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The very welcome relaxation of the State of Disaster regulations to LEVEL 1 is a confirmation that the pandemic is considered to be under control. However, we are constantly reminded of a possible “second wave” and must remain vigilant. The POMA office is open 7 days a week from 08h00 to 17h00. Strict hygiene and social distancing protocols still applies.

Our Finance and Administrative Controller, Blommie Koen, has undergone surgery and is recovering at home. Temporary staff will be attending to clients at the office. We wish Blommie a speedy recovery.

1) The latest Forecast for the 2020 financial year

This has not changed since our last communication in August 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. Submission will follow the completion of a legal covering letter being prepared by Werksmans Attorneys.

The official application waiting period is 60 days, so we do not expect an answer or finalisation this year. A realistic starting date for dredging is only March/April 2021.

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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.

4) Save the date! Annual General Meeting and Client Meeting

The POMA AGM and Clients' meeting will be held on 14 November 2020. The venue will be at the Riviera Hotel and we should be able to accommodate all interested clients. Advertisements will be placed in the Weslander and it will be announced on the notice board at the entrance to Port Owen.

The 2021/2022/2023 Budget and Business Plans will be presented at the Client Meeting.

5) Embankments and Walkways

Planned maintenance was completed on the walkways and is continuing on the Embankments as per our priority listing.

6) Maintenance of the Public Open Spaces

This is continuing as per our agreement with the Bergrivier Municipality.

7) Boating Licence Agency

7.1) Scrutiny of the new boat licence fees revealed the following:

- The 30-day permit fees have been REDUCED by an average of 50%.
- The annual fees have been INCREASED by an average of 50%.
- Boat owners are encouraged to look at their specific horsepower categories. The increases in some cases are as high as 100%.
- Our suggestion is that you do not buy an annual permit as yet. If you do not require a permit for the full year, it may be beneficial to selectively buy the 30 day permit as required.
- POMA will engage with the BRM for clarity and will keep you posted.

7.2) Two of the newly employed CapeNature River Rangers were introduced to the public at the Berg Estuary Advisory Forum on 6 August 2020.

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.

We believe that training has commenced and that the third ranger will be reporting for duty during October 2020.

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 Corona virus is going to be around for a while, so please heed the advice regarding hygiene and social distancing.

Stay healthy!

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