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Residents of Grimaud,

Dear Boaters,

As the 2024 season begins smoothly, I am pleased to report that our port continues to see constant improvement. The results from 2023 exceeded our expectations, thanks to the efficiency of our teams at the harbor master's office. After a surplus of 803,000 euros in 2022, we closed 2023 with a surplus of over one million euros.

The optimization efforts have paid off.

I want to express my satisfaction with these positive results, as the health of the port directly impacts the value of your properties and the image of the Commune. I also want to commend the effective work of the Port Grimaud III officials, who have worked constructively to defend the interests of the property owners during our discussions. From the beginning, I have always favored dialogue in the modalities of the port takeover, and the results of our discussions with Port Grimaud III demonstrate the effectiveness of this approach.

I firmly believe that the 350,000 euros spent on legal fees could be better used to improve service quality or invest in infrastructure.

I am encouraged to see that more and more of you are embracing the port management philosophy, and you are now the majority within Port Grimaud. Dialogue continues to expand with many of you on specific points, and this method is concrete and effective.

Port Grimaud is an exceptional place, and I invite you to continue our collaboration to keep it that way. Port Grimaud must remain as François SPOERRY envisioned it: «A house, a private quay, and a berth in front.» This is what I have always wished for and defended.

Sincerely,

Alain BENEDETTO, Mayor of Grimaud

Key Points to Remember

As we approach the third season of port operation under municipal management, here are the main points to remember:

- 1. A unified public water area around three private real estate entities:**
 - a. Unification of tariffs;
 - b. Unification of services provided to users;
 - c. A common operating regulation;
 - d. A common police regulation;
 - e. A common port development project (Port-Grimaud 2030)...
- 2. An occupancy fee (20€/m²) strictly equal to the contributions** collected in 2020 by the former concessionaires from the owners.
- 3. A commitment to tariff stability** reflecting the public funds management practised by the Municipality (no increase in municipal tax rates for over 20 years; no increase in the former municipal port tariffs since it was taken over by the Commune management...).
- 4. Public management that reconnects with the balance** of the marina's accounts (ending the chronic deficits presented by the former concessionaires).
- 5. A public service positioned at the heart of a private space: a specificity to be preserved** which implies a shared agreement aimed at:
 - a. Maintaining regulated access within the city,
 - b. Allowing permanent access to the public port service through the creation of a perpetual passage easement,
 - c. Allowing permanent access for public service users in compliance with the internal regulations,
 - d. Preserving the «Port-Grimaud triptych»: a house, a quay, a boat by guaranteeing a long-term occupancy right (35 years) to owner-users (usage guarantees)...
- 6. A mooring management method adapted** to the above:
 - a. By implementing the necessary usage guarantees (UG) to finance the «Port-Grimaud 2030» programme,
 - b. By prioritising the allocation of UG to owner-users in accordance with the provisions of the CG3P (see article... of the Operating Regulations),
 - c. By the port authority's commitment to grant owner-users the mooring positioned to the right of their property (see article 9.2 of the Operating Regulations),
 - d. By the port authority's commitment to make the UG transferable in the event of a property sale (see article 9.5 of the Operating Regulations)...
- 7. A desire to «exit» disputes** that only benefit our respective advisors...
- 8. And more generally, to work jointly on the interests of users and co-owners** who are often the same people...





Meeting at the Ministry of Ecological Transition

On Thursday, 7 March, Mayor Alain BENEDETTO visited the Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion.

He was accompanied by the commune's technicians and Christian CAMBON, Senator and special advisor to the President of the Senate.

This very fruitful meeting aimed to coordinate the actions of the Commune and the State on the environmental, administrative, and technical standards of Port Grimaud.

Since the municipal takeover of the three former concessions, the State has been supporting the Commune to offer boaters a quality port service that complies with regulations and respects the environment.



Changes to Pontoons

Two pontoons have been modified for this new season. The first, located near the boat launch ramp on Rue de l'Amarrage, was installed last week. It measures 32 metres long by 2 metres wide. It has been slightly enlarged compared to the old structure, which showed signs of wear. The number of boat spaces remains the same, with a maximum of 12.

This week, the new pontoon at La Désirade was installed. This one is slightly larger than the first, measuring 40 metres, but it will have the same dimensions as the pontoon it replaces.

These new pontoons allow for modernisation of the Port of Grimaud's facilities while preserving its authenticity. Now, there is a unique identity for the water infrastructure. From the harbour master's office to the furthest canals, the port management aims to offer the same high quality of service and life to residents and boaters.

Dredging 2024



The dredging of the entrance channel was completed in early March, an operation that has become annual since the port management was municipalized.

This regular maintenance rhythm is essential to ensure the navigability and safety of boaters. This year, the operation will remove 2,600 cubic meters of sediment, costing 755,000 euros excluding taxes.

It would have been possible to remove 15% more sediment for the same cost, but a proposal for collaboration with

ASL Port Grimaud I to optimize the dredging for the benefit of boaters was not accepted by ASL. Instead, ASL, informed on 21 January of the start of the 2024 operation, preferred to plant d'Eleagnus and pittosporum tobira, in the middle of winter, on the path of the mechanical equipment, outside the usual planting period of the species and likely with the intention of creating controversy.

This behavior goes against the interests of boaters, most of whom are residents of Port Grimaud.

Port Meetings

The summer Port Meetings in the neighborhoods will resume this summer.

Check the Port's website (portdegrimaud.fr) for the dates, which will be announced soon.



Information and Rates for 2024

Find all the documentation, information, rates, and regulations on the Port Grimaud website.



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