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Your Board is keeping a close watch on the developments regarding the Coronavirus Pandemic Disaster Regulations. As announced in the June Newsletter, the POMA office will re-open in August, meaning that Blommie Koen will return to the office on 3 August 2020. Very strict social distancing protocols will be followed, which means that you will not be able to enter the office. You will be served at the door.

The current regulations regarding recreational boating remain unchanged from those published in June 2020, meaning that except for the purpose of fishing, general recreational boating is not allowed. Clients are asked to be aware of this and to keep in mind that law enforcement may be applied by the authorities at any time.

We have started with our budgeted and emergency maintenance programmes effective 1 July 2020 and all the POMA staff have reported for duty. The work includes contracted out as well as work done by our own staff. The very welcome heavy rains of the last two weeks have resulted in quite a lot of attention to the public walkways around the yacht basin being required.

1) The latest Forecast for the 2020 financial year

This has not changed since our last communication in June 2020. Any change in the Disaster Regulations which will have an effect on our ability to work, will result in a review of the forecast.

2) The POMA fees for 2020 and 2021

- 2.1) Normal fees at 2019/20 levels will be payable from 1 August 2020.
- 2.2) The published fees for 2021 will become effective 1 January 2021. The official fee increase date for berthing, jetty and all other associated fees will therefore permanently move to January of each year.
- 2.3) The 7.5% discount for annual payment in advance on berthing and jetty fees only becomes available in January 2021. No discount is offered for advance payments up to December 2020.

DIRECTORS

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

3) Dredging

- 3.1) We have managed to have telephonic meetings with senior DEFF officials, working from their homes, during lockdown, and are finalising our permit applications for the Dumping and Discharge permits. We are aiming to submit the applications in the first week of August 2020. The first responses received from DEFF will determine our future course of action.
- 3.2) Since submitting our proposal for the wording to be used with regard to the dredging requirement in the Berg Estuarine Management Plan in January, we have had no response from DEA&DP on the matter. We shall follow this up at the Berg Estuary Advisory Forum meeting scheduled for 6 August 2020. This inclusion is vital for the adjudication of our permit applications discussed above.

4) Governance

POPOA has nominated Me Alicia Kubisch as alternate director to Mr Fanie Joubert until such time as an Annual General meeting and elections can be held.

The POMA AGM and Clients' meeting will be held as soon as practically possible. We shall co-ordinate the arrangement of this meeting with the Member Organisations to allow enough time for the election of POMA Directors.

5) Embankments and Walkways

Emergency repairs to the waterway embankments will be done at the Eastern Entrance and at Marina Point during August 2020. As soon as this has been completed, the scheduled work will continue.

Normal planned maintenance on the walkways will continue as per our published priority plan.

6) Maintenance of the Public Open Spaces

We wish to thank the clients who are going the extra mile with cleaning, maintenance and beautification of the open spaces adjoining their properties. Special mention and thanks to the following households for their contribution and positive spirit:

- 6.1) Eastern Basin Open Space Cleanup – Keith and Sarah Hopkins, Johan Bester and Mark and Alicia Kubisch.
- 6.2) Eastern Loop – CJ Mocke, the A Schultz Family Trust, Peet Bothma and Jolanda Romani.

- 6.3) Main Basin – The Wilson Family, James Dixon, Arnold Badenhorst, Dr Annandale, Dr Greeff and P Slemment.
- 6.4) Yacht Basin – Allan Watt, Willem Fourie, Phil Stanley, John Thompson, Mike Little, Rob Fonto, Bill O’Reilly, Lynne Woodburn, Rob Newman, Linda Epenetos, Russel Foster, Gideon Lamprecht, Ian Smith, Alan Reynolds, Michelle Stoos, Chadley Dolly, Le Roux Vlok, Conan Cole and F. Kennedy.

If the list is incomplete, please accept my apology and let me know, so that recognition can be given where it is due.

7) Boating Licence Agency

- 7.1) POMA has agreed to extend the agreement with Bergrivier Municipality, but has placed on record that disgruntled permit holders are unhappy with the lack of service delivery regarding law enforcement on the river, specifically the following:
 - The failure to employ and deploy the promised Rangers.
 - The failure to place information markers relating to the zonation of the river.
 - The failure to place navigation markers in the river.
 - The unabated illegal gillnetting in the river and Marina.
- 7.2) The Municipal Manager responded by reporting that three River Rangers have been employed by CapeNature and that these officers will report to work on 3 August 2020. After a short training period, we should see these officers on the river, enforcing the law.

8) Pollution in the Marina

During the recent storms one of the boats berthed in the Marina sank at its mooring and polluted the Main Basin area with diesel fuel. The Environmental Management Officer of BRM was notified and she alerted CapeNature, who sent an officer to investigate. This officer decided that there was no action necessary because the pollution was not excessive and had been sufficiently dispersed by wind and wave action.

Derek Robinson, Operations Director, has since purchased sufficient absorbent material and containment booms to effectively deal with any further fuel spillages anywhere in the Marina. Standard Operating Procedures are being developed and clients will be informed exactly what action will be taken and what the cost will be for clients responsible for future spillages.

9) General

Please be careful in the months ahead. The Coronavirus is going to be around, so heed the advice regarding hygiene and social distancing. We shall keep you informed regarding the latest developments affecting our operations and your ability to utilise the water.

Stay healthy!

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