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POMA Newsletter: February 2018

1) Personnel

Mr Peter Odell, the Port Owen Yacht Club representative, has resigned as director and will be replaced by Mr John Scudder. Mr Scudder was the alternate to Mr Odell and has attended all the Board meetings since his appointment. He is therefore completely up to date with POMA matters and will slot into the position seamlessly.

Mr Odell was a seasoned board member and his contributions will be missed. We thank him for his service and wish him well.

We want to congratulate Mr Scudder with his appointment and wish to welcome him on the Board as a director with full voting powers. I have no doubt that he will continue to make an excellent contribution.

2) Dredging

The current position regarding dredging is:

- 2.1) We are finalising the application for the amendment of our dredging permit (EA). The amendments are not regarded as substantive and are mainly targeting efficiency (longer working hours) and disposal of the spoils (transporting by river to the ocean).
- 2.2) A prerequisite for the above is clearing a pre-compliance finding (dumping of spoils on land in 2015). We believe that this will be resolved in the next two weeks.
- 2.3) We have extended the closing date for the dredging tenders to 28 February 2018, and will be opening the tender documents received soon. Dredging operations will depend on the approval of the amendments mentioned in 2.1 above. As soon as the above is known, we intend arranging a public meeting to inform all our members and clients as to the dredging programme for 2018. Clients must please attend this meeting, because in the event of our application being accepted, night-time dredging will take place.

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So please, be patient, you will be informed. Currently we are dealing with a bureaucracy and sometimes it feels like we are trying to run in quicksand!

3) Value Added Tax

You are all aware that VAT will be levied at 15% from 1 April 2018. Your fees will reflect this statutory increase effective April 2018.

4) POMA Strategy

A meeting, attended by the Board and twenty-two (22) clients, was held on the 20th of February 2018. Everybody made excellent contributions and a full report will be sent out in the next few days, detailing the subjects covered as well as the input received.

For clarity, the 22 clients attending the above meeting all responded to our invitation for clients to attend. Initially, we thought that we would accommodate 10 clients, but in the end decided to invite all those that responded.

Going forward, the Board will now formulate a proposal document which will have to be approved by the members and clients at the General Members meeting to be held on 21 April 2018.

The proposals referred to above, will form the basis of the assumptions used in the proposed Business Plan to be tabled at the above meeting.

5) General

- 5.1) The Marina Manager will commence with the numbering of jetties soon.
- 5.2) The river outside the Marina falls outside of POMA's jurisdiction. If you have a problem with yachts anchored in the river with permanent live-aboard sailors, please lodge a complaint with the Bergvriër Municipality.
- 5.3) We wish to thank all clients making regular payments. Without your contributions POMA cannot function. The "handed over for collection" list of clients refusing to pay because of either service related problems or fee related issues, has now reduced to six. We hope to settle the issue with the remaining few soon.

All our efforts are now directed at sorting out the dredging permit and the planning for "The Big Dredge". This must, and will, happen this year.

Be safe out there and enjoy the beautiful autumn weather.

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