



Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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I am certain that everybody is well informed regarding the Covid situation and developments regarding the new “Omicron” variant.

Please practice social distancing and wearing of masks diligently. Infections are rising steadily but good human behaviour can contain the spread.

Being in the open and in fresh air is good for us and, fortunately, this we have in abundance in the Marina. Enjoy the holiday and festive season responsibly.

1.0 Governance

1.1) Appointment of a new Marina manager:

- We have appointed John Titterton with effect 15 November 2021 in the position.
- John is a seasoned yachtsman and brings a wealth of experience in management. We request that you give him your support and friendship while he settles in.
- John will report to Derek Robinson, the Chair of the POMA Exco.

1.2) The passing of Allan Dunlop:

- Allan Dunlop passed on last week. He was a Past Chairman of POMA up to 2015 and, as a volunteer, gave much of his time and energy towards the running of the marina operations and management as Board Chairman.
- The POMA Board herewith offers our condolences to the remaining family and thank Allan for his service to the Port Owen community over many years.

2.0 Fees for 2022

- The 2021 fees will be increased by 4.5%, effective 1 January 2022.
- The official schedule can be viewed on the POMA website.
- Clients wishing to pay an annual (discounted) fee, must please remember to make the payment no later than 31 January 2022.

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3.0 Dredging permit applications

Our consultants are running late with the completion of their report, but we have seen and have commented on their first draft, which we now expect to be finalised by middle December. It is a massive piece of work of high quality. We are only too aware of the fact that we have one shot, and we must make it count.

As promised previously, a detailed Dredging Report will be published as soon as we have received a response from DFFE.

Some of you living on Sheila Avenue may have seen the activity, but we have completed the clearing of silt from the settling dam at the Western Entrance. 1,800 metric tons of material was transported to the Vredenburg Municipal landfill site. This is material that was dredged from the Marina during the 2017 dredge season.

We aim to be making use of the dam when we start in 2022, and have to repair the sluice gate and sluice canal before dredging operations can commence.

4.0 Embankments, Walkways and Open Spaces

- The work on the walkways planned for 2021 has been completed and will only continue in the new year.
- The final works for 2021 on the embankments is being completed in the East Basin. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the construction but assure the owners adjacent to the site that the lawns will be repaired once the job is completed.

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5.0 Law Enforcement

The numbers for the Marine Rangers are as follows:

- Hotline – 067 412 9922
- Jan Pienaar – 082 415 2328
- Lauren Matthews – 084 879 0668
- Ryan Marinus – 082 624 5851

6.0 Fire Prevention

Please note that the Basic Standard Operating Procedure for Fire Prevention in the Marina is now available on the Poma website.

7.0 Reporting Dead Seals in the water/on the beach

Bergrivier Municipality has supplied the following contacts to deal with the above for December 2021/ January 2022:

- Louis Faroa – 083 800 3519
- Johannes Carolus – 083 876 2889
- Richard van Hooi – 074 282 5221

8.0 General:

Summer is here and we can, once again, enjoy the waterways and marina life in general. Please be safe, respect the other users and do not let Omicron in!

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