



# Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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## POMA Newsletter: July 2019

### 1) Governance

1.1) A big THANK YOU to all the clients who responded to our request for annual payment options.

1.2) The project report on maintenance of the Public Open Spaces was received and the Board has decided to use a contractor for this function, going forward.

The Marina Manager is drafting the job specification and the agreement and will advertise the work in the Weslander in due course.

1.3) The contractual situation between POMA and Berg River Municipality has been reviewed after some discrepancies/shortcomings were pointed out to us. A new agreement was signed on 1 July 2019.

1.4) The long-awaited Berg River Municipality By-Laws, regulating boating on the River, have been published. Projected implementation is September 2019. We encourage all POMA clients to familiarise themselves with the new regulations. To download the document please click [here](#).

Please note that the Marina Rules and Regulations now also form part of the by-laws and will be enforced by the Municipal law enforcement personnel.

### 2) Dredging

2.1) The Marina Manager has received all the testing equipment and is busy with the commissioning of the POMA dredger. We shall start with dredging operations on Monday 5 August 2019.

### DIRECTORS

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## 2.2) What is the Plan?

- 2.2.1) Work will be started at the Western Entrance first and will then move to the Eastern Entrance and Loop.
- 2.2.2) We continue with the joint project with the Berg River Municipality to obtain authorisation for the use of dredging spoils as filler/covering material and to repair eroded river banks. This is a long-term project, needing a full EIA process.
- 2.2.3) We continue with our efforts to ensure that the Marina Maintenance Plan becomes an integrated part of the Berg Estuarine Management Plan. This is necessary for the formalisation of authorisation applications in future.

## 3) Maintenance

- 3.1) Electrical Systems on POMA jetties: Urgent maintenance work is required on the installations and power may be disrupted at short notice. The Marina Manager will communicate with berth holders at all times.
- 3.2) Embankment and Walkway maintenance is continuing as per our prioritisation listings.

## 4) General

- 4.1) The POMA Website is active. Please visit the site for all the information you need. If you have comment or a need for additional features, please engage with Blommie Koen at the POMA office.
- 4.2) POMA can now accept payment by debit/credit card at the Office.
- 4.3) For those brave winter sailors, please keep a good lookout for the dredge activities. Active dredging operations will take place on weekdays during daylight hours. Week-ends and public holidays will be unaffected by the dredging.

Winter is here. Please keep an eye on the weather and be extra careful and safe on the water.

**Abe Uys**