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## POMA Newsletter: October 2018

### 1) Governance

- 1.1) A BIG THANK YOU to all the clients that have responded to our request to submit private jetty agreements and berthing agreements, as well as those who have adjusted their monthly payments to the 2018/19 level.
- 1.2) POMA is often criticised for not providing enough information regarding its operations and objectives. The board has decided to:
  - 1.2.1) Publish an information article in the Summer Edition of the West Coast Escape magazine. This publication is distributed widely and is currently on the shelves at bookstores and supermarkets. We attach a copy of the article to this newsletter for you to read at your leisure. Hard copies are available at the POMA Office if you need extras.
  - 1.2.2) We have distributed an information pack to all the local real estate agencies. This gives all the relevant information regarding jetty rights, jetty agreements, berthing agreements and relevant costs to prospective property buyers.

### 2) Dredging

- 2.1) We were forced by the Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning to suspend our dredging operations due to outstanding authorisations (permits), and the dredging vessel Santa Isabel left the Marina at high tide on 25 October 2018.
- 2.2) During 18 months of negotiations with DEA&DP to have the classification of spoils corrected, sorting out a pre-compliance issue relating to the disposal of the spoils on land and amending the original Environmental Authority, we were NEVER advised about the need for the additional permits now required. Ignorance of the law is not an excuse and we have to take it in the chin, however, this was a carefully planned, cynical, ambush. We are now aware of what and who we are dealing with and will act accordingly.
- 2.3) We are consulting widely and have started the application process to obtain the necessary permits. A Public Meeting will be held on 10 November 2018,

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where you will be updated on progress and where you can give input as to the way forward.

- 2.4) As advised in the Dredging News #3, there are individuals who believe that the Port Owen Marina Development should never have been allowed. These activists are responsible for the current state of affairs and will continue to put obstacles in our way. If the Port Owen Community is not united in reacting to this, there is a real risk of our properties losing its value and businesses suffering because of a steady dwindling of customers from the area. We shall invite the Velddrif Sakekamer (Chamber of Commerce) and all Real Estate Agencies to the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.5) Please note that we deem the stoppage as a suspension of dredging operations and not a cancellation. The agreement with the contractor is in place and can be re-activated at short notice. Rest assured that no stone is being left unturned in our efforts to remedy this unfortunate situation.
- 2.6) Thank you for the numerous e-mails, telephone calls as well as verbal wishes of encouragement and advice received. It really keeps us going.

### **3) Yacht Basin Development**

We have received formal mandates from all the Member organisations and the POMA Board will now use these in its deliberations.

### **4) POMA Policies**

- 4.1) Recent changes have been made to the wording of the Live-Aboard Policy, following a complaint by a POMA client. If you are interested and affected, please request a copy from Blommie Koen at [poma@telkomsa.net](mailto:poma@telkomsa.net). The Live-aboard Fee is now included as a separate item in the General Fees document.
- 4.2) There is a file with all the POMA policies at the office. This includes the Limits of Authority for all Directors and Officials. Any client can view and/or request copies of any/ all policies.

It is an objective of the POMA Board to formalise these policies, and most importantly, to use the policies in any decision-making process, to ensure predictable resolution of disputes/queries.

### **5) General**

This was not a pleasant newsletter to write. I hope the next one will have better news.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and be safe out there!

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