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The very welcome relaxation of the State of Disaster regulations to LEVEL 2 is an indication that the Pandemic is losing steam and that we can look forward to a return to “normal” again. The POMA office is open 7 days a week from 08h00 to 17h00. Strict hygiene and social distancing protocols still applies.

The regulations regarding recreational boating under LEVEL 2 now allows unrestricted recreational boating. Please observe the regulations relating to group size, which remain unchanged from those published in June 2020.

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 became effective 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 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.

3) Dredging

- 3.1) The applications for the Dumping and Discharge permits have been finalised and will be submitted in the first week of September.
- 3.2) The publication for public comment of the Berg Estuarine Management Plan is imminent and we shall keep our clients informed as we progress.

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)

4) Governance

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 were 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

In thanking clients for helping to maintain the public open spaces, we omitted to mention the names of Marietjie Badenhorst and Zoe van den Vyfer. Our apologies, your contributions are appreciated.

7) Boating Licence Agency

7.1) The new boat permit fees have been published and is shown below. The permits are now for sale at the POMA office, the Riviera Hotel and the Kliphoek holiday resort.

BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY: BOAT PERMIT FEES 2020/21			
CATEGORY	UNIT OF MEASURE / CLARIFICATION	30 DAY PERMIT	ANNUAL PERMIT
SAMSA Regulation 37 Vessels	<i>Personal watercraft, power-driven not exceeding (<) 15 horsepower (hp), sailing vessels of less than (<) seven (7) meters in overall length, and rowing or paddling vessels.</i>	R 0	R 0
Commercial trawlers and local fishing vessels traveling in and out to sea only.	Vessels issued with fishing quotas or utilised by local residence for subsistence fishing traveling in and out to sea, as verified as local residence by the Municipality by means of Municipal account. Proof of address to be provided.	Once off R 30 for Transit Sticker	
Water craft, power-driven >15 horsepower	Jet-driven vessels, e.g. jet-ski's	R 125	R 750
Power boats and Sailing boats >7 meters (Two Engines: Where there are two engines of equal OR different sizes on a boat; the permit fee is applicable to the combined horse power.)	>15 - 100 hp	R 50	R 300
	>100 - 150 hp	R 75	R 450
	>150 - 200 hp	R 100	R 600
	>200 hp	R 125	R 750
Houseboats	Private and Commercial Houseboats	R 2,000	R 12,000
Sticker Replacement	Replacement if lost.	R 30	R 30

7.2) Two of the newly employed CapeNature River Rangers were introduced to the Public at the Berg Estuary Advisory Forum on 6 August. The third ranger is still to be employed.

After induction training has been completed, the rangers will start operating on the river. Their specific job descriptions will be presented to the public at the next BEAF meeting in November.

8) Pollution in the Marina

Any case of pollution must be reported to Angila Joubert, Management Officer for the Environment, at the Bergrivier Municipality. She will liaise with the CapeNature Rangers and other relevant government agencies.

Angila's Mobile number is: 082 783 7643

9) General

Please remain vigilant during the months ahead. The relaxation of the regulations should not induce a sense of complacency. The Coronavirus is going to be around for a while, so please heed the advice regarding hygiene and social distancing.

Stay healthy!

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