Dredging News # 1

Dear POMA Clients and Stakeholders,

Wednesday 10 October is a red-letter day for POMA. The dredging vessel will be in the Marina, ready to start with a project to dredge all the main channels of the waterways to the depth allowed by our dredging permit. The maximum allowed depth is 2,5 meters below mean sea level.

The contractor is required to do an initial sonar survey of the entire waterway to enable POMA personnel to monitor the performance of the dredging contractor by doing follow-up surveys after dredging has been completed.

POMA has concluded an agreement with Santa Isabel Marine to remove approximately 210 000 m^3 of sediment from the Marina over a maximum period of 21 Months.

The Santa Isabel is a relatively large vessel, with a length of 20 meters and beam of 6 meters.

What is the Plan?

The Marina has been divided into 8 Areas. A schematic layout is attached for easy reference.

The first section to be dredged will be Area 1. This will be used to fine – tune the sampling and disposal systems and to ensure free flow of water through the waterway system. As soon as we are satisfied that all systems are "GO", the vessel will move to the Eastern Entrance and start continue with dredging Area 3 (B).

How will this affect waterway users?

The work will be done on Weekdays (Monday to Friday) and we are limited to working during daylight hours only (06h00 – 20h00 max in summer).

Whilst working, the vessel is controlled and propelled by an anchor and winch system, which means that waterway users will be restricted in the Area which the vessel is working. Weekly publications will give detail of the anticipated area affected, but please also consult with the Marina Manager.

The Santa Isabel will be parked off over weekends and Public Holidays and boats will be allowed to move freely.

No dredging will be done from 15 December 2018 to 14 January 2019.

Any inconvenience is regretted, but we are certain that the effect, and the eventual result, will be what Marina users have been longing for, for years.

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