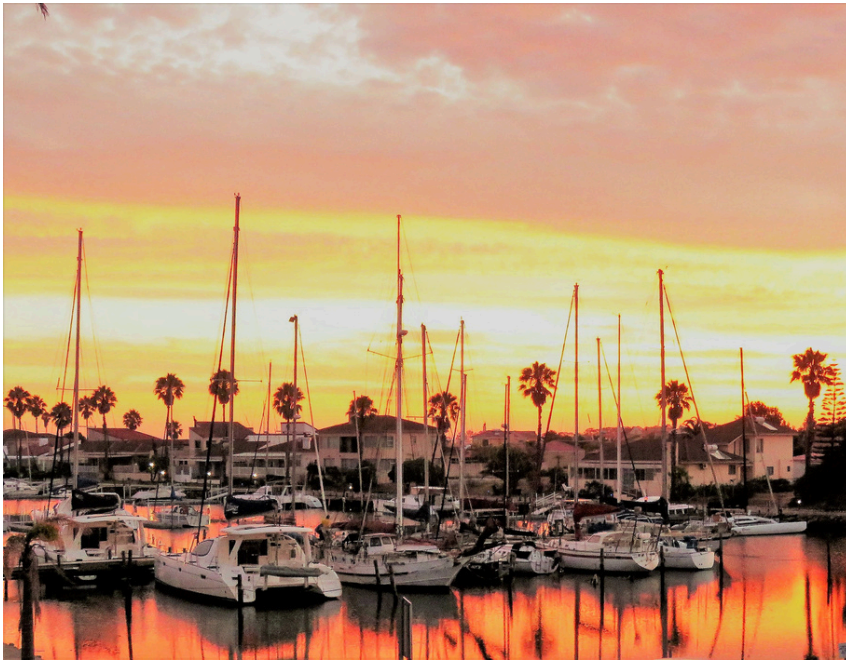




PORT OWEN MARINA AUTHORITY (NPC)

Newsletter

January - March 2025



Introduction

We're thrilled to share the first edition of our quarterly newsletter with you. This is a fresh start, and we're excited to keep you connected with all that's happening here at Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC). Whether you're a seasoned boater or a new member of our marina family, our goal is to provide you with the latest updates, exciting events, and valuable tips to ensure you make the most of your time on the water in 2025.

In this edition, you'll find insights into our upcoming plans for the year, updates on marina improvements, and seasonal recommendations to help you prepare for the months ahead. We are committed to making this year your best yet on the water!

General

Public Open Spaces

At POMA, we take great pride in maintaining our public open spaces, ensuring they remain clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone to enjoy. These areas, which are managed exclusively by our team, are carefully tended to with regular upkeep, including landscaping, cleaning, and safety checks. By handling all maintenance responsibilities ourselves, we ensure that these spaces meet the high standards our visitors expect. We ask that all visitors respect these spaces to help us keep them in top condition for everyone's benefit.

Customers and the public are kindly asked not to make any alterations or conduct maintenance on the public open spaces; instead, please contact the marina manager via phone or email for any concerns or requests.

Slipway Use

Before launching your boat at the slipway, all customers and visitors are required to report to the POMA office. This is to ensure that all necessary safety protocols are followed, provide you with any important updates, and assist with any questions you may have. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and smooth experience for everyone.

- POMA clients are issued with free launching permits.
- Annual permits for regular users are available at R1 544.00
- Visitors are charged a launching fee per launch/retrieve of R200.00

Walkways & Embankments

POMA management has established a prioritized list for walkway and embankment repairs, addressing the most urgent needs first. However, due to limited resources and funding, not all repairs can be completed immediately. As a result, users of the walkways around the marina are advised that they do so at their own risk, and caution is encouraged until repairs can be fully carried out.

Projects

Dredging News

Marina dredging projects are essential for maintaining safe navigation and environmental health in marina areas.

We are pleased to share the latest updates on the Marina Dredging Project. Here are the key milestones and progress made over the past few months:

January 2025:

Area 3B - Eastern Loop Channels

A total of 19 dredging sessions were conducted, amounting to 47 hours and 59 minutes. During this period, 6 545.4m³ of material was dredged.

February 2025:

