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POMA Newsletter: October 2019

1) Governance

1.1) Berg Estuarine Management Plan

- We reported in the September Newsletter that we were waiting for DEA&DP Biodiversity Directorate to convene a meeting with us to discuss the inclusion of the Port Owen Marina Maintenance Management Plan in the BEMP. They had indicated on 5 September that they needed legal advice before proceeding with a meeting. We are still waiting.
- Bergrivier Municipality By-Laws.

POMA has sold 75 boat licences to date.

1.2) Clients are reminded that CapeNature is the Responsible Management Authority in terms of the Berg Estuarine Management Plan and has to report performance against set objectives to the Berg River Advisory Forum. You are represented on the Forum by POMA and any complaints regarding the management of the Estuary must be reported to the POMA Office.

The Forum meets quarterly and the next meeting is scheduled for 7 November 2019.

2) Dredging

2.1) We started with dredging operations on 5 August 2019. This work is done in terms of our 2018 Amended Authorisation and is progressing at a steady pace. A bathymetric survey of the area that has been dredged has just been completed and it looks like the rest of the year will be spent working at the Western Entrance to ensure proper flow through the system.

- ##### 2.1.1) The Law-enforcement and Compliance department of the DEA: Oceans & Coastal paid us a visit on 10 October 2019. They wanted to check our authorisations (permits) and whether we were using the settling ponds. We gave them all the documentation they required and they were satisfied that the ponds have not been used.

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2.1.2) 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. We do however are finding it difficult to engage with the National Department: Oceans and Coastal, division. Despite requests from POMA and Bergrivier Municipality, we have had no response at all. The next move is theirs, after having sent the inspector.

3) Maintenance:

3.1) We are now busy with the final planned phases of the embankment and walkway maintenance work for this year. Only emergency work will be done during December, if necessary.

3.2) Work on the electrical reticulation on the jetties in the yacht basin is still being done and uninterrupted power supply cannot be promised.

3.3) The outsourcing of the maintenance of the public open spaces is in its final stages and a contract should be awarded before the end of the year.

4) Velddrif Mile Swim

This event is scheduled for the 2nd of November this year.

Please note that the slipway will be closed for launching/retrieving vessels from 07h00 to 10h30.

The fun swim will start at 08h00 and the two longer races will start at 08h30. All the swimmers should be home safely by 11h00.

5) Vandalism in the Yacht Basin

Vandalism of marina lights and now also of private vehicles parked in the public parking spaces is continuing. We ask clients to keep a constant lookout for groups of youths moving in the vicinity of the yacht basin, especially at night. Please report suspicious behaviour to the Marina Manager on 076 362 2991.

This behaviour needs to be stopped and we remind clients that we now have the full support of the Berg River Municipality and the new Municipal By-laws. Your help will be appreciated.

6) General

- 6.1) WE HAVE MOVED! Our **new** office is the old Admiral Island and Port Owen Estates office. This office offers us a clearer view of the slipway as we are not hidden behind Charlies Restaurant. The new office has a private meeting room and other basic facilities for the staff.
- 6.2) Clients are reminded to renew annual launching permits and new jetty/berth owners to collect their permits.

Summer means warmer weather and more time on the water. The south westerly winds are here, meaning good sailing conditions, but also something for the powerboat skippers to take into account when planning outings. Be wind-wise and be careful and safe out there!

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