

# Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC) Reg # 1999/010199/08

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# Newsletter: November 2020

We are still living in uncertain times as far as the Covid 19 Pandemic is concerned, especially with the likelihood of a "second wave" occurring in certain areas, but for the moment, it seems that we can expect a "normal" holiday season during December/January. POMA Management will be on duty and be able to help if needed. Any changes in the disaster regulations will be communicated immediately.

# 1) Governance

- 1.1) The following persons were elected at the respective Member Organisation AGM's to represent their respective organisations on the POMA Board for the 2021 term:
  - Admiral Island & Pelican Bay: No representatives elected.
  - POPOA: Abe Uys as Director with Fanie Joubert as Alternate.
  - POWA: Derek Robinson as Director and John de Meillon as Alternate.
  - POYC: John Scudder as Director and George Breeze as Alternate.
  - WAG: Briers van Rensburg as Director and Llewellyn Delport as Alternate.

Bergrivier Municipality will continue to be represented by Sandra Crafford.

We welcome Llewellyn Delport on The Board and wish him a rewarding exposure to the POMA workings and term ahead.

- 1.2) Immediately after the POMA AGM the new Board met and elected Abe Uys as Chairperson and Derek Robinson as Vice Chairperson for the 2021 term.
- 1.3) The new Board decided to continue with the use of an Executive Committee to manage the day-to-day affairs of the Company, reporting to the Board as instituted during March 2020. The EXCO members will be as follows:

-	Exco Chairperson	:	Derek Robinson
-	Exco Financial Director	:	John de Meillon
-	Marina Manager	:	Riaan Adendorff
-	Finance and Admin Controller	:	Blommie Koen

#### DIRECTORS

A J Uys (Chairman); D Robinson; S Crafford; J Scudder; B Van Rensburg S Joubert (Alt); G Breeze (Alt); J de Meillon (Alt); L Delport (Alt) The formal policy, spelling out the management model as adopted can be viewed on the POMA website, but basically the EXCO will meet monthly, whilst the full Board will meet quarterly. The first full Board meeting for the new Board is scheduled for 9 December 2020.

1.4) Due to the change in the effective date for the annual fee adjustment, the Board has decided that the date for the POMA AGM and Public Meeting will be moved to October of every year in future.

# 2) The POMA Budget and Business Plan for 2021/22/23

- 2.1) The 2021/22/23 Business Plan was presented at the Public Meeting held on 14 November 2020 at the Riviera Hotel. The meeting was attended by 25 interested and affected persons. The minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the POMA web site.
- 2.2) The 2021 fee schedule can be viewed on the POMA web site, and becomes effective 1 January 2021.

# 3) Dredging

3.1) We are budgeting to start with dredging operations in March 2021. Full information was given at the Client's meeting on 14 November 2020.

The applications for the Dumping and Discharge permits have been submitted and any development regarding this aspect will be published in the Dredging News, as and when it happens.

3.2) The publication for public comment of the Berg Estuarine Management Plan is awaited and we shall keep our clients informed as we progress.

#### 4) Embankments and Walkways

Planned maintenance on the walkways and embankments for 2020 has been completed.

# 5) Maintenance of the Public Open Spaces

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

# 6) Boating on the Berg River and in the Marina

- 6.1) CapeNature, as the Responsible Managing Agent in terms of the draft Berg Estuarine Management Plan, has reported that the training of the newly appointed Rangers will have been completed by end November 2020 and that the Rangers will assume their responsibilities on the river in December 2020.
- 6.2) Please note that skippers, before launching at the POMA slipway, are required to report at the office and fill in the required form. If you do launch outside office hours, then please report to the office upon your return.

# 7) Pollution in the Marina

Any form of pollution detected in the Marina or on the river is to be reported to the Environmental Management Officer of the Bergrivier Municipality, Angila Joubert. She will liaise further with CapeNature Rangers and other relevant government agencies.

Angila's Mobile number is: 082 783 7643

#### 8) General

Due to the very real possibility of a second wave of the pandemic, we urge you to please remain vigilant during the months ahead. The relaxation of the regulations should not induce a sense of complacency. Please heed the advice regarding hygiene, social distancing and the wearing of masks.

Stay healthy!

Abe Uys