

More buoys placed on Kromme river

Owing to the silting up of the channels in the Kromme River the St Francis Bay Riparian Homeowners Association and the St Francis Bay Residents Association as well as a number of volunteers have agreed that the placing of buoys has now become essential. It must be clearly understood by all boat users that this is done to assist people in identifying where the channels exist; however, the two associations cannot be held liable in the case of any incidents of boat damage and personal injury.



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Guidelines for boating

Kouga Municipality [EC 108] rivers and St Francis Bay waterways

Please note that the following are guidelines. The full regulations may be obtained from Kouga Municipal offices refer by law 28-2004.

Registration:

- * motor driven boats and other boats over 4 metres must be registered with the council.
- * for boats with an engine of over 15hp a cof (certificate of fitness or seaworthy certificate) must be presented to register.
- * pwc (commonly known as 'jet-skis') may only register for the st francis bay waterways.
- * all vessels must display summons registration numbers and permits as current kouga river and st francis waterways permits on kouga river and st francis waterways or river.

Rules of travel:

- * the general safety rule of "keep right" is applicable.

Operation of boats:

- * a coc (certificate of competency) is required for operators of all boats and pwc's with an engine over 15hp.
- * travel at non-wake speed on the st francis waterways, upper reaches of the geelout river and waterways, degrees of jetties and other boats on kouga river.
- * no person under 16 years may control or operate a registered power-driven boat including a pwc.
- * no person in charge of a boat may use such boat in a negligent, reckless manner, or whilst under the influence of alcohol.
- * children under 5 and non-swimmers to wear life jackets.
- * after sunset no boat shall move without a forward facing light port light, green starboard light and white navigation light.
- * a boat at anchor after sunset shall have a white light visible for 360°.

- * no commercially registered boats may use the river without written permission from the council.

- * no pwc's (jet skis) may be used on kouga rivers.

- * no jet boats are allowed on the geelout river.

- * no person may reside on a boat on the

waterways or river.

- * Environment and conservation:
- * no person may wilfully or negligently pollute or foul the waterways or the river.
- * no person may disturb any plant, animal or bird life on the waterways or the river.

Angling:

- * legislated limits for fish and bait must be strictly adhered to. Obtain fishing and bait permits if required.
- * no person shall fish from any bridge over the st francis waterways or the river.
- * no person shall impede any navigational channel in the river or waterways with a fishing line.
- * no person shall leave a fishing line unattended in or near a navigational channel.

- * Sking and towing: (ski Boards, tubes, snakes, etc)
- * only permitted in demarcated zones before sunrise and sunset.
- * no person may tow a skier within 10m of a jetty or stationary boat except when "dropping off" a skier.
- * the towing boat must keep to the right and follow a circuit in an anti-clockwise direction.

- * the person in control of the boat must ensure the skier has adequate personal buoyancy.
- * a red flag must be raised when the skier falls and is in the water.

Zones:

- * various zones exist on rivers. They are marked with signs, arrows or buoys. A map is shown below.
- * **NO** Sking on the gamtoos river, upper reaches of the geelout river or st francis waterways.

Safety:

- * please remember that sand banks and hazards change regularly. Exercise extreme caution in hazardous areas.

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Canal Harbour Office, La Digue Place, St Francis Bay (tel: 0733545432) Tuesday to Saturday from 8am to 4pm & 7 days a week in holiday season

Notes

COF (certificate of fitness) is required for all boats with an engine in excess of 15hp and for all Jet Skis.
No Jet skis are permitted on the Kromme River.