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Port Owen Marina Authority

Monthly Newsletter – March 2026

Chairperson's Message

Our staff education programme continues to play an important role in ensuring that our teams clearly understand their roles and responsibilities. Like any organisation, we face challenges, but these are being actively managed through sound leadership principles and ongoing review.

As an elected board, we continually assess our responsibilities and identify opportunities to improve all aspects of the services we provide to our clients. This ongoing focus allows us to strengthen both our operational performance and our strategic direction.

Strategic Planning Update

It is our intention for the strategic team to meet during April to begin exploring alternative approaches to our current dredging challenges. The team consists of:

- Jeff Hampton
- Derek Robinson
- Gerhard Louw
- Alan Klaassen
- Jen Keightley

This group brings a well-rounded range of experience, which we believe will assist in developing a positive and constructive way forward for the marina.

Infrastructure Update

We are pleased to confirm that the Foxtrot jetty in the basin has been completed, representing a further improvement to marina facilities.

Directors

J Hampton (Chairman); J De Meillon (Vice-Chairman); R De Bruyn; J Joubert; J Moolman
D Robinson; J Da Silva; JC Latter

Dredging Report

Dredging operations are progressing well at present, with minimal stoppages reported. The dredger has been repositioned to the East Entrance due to a build-up of river silt, which had made this entrance almost impassable for certain vessels, particularly at low tide.

Work is underway to clear the East Entrance to ensure safe access for all vessels entering and exiting that section of the marina loop. In addition, channel markers will be installed at the East Entrance, similar to those already in place at the West Entrance, to clearly indicate the navigable channel.

Unfortunately, this unplanned dredging activity will delay the current dredging plan—available at the POMA office—by approximately four to six weeks. A new bathymetric survey will also be undertaken in the coming months to confirm dredging accuracy, which may further influence the existing plan.

Dredging Volumes Removed

January 2026

- 5,864.1 cubic metres of slurry
- 762.33 cubic metres of solids removed

February 2026

- 4,844.1 cubic metres of slurry
- 629.73 cubic metres of solids removed

March 2026

- 5,234.4 cubic metres of slurry
- 680.47 cubic metres of solids removed

From the Chairperson

Jeff Hampton

Chairperson – Port Owen Marina Authority