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Port Owen Marina Authority

Monthly Newsletter – May 2026

Executive Summary:

During May 2026, the Port Owen Marina Authority continued to make steady operational progress despite recent rainfall and flood-related sediment movement. Dredging targets were achieved, strategic planning discussions advanced several potential capacity improvements, and the Authority welcomed a new maintenance supervisor to strengthen operational efficiency.

Chairperson's Message

I would like to apologise for not issuing an April newsletter. Over the past period, the Authority has successfully completed its scheduled dredging hours without any major operational challenges. However, recent rainfall and flooding have shifted a significant amount of sand, and the full impact is still being assessed. Despite these setbacks, we remain confident that steady progress is being made in the right direction.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our newly appointed Maintenance Supervisor, Torian Hendricks. We look forward to his contribution as we continue to improve operational efficiency across the marina.

Strategic Planning Update

Our strategic planning team, comprising Derek Robinson, Gerhard Louw, Alan Claasens, Jen Keightley and myself, met on 7 May 2026. The meeting included constructive and solution-focused discussions on the key challenges facing the marina. Several promising opportunities to enhance our dredging capacity were identified and are now under investigation. As these options will require environmental approval, Jen is currently progressing the necessary processes.

We hope to share further updates as additional information becomes available.

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 continue to progress well despite the challenges created by heavy rainfall and increased water volumes flowing from upriver.

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

April 2026

The Authority was allocated 14 dredging sessions in April 2026. All 14 sessions were completed, with one additional session also achieved.

A total of 27 hours and 17 minutes of dredging was completed during the month.

Total material moved in April 2026 was as follows:

- Slurry: 2,922.5 m³
- Solids: 555.28 m³

May 2026

The Authority was allocated seven dredging sessions in May 2026. All seven sessions were completed, with two additional sessions also achieved.

A total of 13 hours and 34 minutes of scheduled dredging was completed, with total actual dredging time reaching 18 hours and 15 minutes.

Total material moved in May 2026 was as follows:

- Slurry: 2,193.7 m³
- Solids: 416.80 m³

From the Chairperson

Jeff Hampton

Chairperson, Port Owen Marina Authority