



Port Owen Marina Authority (NPC)

Reg # 1999/010199/08

Post Net Suite 2 Private Bag X1 Vredenburg 7380 · Tel 022 783 0943 ·
Fax 0865462112

E-mail: poma@poma.co.za

Port Owen Marina Authority Newsletter

October 2025 Edition

From the Desk of Marina Management

Dear Marina Community,

We're pleased to share the latest operational updates and infrastructure developments taking place across Port Owen Marina. These initiatives reflect our ongoing commitment to safety, sustainability, and service excellence for all berth holders, visitors, and stakeholders.

Settling Dam Maintenance

As part of our broader dredging operations, the settling dam has reached full capacity during February 2024 and has undergone a comprehensive clearing process. Originally designed to capture dredging material larger than 0.5mm, the dam was temporarily repurposed during 2023 and 2024 to support increased dredging production. While this strategy helped accelerate channel deepening, it also led to rapid sediment accumulation—reaching full capacity within just 4 to 5 months of use.

The removal of this excess material has proven to be both logistically complex and financially demanding. Considering these challenges, POMA will no longer use the settling dam for general production support. Going forward, the dam will be reserved strictly for its intended purpose: capturing coarse dredging material exceeding 0.5mm in size.

This policy shift ensures more sustainable sediment management and aligns with our long-term operational and environmental goals.

India Jetty Upgrade: A New Era of Floating Infrastructure

We're proud to announce the successful completion of the India Jetty upgrade—an exciting milestone in our ongoing commitment to modernize Port Owen Marina's infrastructure. The aging wooden jetty, which had served the marina faithfully for decades, has now been replaced with a state-of-the-art Candock modular floating system.

The transition from timber to Candock reflects POMA's strategic focus on sustainability, user experience, and long-term asset performance. We extend our thanks to all berth holders and contractors who supported this upgrade and accommodated temporary disruptions during installation.

This is just one of many steps we're taking to ensure Port Owen Marina remains a premier destination.

Directors

D Robinson (Chairman); JC Latter; J Moolman; R de Bruyn; J Joubert
J de Meillon (Alt); J Hampton (Alt); G van Rensburg (Alt)

Dredging Operations & Permit Compliance

POMA and its dredging team continues dredging activities in Area 3B, where a 12-meter-wide channel is currently being deepened to improve navigability and water flow. This targeted operation is part of our long-term infrastructure strategy to maintain safe and efficient access throughout the marina.

As we enter the designated non-dredging period outlined in our environmental permit—spanning September, October, and November—POMA has shifted focus to annual dredging maintenance. This includes sediment profiling, equipment calibration, and a series of hydrographic surveys to support our application for a compliance certificate. These surveys are essential to verify that all dredging activities meet regulatory standards and environmental benchmarks.

In parallel, POMA is working closely with environmental consultants to prepare for the renewal of our dredging permits. This collaborative effort ensures that future operations remain compliant, sustainable, and aligned with evolving regulatory frameworks.

We appreciate the community's continued support and cooperation as we uphold our commitment to responsible marina management.

Western Entrance Walkway Upgrade

We're pleased to announce the successful completion of the Western Entrance Walkway upgrade, marking another step forward in enhancing the safety, accessibility, and overall experience at Port Owen Marina.

These upgrades were carefully selected to meet both aesthetic and functional standards, ensuring a secure and welcoming passage for pedestrians, berth holders, and visitors alike.

This project reflects POMA's ongoing commitment to maintaining the marina's infrastructure while prioritizing user safety and comfort. We thank all stakeholders for their patience during the construction phase and invite you to enjoy the refreshed access point on your next visit.

We thank you for your continued support and patience as we invest in the future of Port Owen Marina. Should you have any questions or require further details on these projects, please contact the Marina Office directly.

Velddrif Mile Swim

Please remember the Velddrif Mile Swim will be taking place on Saturday, 8 November 2025.

A friendly request for people to avoid the Marina Waterways until noon on Saturday.

Also remember that the slipway will be closed from 06:00am till noon on Saturday.

Warm regards,

Port Owen Marina Authority Management

Directors

D Robinson (Chairman); JC Latter; H Lambrecht; J Moolman; R de Bruyn
J de Meillon (Alt); J Hampton (Alt); J Joubert (Alt); G van Rensburg (Alt)