



# Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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## POMA Newsletter: December 2019

### 1) GOVERNANCE

#### 1.1) Berg Estuarine Management Plan

- In response to our letter to the Office of the Premier, we have been invited to a meeting with a Senior Director of the DEA&DP, Mr Ayub Mohammed. The purpose of the meeting is to state and motivate our demand for inclusion of POMA's maintenance requirements in the Berg Estuarine Management Plan. As previously explained, the dredging requirements are ignored in the final draft of the plan. This meeting is scheduled for 19 December 2019 and a positive outcome is crucial for our future dealings with both DEA&DP and DEA: Oceans & Coastal.
- Mr Mohammed's portfolio includes Departmental Governance. We understand that there is serious internal disagreement in DEA&DP regarding the above issue. Something we do not understand, since the Law was promulgated in 2008, the current version of the Management Plan is the fourth and it is still in draft format. After 11 years the officials cannot agree on what should be in the Plan!

#### 1.2) Private Jetty Agreement

- Due to the changed legislative environment (Municipal By-Laws) and requests from clients, the agreement was reviewed and the Board approved the following changes:

- 1.2.1) Paragraph 3.6 will be changed to read: "The OWNER agrees that if he/she sells his/her property, the private jetty/ramp placed in the waterways in terms of this agreement, shall be removed from the waterways. The OWNER remains liable for the jetty fees payable until the jetty/ramp is removed from the waterways." The possible transfer/sale of the jetty is dealt with in Paragraph 3.7

### DIRECTORS

A J Uys (Chairman); D Robinson; S Joubert; S Crafford; J Scudder  
B Van Rensburg (Alt); G Breeze (Alt); J de Meillon (Alt); A G Fordyce (Alt)

1.2.2) Paragraph 6.1 will be changed to read: “The OWNER accepts that all craft moored at his/her jetty and using the waterways, are at all times subject to the applicable waterway regulations as contained in POMA’s Berthing and Waterway Regulations. These regulations are amended by POMA from time to time as per Appendix C and posted on the POMA notice board situated at POMA’s Office, Marina Centre, Port Owen.”

1.3) Cape Nature River Rangers

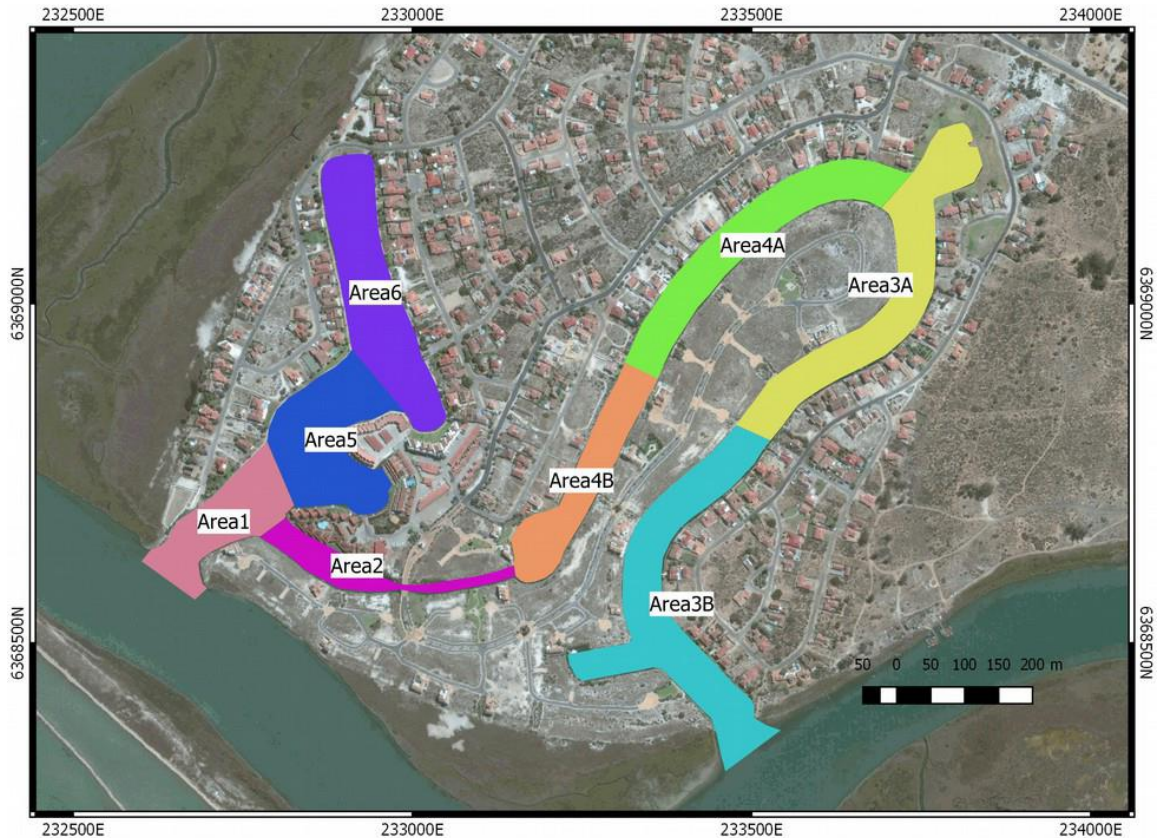
- We have been advised that the appointment of the new rangers has been delayed and we will not see the Rangers on the river in December 2019.

