

Transformation and Future Planning UPDATE

11 May 2018

The 4th Annual Port Consultative Committee [PCC] Port User Consultation Roadshow: Port of Cape Town took place on Friday 11 May 2018. Royal Cape was represented by our General Manager, Toni Mainprize; Academy Manager, Lindani Mchunu; Commodore, Vitor Medina; and Vice Commodore, Luke Scott.

Of critical importance across the extensive 5 hour “roadshow” was the presentation of the Port Development Framework Plan, and the invitation to make formal written submissions to the TNPA with regard to the Port Development Framework Plan.

The most critical development and change in the PDFP from the version published last year, is that the medium term plan has been rationalised and no longer indicates the infill of the Small Craft Basin until 2046.

It also shows the usage of the Small Craft Basin as remaining “Maritime Community” – which is compatible with a Recreational Sailing facility. It previously indicated the infill of the small craft basin to become maritime engineering.

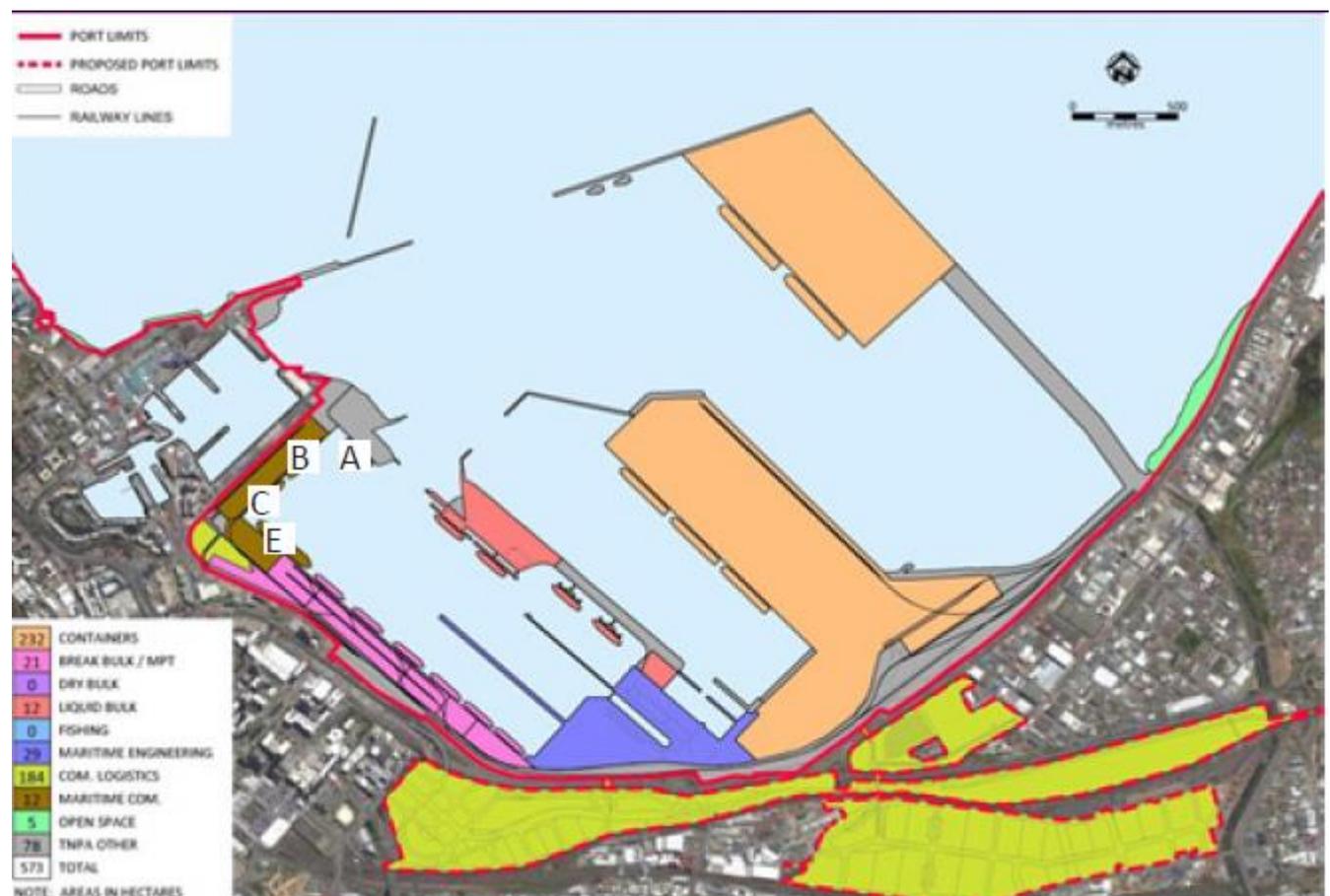


Figure 1 Final PDFP 2017 – MEDIUM TERM PLAN to 2023 - 2046



Figure 2 PDFP 2018 – Roadshow MEDIUM TERM PLAN to 2023 - 2046

Attached please find a typed up version of one of the submissions made on behalf of RCYC [the original was handwritten at the workshop].

Regards

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FORMAL WRITTEN SUBMISSION: RCYC and the TNPA

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As a long term port user in Table Bay, dating back to the early 1900s, the RCYC applauds and supports the changes made to the medium term Port Development Framework Plan [PDFP] in maintaining the Maritime Community usage within the Small Craft Basin until 2046. RCYC gave up land it owned to make way for the port and foreshore expansion in the early part of the last century, and has been resident at the Small Craft Basin since circa 1950.

The Maritime Community usage is vital for all recreational boating communities on coastal waters around South Africa.

