



The MARINA DA GAMA Association

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A warm welcome to the Marina and to membership of the Marina da Gama Association formerly known as the Eastlake Association.

This leaflet will provide you with some basic information to help you to settle into your new home. A map of the Marina and some useful contacts are included but more details are available from the Marina office and on the association's website www.mdga.co.za.



The Marina is a community of approximately 1350 homes grouped around a number of waterways which are an extension of the Zandvlei estuary. We hope that you will enjoy the outdoor lifestyle and tranquil environment here.

As the owner of a property in the Marina you automatically become a member of the Marina Da Gama Association under a condition imposed on subdivision of the Marina land. You will see from this condition, which is incorporated in the title deed of your property, that all members are bound by the Constitution of the Association. May we suggest that you obtain a copy of the constitution from the Association office or from the website.

The Marina da Gama Association

The objectives of the association are contained in the constitution and are primarily to manage the collective interests common to all its members, and to promote and maintain standards that allow all residents and owners to derive the maximum benefits of a well maintained environment.

It is "governed" by its constitution and managed by an executive committee consisting of a chairperson, treasurer, and a number of members who are assigned portfolios that reflect all aspects of the marina life such as waterways, maintenance of standards, security, and the public open spaces. These members are elected at each Annual General Meeting and are unpaid volunteers. The Association maintains an office with a small administrative staff, and the running costs of the Association are funded by a compulsory annual subscription. The office is situated in the shopping centre on Eastlake Drive, and is open from 9am – 12pm, Monday to Friday.

The Design Manual

In order to preserve the uncluttered, uniform architectural style of the Marina all property owners are required to observe the regulations set out in the design manual which forms part of the Associations

constitution. It also covers issues such as solar heating and aerals. There is an Architectural Committee by which plans for new buildings or alterations must be approved before submission to council; copies of the Design Manual are available from the office.

A standards inspector is employed on a part time basis to draw home owners attention to any contravention of these regulations and to monitor and ensure the upkeep of buildings and properties for the benefit of all.

The Waterways

The waterways of the Marina are an extension of the Zandvlei Estuary and, together with Park Island and the reserve on the north western side of the vlei, form the Greater Zandvlei Estuary Nature Reserve. Park Island can be reached from the Western end of Park Island Way and is an ideal spot for walking, fishing and bird watching. It is open daily – There is a notice on the gate which gives the opening times and the regulations of the reserve.

The water is managed by the city council and is monitored in the interests of the recreational users, including Marina residents, on the one hand and the estuary ecosystem on the other.

Any floating craft such as canoes, sailing dinghies, and rowing boats are permitted on the waterways; but only battery operated motors are allowed.

Those residents whose homes are not adjacent to the water have access to the waterways via the jetties and slipways in the public open spaces set aside for this purpose.

Swimming: many residents swim in the Marina subject to the condition of the water which is monitored by the council. The condition does vary, and it is advisable to check the quality of the water from time to time.

Fishing

Residents are permitted to fish in the waterways and from Park Island, but not from the road or pedestrian bridges.

Security

Access to many parts of the Marina is limited to a single road entrance which makes the management of security more effective; and the pedestrian bridges over the waterways between Eastlake Island, Park Island and Uitsig Peninsula are locked at night for the same reason. In many areas the residents have organised and contribute to security systems with guards to patrol their street or Island. The office will be able to supply you with contact details for your area. All residents are encouraged to join these groups.

Communication

A Marina Newsletter is published two to three times a year. There is also an email-based notice board operated through the Marina office. Contributions from residents are welcomed to both publications.

Other useful facts

Community events such as "**Marina Carols**" and a visit by **Father Christmas** to give gifts to the children are organised annually as well as regular monthly craft markets held at the San Marina club house. There is also a **Marina Garden Club** that meets every month at the San Marina club house.

Recreational facilities: both the San Marina Area and Park Island Quay have clubhouses and swimming pools for the use of their residents. The San Marina club also has a tennis court

Recycling: The council runs a recycling project in the Marina. Details are available at the office.

Portfolio holders of the Executive Committee: email addresses appear on the front page of the Marina News or are obtainable from the office.

Post office: the nearest post office is at the Capricorn Shopping Centre

Library: The nearest library is in Muizenberg.