



Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

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With the finalisation and approval of the Dumping at Sea and Coastal Waters Discharge permits, POMA is entering a new era. An era in which we shall, finally, be able to perform all the work required by the 99 Year Notarial Lease between POMA and the Bergrivier Municipality.

Going forward, all dredging-related news will be dealt with through the medium of the Dredging News publication. This will be distributed to all the recipients of this newsletter, published on the POMA website, and will be posted on the notice board at the POMA office.

Governance

A well-attended AGM and General Meeting was held on 22 October 2022. ALL the Members were represented at the AGM and 31 individuals attended the General Meeting.

The Members could not confirm the Board of Directors for 2023 because POWA and WAG have not yet held their AGM's which means that their representatives on the POMA Board could not be elected. This will hopefully be finalised by the end of November and the Chair- and Vice Chairperson can then be elected by a full Board at the next Board meeting to be held on 7 December 2022. The elected directors nominated by Admiral Island, Bergrivier Municipality, Port Owen Property Owners Association, and the Port Owen Yacht Club were confirmed. The Members agreed that the current Board will continue its oversight until then.

At the General meeting the Budget and Business Plan for 2023/24/25 was presented and the fee increases for 2023 were confirmed to be 6% effective 1 January 2023. A full presentation of the dredge plan was given and all the questions from the floor were answered in detail.

The minutes of the AGM will be sent directly to the Members and the minutes of the General Meeting will be published on the POMA website.

On the issue of recognition of the POMA role in municipal infrastructure maintenance and control in the Municipal Integrated Development Plan will be dealt with at the next revision of the Plan by Councillor Johan Moolman.

The exact relationship between the Bergrivier Municipality and CapeNature regarding the Groot Berg Estuarine Management Plan (BEMP) has not been resolved. As I write this, the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the parties for the 2022/2023

DIRECTORS

A J Uys (Chairman); D Robinson; J Moolman; I Macintosh; B Van Rensburg; AT Focé
H Lambrechts (Alt); P Viljoen (Alt); J de Meillon (Alt); L Delport (Alt)

financial year have not been agreed and the document has not been signed. This is a real concern, but the parties are still talking, and the issue should be resolved soon.

The appointment of the Responsible Management Authority (RMA) for the Groot Berg Estuary now seems to be uncertain, we hope to be updated at the next meeting of the Berg Estuary Advisory Forum to be held on 3 November 2022.

Fees for 2023

The official schedule can be viewed on the POMA website (<https://poma.co.za/fees-2023/>).

The general increase applied is 6%, rounded off to avoid a decimal. The structure and application are unchanged from 2022.

Clients wishing to pay an annual fee in order to enjoy the 7.5% discount must please arrange for an invoice and make payment by end January 2023.

Embankments, Walkways and Open Spaces

The planned work, as per the budget, continues. In the case of emergency or urgent work required, please contact the Marina Manager.

Law Enforcement

- The number for the Marine Rangers has changed. Please use the new number:
 - Berg Estuary Standby - 084 387 0682
- The e-mail addresses for complaints regarding Air Quality in Port Owen:
 - Angila Joubert (BRM) – jouberta@bergmun.org.za
 - Amawandle Fish Processors – complaints@amawandlep.co.za

We urge clients to log complaints when necessary.

Fire Prevention

Please note that the Basic Standard Operating Procedure for Fire Prevention in the Marina is now available on the POMA website (www.poma.co.za).

General

I am looking forward to seeing our dredging plan coming to fruition. Derek Robinson, with his team consisting of the Dredging Committee, the Technical Dredge Panel, Dr Sue Tonin our ECO, and the Marina Manager with his staff will be responsible for executing this essential function. We wish them all the luck (the wisdom they already have!) to complete this essential project to restore our Marina and ensure that the value of our properties remains intact.

In the meantime, be careful out there!

Abe Uys