



# Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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## Newsletter: January 2021

The West Coast District was declared a Covid 19 “Hotspot” since our last newsletter, so here we are – in Lockdown Level 3 (modified).

Leisure boating and swimming in the Marina is not allowed. Fishing with a permit is allowed, though, and I must say I have never seen as many kinds of vessels being used for fishing. From canoes, kayaks, amphibious WWII army jeeps and even the odd rowing scull!

We should be seasoned “Lockdowners” by now and we urge all our clients and interested readers to stick to the basics: Social distancing, wear your mask and wash/sanitise your hands regularly.

Our hearts go out to everyone that may have lost a loved one or who is caring for an ill person.

### 1) Governance

#### 1.1) Dumping of Garden Refuse on Private Open Spaces

Some members of the public seem to think that the POMA controlled “Private Open Spaces”, of which there are 20 spread throughout Port Owen, are convenient places to dump garden refuse and even building rubble.

If you see this happening in your neighbourhood, please take a photo or take down a vehicle number and report this to the Marina Manager.

In the cases where a positive ID is made, POMA aims to recover the cost of the removal of such dumping from the responsible person.

#### 1.2) Discount for the once-off annual payment of jetty/berthing fees

We wish to remind you that, in order to qualify for the 7.5% discount, payment must be made not later than 31 January 2021.

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## 2) Dredging

- 2.1) The applications for the Dumping and Discharge permits were submitted in October 2020 and the Department has issued reference numbers for both applications.

The Department responded to our applications on 22 December 2020, asking for some information. We have responded via our legal representatives and, in turn, asked for a formal meeting to address a number of issues raised by the Department.

Upon instruction from the Department, we are engaging in consultations with “other users of the estuary”, specifically the Bergrivier Municipality, the National Department of Public Works and Amawandle Fish Processors.

We shall keep you informed as this process unfolds.

- 2.2) The Provincial Department for the Environment and Development Planning has confirmed that the publication of the Berg Estuarine Management Plan, for public comment, is imminent, so hopefully we shall see an approved plan in the near future.

## 3) Embankments and Walkways

Planned maintenance on the walkways and embankments for 2021, as per our budgeted priority listings, has commenced.

If you are aware of areas that are in need of urgent attention, please alert the Marina Manager.

## 4) Maintenance of the Public Open Spaces

This is continuing as per our agreement with the Bergrivier Municipality. The Board has decided to continue with a revised maintenance contract in 2021, taking into account the lessons learnt during the first year of the contract.

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

Please ensure that you are aware of the latest regulations and if you do go on the water, be safe.

## 6) Pollution in the Marina

POMA has developed a Safe Operating Procedure for dealing with pollution in conjunction with the various Government Agencies.

One of the requirements of the SOP is to be able to seal off a complete section of the waterway if needed. Sufficient lengths of protective floating booms have been purchased and the Marina Manager and his personnel have been trained in the use thereof.

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

## 7) General

We are hoping to make significant progress this year as far as dredging is concerned because we believe that we have the right strategy and the support of the relevant organisations.

Please be careful out there. Be mindful of the health requirements and always be safe!

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