship shown on the reverse of the medal is the Drommedaris on which van Riebeeck and his wife sailed to the Cape in 1652.

In 1999 the boat was renamed SAS Spear and was scrapped on 2003.