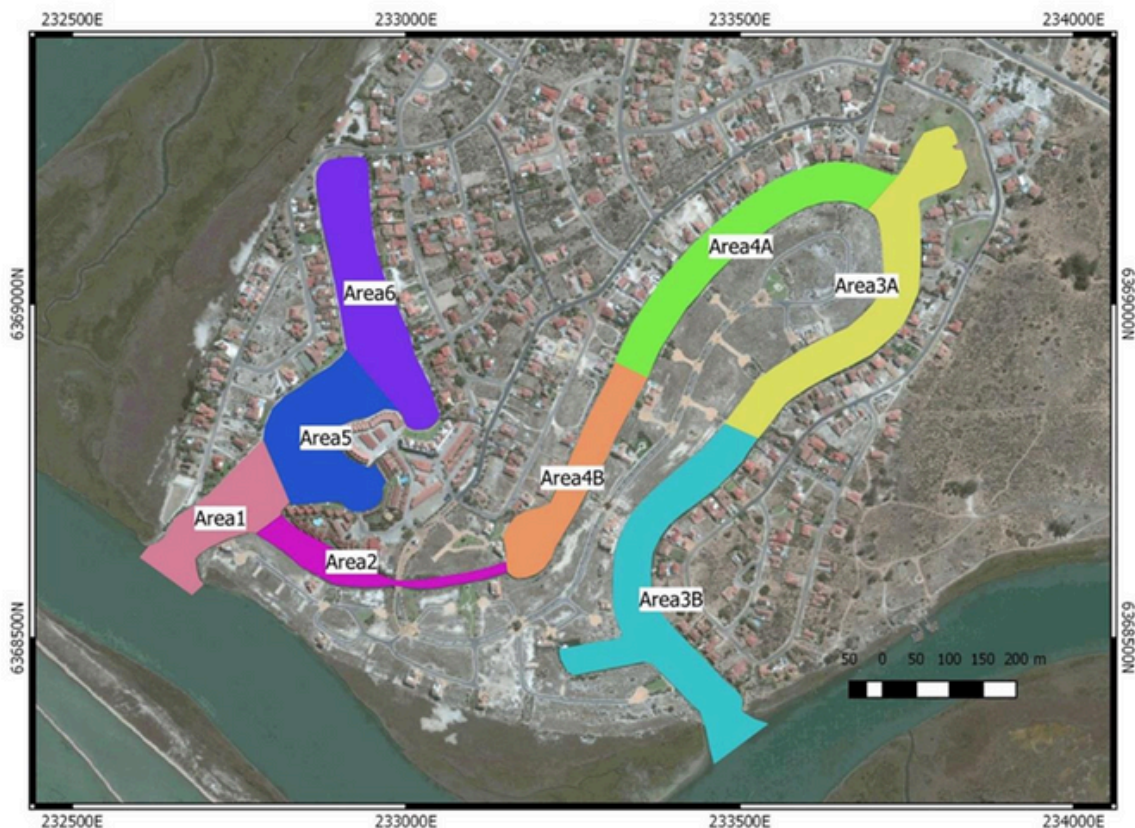
Area 3B - Eastern Loop Channels

A total of 20 dredging sessions were conducted, amounting to 45 hours and 26 minutes. During this period, 6 349.3m³ of material was dredged.

March 2025:

Area 3B - Eastern Loop Channels

A total of 17 dredging sessions were conducted, amounting to 39 hours and 17 minutes. During this period, 5 609.3 m³ of material was dredged.



PORT OWEN MARINA SURVEY AREAS

India Jetty

POMA is currently in the process of replacing the wooden India jetty with a Candock floating jetty. The wooden jetty has been serving its purpose for many years, but the environmental impact, maintenance costs, and overall longevity of the structure has prompted the need for an upgrade. The POMA board decided at their quarterly board meeting that a Candock floating jetty, which is an innovative and durable solution is the way to go forward. This decision is supported by the fact that all the floating docks in the main basin are all Candock.

Several factors contribute to the decision to replace the wooden jetty with a Candock floating jetty:

- **Maintenance Costs:** Wooden jetties require continuous maintenance to address rot, weathering, and damage from marine organisms. This leads to ongoing costs and operational downtime. Candock floating jetties, being made of plastic, are resistant to rot and marine pests, thus reducing the need for frequent maintenance.
- **Environmental Impact:** The replacement of a wooden jetty helps to minimize the environmental impact of wood harvesting and disposal. Candock floating jetties are constructed from recyclable materials, contributing to more sustainable practices and minimizing ecological disruption.
- **Safety and Durability:** Wooden jetties can degrade over time, posing safety risks due to splinters, structural failures, and instability. Candock floating jetties are designed for greater stability and durability, providing a safer environment for users.
- **Adaptability and Expansion:** The modular nature of the Candock floating jetty allows for easy reconfiguration, expansion, or relocation without significant disruptions. This makes it a more versatile solution compared to traditional wooden jetties.
- A floating jetty allows easy access to all vessels at all times.

The replacement of the wooden jetty with the Candock floating jetty involves several steps:

- **Site Assessment:** A thorough assessment of the current wooden jetty's condition, the surrounding environment, and the requirements of the new jetty was carried out by Derek Robinson with 2 represented agents from DockPro.
- **Design and Planning:** Based on the site conditions, a customized design of the Candock floating jetty was created, taking into account factors such as water depth, tidal changes, and anticipated usage.
- **Decommissioning of the Wooden Jetty:** The old wooden jetty will be safely dismantled and removed from the site, following environmental regulations regarding disposal.
- **Construction and Assembly:** The Candock floating jetty will be delivered in modular components and assembled on-site by POMA staff. The installation process will be quick and efficient, minimizing disruption to the area.
- **Final Inspections and Testing:** Once the jetty is in place, thorough inspections and stability tests will be conducted to ensure it meets safety and design specifications.

Complaints / Concern contact person / organisation

Pollution incidents	Angila Joubert Environmental Planning Management Officer JoubertA@Bergmun.org.za
Compliance and environmental matters related to the Berg River Estuary	All complaints relating to contraventions to Environmental legislation relating to the Estuary, such as salt marsh trampling, speeding vessels, use of jet ski's outside permitted areas, entry of motorised vessels in prohibited areas (De Plaat) etc. be reported to the Cape Nature Berg River Estuary Hotline Number: 079 291 1440
All illegal net fishing or fishing to be reported to DFFE:	Matthew Mahola: Laaiplek mmahola@dffe.gov.za 082 783 0292
Any matters relating to the Cape Nature Marine Rangers	Terence Coller (Manager: Marine Rangers) tcoller@capenature.co.za Callum Beattie (Manager: Landscape : Berg/Cederberg) cbeattie@capenature.co.za
Odour nuisance from fish factories	Send complaints directly to the West Coast District Municipal office in the form of an email, as soon as a bad odour is detected. The email addresses are: cgbein@wcdm.co.za & cjminnaar@wcdm.co.za

Conclusion

Thank you for being part of our community, and we look forward to an incredible year together. Here's to smooth sailing and new adventures in 2025!

Stay Safe & Sail Smooth!
The Marina Management Team

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