Recreational boating communities rely on the safe havens like the TNPA commercial ports in Richards Bay, Durban, East London, Algoa Bay, Mossel Bay, Cape Town and Saldanha Bay. These recreational facilities provide diversity of use within these ports . vital for a multifaceted and flexible port operation to a wider spectrum of users. The recreational marine industry in Cape Town is a job creator and provider, and contributes significantly to the local and export economies in the Western Cape. The facilities provided within the Small Craft Basin are a hub of this activity, offering boat repair and crantage to the regional recreational boating community. Access to the water, and especially safe protected water, is fundamental. Training and development is a key imperative for RCYC within the Small Craft Basin. RCYC is completely committed to developing the sport of sailing and its associated maritime industries, by providing a solid platform and opportunities in partnership with Transnet National Ports Authority [TNPA]; South African International Maritime Institute [SAIMI]; Western Cape Department of Culture and Sport [DCAS]; WEGRO, City of Cape Town, South African Sailing, V&A Waterfront, amongst others. RCYC has a vital role to play within the Port of Cape Town.

The club is committed to excellence in the sport of sailing, and includes in its membership current, past and surely future Olympians, World Champions and National Champions of diverse ages and backgrounds. Through the RCYC Sailing Academy, the club supports the introduction to sailing, training, and facilitation of future career opportunities within the maritime community to a diverse group of young South Africans, with a special focus on access to this program for a racially representative audience. Diversity of membership and management is an imperative commitment of the club, which is already yielding positive outcomes.

Social and Cultural Investment has tremendous value to offset against commercial value and lease limits. The RCYC is currently looking to invest over R10 million in Training and Capacity Building projects within the Small Craft Basin precinct. With uncertain tenure beyond the 2023 lease expiry, it is difficult to commit to these projects within a sensible and accountable mind-set. The club needs a home within the port, and within the Small Craft Basin. We invite further discussion* around presenting our planned investments in training and capacity building projects, with a view to committing early to an extension of the lease at a sustainable rate and term to support these initiatives of great social and cultural value.

*The Port Consultative Committee Roadshow meeting is a follow up to a meeting we had with the Port Manager and the Port Planner on 1 March 2018.