

<u>SITE NUMBER</u> OBD01 - Rooiels		<u>LAUNCH SITE TYPE</u> Coastal slipway, public	
<u>LEGAL STATUS</u> Licensed Date of renewal: 19 February 2010 Agreement of Lease for slipway from 1 September 1996 Cape Nature File: 1/2/5/1/8/G257		<u>DATE OF INSPECTION</u> 7 February 2010	
<u>LOCATION</u> (description) Between Gordon's Bay and Pringle Bay. At The end of Bathers road in Rooiels.			
<u>LOCATION</u> GPS Coordinates: LHS RHS		34° 17.941' <u>S</u> 34° 17.940' <u>S</u>	18° 49.043' <u>E</u> 18° 49.047' <u>E</u>
<u>COMPETENT AUTHORITY</u> Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.			
<u>MANAGEMENT AGENCY</u> Overstrand Municipality Neville Green (082 4124840)			
<u>RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY</u> Rooiels Boat Club A.J. Wagener (028 273 8424 or 072 183 0812)			
<u>ACCESS CONTROL</u> There is a boom with poles attached to prevent people from carrying boats through. There is no person on duty or fees charged to launch however a permit from the boat club is required. No records of vessels launched are kept.			
<u>FREQUENCY, EXTENT AND NATURE OF USE</u> The launch site is not used often. During summer small ski boats and rubber ducks are launched by the boat club members			
<u>NATURE OF ACCESS ROAD</u> The access road to the slipway is a mixture of gravel and concrete. There has been some growth of fynbos over the road. The road is a private road.			

NATURE OF THE LAUNCH RAMP

The launch is a concrete slipway which has become partially buried by sand. It is a private slipway in a fair state of repair. Shifting dunes covering the site may become an issue and if the frequency of use were to increase it may result in disturbance to breeding oystercatchers in the area. This is a very quiet launch site and is therefore not monitored properly.

PARKING FACILITIES

There is a paved parking area measuring 15m by 8m which could accommodate 5 vehicles. There is a grass clearing off the side of the road that may be used by Rooiels boat club members only to park their trailers. The parking facilities are in a good state of repair however during peak holiday season or on good weather days parking may be insufficient resulting in cars parking along the road thereby hindering traffic and disturbing road side vegetation.

OTHER FACILITIES

There are toilets, showers and bins in the vicinity of the launch site. Several sign boards have been erected to inform visitors to keep off the dunes and not allow dogs on the beaches so to not to disturb coastal birds.

LICENSE CONDITIONS NOT BEING UPHELD

4.1 Within 6 months of the date of issue of this RoD, demarcate and sign post the boundaries of the designated area, and adequately maintain the roads and parking areas to meet municipal standards.

- The boundaries of the demarcated area have not demarcated

4.3 Implement an appropriate control mechanism, such as erecting comprehensive signage with information of the launching areas and the associated dangers, and maintain a launch register containing at least the following information: Vehicle and trailer registration numbers; SAMSA Vessel registration number; number of crew on vessel; name of boat; time and date of entry, purpose for entry (recreational use, scuba diving); and Name of skipper.

- No comprehensive launch register is kept.

4.5 Ensure that the use of the designated area is limited to the parking available.

- There is very limited parking space

4.25 Ensure that the site can be used by non-members/day visitors, and not just exclusively used by the boat club members. Appropriate signage must be erected to inform non-members or day visitors who they should contact should they wish to launch their boats.

- A sign on the boom states that use is restricted to permit holders and NSRI only.

There are no details of who to contact to acquire permit for launching boats.

RECOMMENDATION

Ensure that the relevant signs are erected before renewing the license and conduct regular inspections requesting copies of the launch register. Set a limit for the number of boats that may be launched here per day.



Figure 1: Rooiels slipway



Figure 2: Sign at entrance to the Rooiels Boat Club Launch Site.



Figure 3: Access road and parking area



Figure 4: Boom at entrance to the Rooiels Slipway

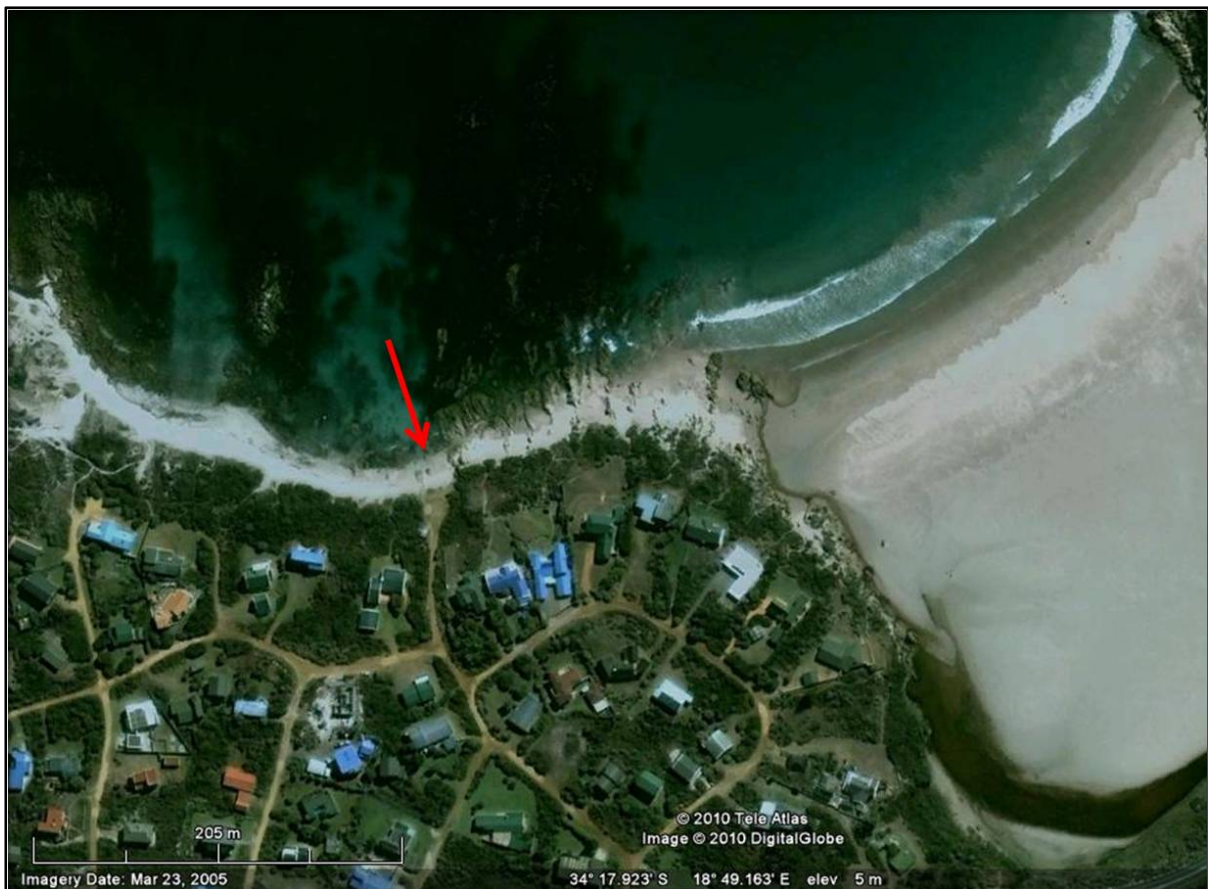


Figure 5: Google Earth Image of the Rooiels Slipway