



Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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POMA Newsletter: March 2019

1) Governance

1.1) Communication with POMA

Since our last newsletter we have received complaints of clients having difficulty to communicate with the POMA Board.

The following is a guideline:

1.1.1) The POMA Board is made up of elected representatives of the following member organisations:

- Port Owen Yacht Club (POYC)
- Port Owen Waterway Association (POWA)
- Port Owen Property Owners Association (POPOA)
- Waterway Action Group (WAG)
- Admiral Island and Pelican Bay Home Owners Association (AI&PBHOA)
- Berg River Municipality (BRM)

1.1.2) Communication with the POMA Board regarding issues of policy, procedures and marina regulations should be channelled via the representatives. Currently the representatives are:

- POYC – John Scudder
- POWA – Derek Robinson
- POPOA – Fanie Joubert
- WAG – Briers van Rensburg
- AI&PBHOA – Jacky van Rensburg
- BRM – Sandra Crafford
- If you are not affiliated to any of the above, please contact Riaan Adendorff, the marina manager.

The POMA AGM is scheduled for 13 April 2019 and there may be a change in the representatives for the new term. Please watch out for the announcement in the April Newsletter.

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1.1.3) If you have a personal matter such as a problem with an agreement, etc, which you do not want to discuss with the marina manager, please contact the POMA Chairperson via the POMA e-mail address: poma@telkomsa.net .

1.1.4) If you are unhappy with the way you are represented by the above, you may collect 50 signatures, form a new grouping and apply for POMA membership. You can then have your own representative on the POMA Board.

2) Dredging

We are engaging with the relevant authorities and other parties in a process to break the current deadlock regarding permits. The process is sensitive and we request all interested and affected parties to bear with us, for the moment.

A special “Dredging News” will be published when the time is ripe.

3) Strategy

Our strategy meeting on 13 March 2019 was poorly attended, with only two clients pitching up to make a contribution.

We assume that the decisions taken and implemented last year has taken care of all the concerns, and the following was confirmed for the immediate future:

- 3.1) The BIG DREDGE is still the top priority and the Board is spending most of their attention on the issue of environmental authorisations.
- 3.2) The partnership with the Berg River Municipality which involves a new environmental authorisation to utilise our dredging spoils for repopulation of the river banks and marina embankments has started its work and will probably take 12 – 18 months to complete.
- 3.3) We are insisting that recognition be given in the Berg Estuarine Management Plan for the maintenance requirements of the Marina. We are working with Anchor Environmental as consultants in this regard. The DEA is currently preparing a final BEMP before taking it to a public participation process.

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- 3.4) The new Board will continue with making the professional POMA Management Team more independent from day-to-day Board engagement. This will allow the Board to play the oversight role it is intended to do and lighten the load on board members. An EXCO will be the go-between and the dredging will still be the responsibility of the Dredging Committee.
- 3.5) The development of the Yacht Basin is taking a back seat to the dredging priority at the moment. However, following the process last year, the Board has received written mandates to guide it in decision making once we are in a position to start with the planning.

4) Save the Date

- 4.1) **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, scheduled for 13 April @ 09h00 at the Riviera Hotel. This meeting is for the Members only, with invited guests.
- 4.2) **THE ANNUAL CLIENTS MEETING**, scheduled for 13 April @ 10h30 at the Riviera Hotel. This meeting is open to all POMA clients.

The agenda will be sent out timeously and it will be advertised in the Weslander as well as on the Notice Board at the entrance to Port Owen.

5) General

- 5.1) The Board has decided to launch an official website for POMA. We anticipate activation by end of March / early April 2019. We shall distribute a notice as soon as it is up and running.
- 5.2) See you on the 13th of April! We are looking forward to engage with our clients and marina users.

Enjoy the weather, water and be careful and safe out there!

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