## 2) DREDGING

2.1) We were served with a Pre-Compliance Notice by the DEA: Oceans & Coastal law enforcement Directorate on 22 November 2019.

This notice contends that POMA needs a dumping permit for “dumping dredged material into the sea”, and gives POMA 14 days to submit representations to the Department as to why we should not be issued with a final notice, ordering POMA to stop dredging operations. We requested an extension and will be submitting representations by the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

2.2) Dredging operations for 2019 was suspended on 13 December 2019, to allow staff to take their annual leave. We are planning to resume dredging operations in the week of 6 January 2020. The work at the Western Entrance (Area 1) will continue for the most of the month of January 2020.



### PORT OWEN MARINA SURVEY AREAS

As soon as this is completed the dredger will move to Area 3(b).

- 2.3) See an operational feedback report on dredging operations for 2019 in the latest Dredging News to be published later this week.

### 3) MAINTENANCE

- 3.1) All the planned maintenance to embankments and walkways for 2019 was completed at the end of November 2019. Work will resume in January 2020.
- 3.2) The outsourcing of the maintenance of the public open spaces is in its final stages. A successful candidate has been identified and we are finalising an agreement for commencement in January 2020.
- 3.3) A comprehensive report on the state of the electricity reticulation in the yacht basin was received in November and WAG director Briers van Rensburg was requested to complete a full survey of needs as well as specifications per jetty/berth. An amount of R180 000,00 has been included in the 2020 budget for identified repair work.

#### 4) SECURITY IN THE MARINA

- 4.1) At the 11 December 2019 POMA Board Meeting, it was confirmed that general security is not part of the POMA job description. The Board believes that security is the responsibility of the South African Police Service and individual property owners. Cape Nature River Rangers are responsible for law enforcement on the water, in terms of the new Municipal By-Laws.
- 4.2) Due to the escalating crime rate and the seeming inability of private owners to organise themselves in a collective body for combatting theft in parts of the Marina, the POMA Board has decided to appoint a committee with the aim of putting a comprehensive security proposal or proposals for the whole Marina on the table at the February 2020 Strategy Meeting. Ultimately, we will table a proposal at the next POMA AGM in April 2020. Members and Clients will be required to vote for implementation and financial contributions will have to be mandatory.
- 4.3) Requests through POPOA for security lighting in the Eastern Basin of the Loop has been turned down. Clients with private jetties can install lighting on their jetties. This area, obviously, will also be covered in terms of 4.2 above.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and please be safe on the water!

**Abe Uys**