

LITTER BOOM LAUNCH FOR WORLD OCEAN DAY

In celebration of World Oceans Day 2018, uMhlanga Rocks will officially open the uMhlanga Lagoon litter boom project on the morning of Saturday 9th June 2018.

An initiative aimed at stemming the tide of marine pollution off uMhlanga beaches, SA Plastics; Durban Green Corridors; the uMhlanga UIP; the UUST, Park to Park and Umhlanga Manors, UUST invite you to the uMhlanga Lagoon and main beach, uMhlanga Rocks to learn more about how the boom works and the impact of pollution on our oceans.

Proceedings for this informal event are as follows:

- 9am SHARP: Meet at the Nature Reserve parking area at the very end of Lagoon Drive past Breakers Resort – here you will be given plastic bags for litter collection.
- 9:15am: Leave to walk to the uMhlanga Lagoon (pick up litter along the way) If you feel like a longer walk, head along the Promenade and through the forest to the Lagoon – but be there by 9:45am to part of the proceedings.
- 10:00am: The litter boom opening commences at the litter boom sign
- 10:30am: Walk back to the Nature Reserve parking area (or walk back to the Promenade)

As part of the event, Aqua Amazing will be carrying out a shark dissection between 11am and 12pm at the Millennium stage on Main beach. This highly informative session is aimed at educating a wider audience on the impact of river pollution on our oceans and marine life.

Everyone is welcome - please bring sunblock; walking shoes and gloves (if you feel you need them).

For more information about this informal event contact cara@urbanmgt.co.za



LAGOON CLEAN-UP

World Ocean Day 2018



IN CELEBRATION OF WORLD OCEANS DAY 2018 WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE UMHLANGA LAGOON LITTER BOOM, FOLLOWED BY A SHARK DISSECTION AND MARINE POLLUTION EDUCATION SESSION AT THE MILLENNIUM STAGE - MAIN BEACH.

DATE

Saturday
9th June 2018

TIME

9am: Lagoon clean-up
10am: Boom launch
11am: Shark dissection-Main beach

WHERE

Meet at the Nature Reserve Parking (past the Beakers Resort)



Full Event Proceedings On The uMhlanga UIP website



Umhlanga
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LITTER BOOM TO STEM THE TIDE OF RIVER POLLUTION

A litter boom installed across the Ohlanga River over the long weekend, was put in place to lessen the volume of river pollution that flows down the river ending up in sea and on the beaches both north and south of the uMhlanga Lagoon.

Visible on the sea side of the M4 highway, and not to be mistaken for a fishing net, the litter boom has been installed to intercept floating litter; principally plastic packaging, which pollutes our oceans, river systems and beaches. This litter emanates principally from N2 and M4 Freeway stormwater runoff and from areas upstream.

The boom has been carefully designed to work with river currents, and prevailing winds, and to cope with flood conditions as well as to be as unattractive as possible to vandals. It is fully serviceable and will be cleaned as part of a roster set up by the uMhlanga Urban Improvement Precinct (UIP). Litter collected here will be recycled where possible or sent to landfill, and data on refuse collected will be used to inform a city-wide effort to stop ocean-bound plastic.

“Litter always covers our beaches after the rains and we had been looking at possible solutions to intercept some of it at the beach stormwater outfalls. Then we came across an article about litter booms that were successfully deployed on the Umgeni and Seekoetspruit River systems as part of an initiative by Durbanites Against Plastic Pollution (DAPP) and Durban Green Corridor (DGC), an eThekweni supported NGO; to keep plastics out of our oceans.

We made contact and an immediate partnership was established, with DAPP and DGC providing the expertise and the UUST garnering community support and raise the required funds,” said Andrew Fraser, Chairman of the Upper Umhlanga Security Trust (UUST).

The UUST approached the uMhlanga UIP for support, part-funding and future cleaning. “Rivers and estuaries connect communities, with the environmental challenges faced by one have a knock-on effect on the other, so the idea of the boom was something we jumped at as a real support to our beach cleaning efforts,” said UIP precinct manager Dewet Geldenhuys.





Plastics SA, were also hugely supportive and engaged the support of one of their members, DPI Plastics, who generously donated the long length of hard pipe required. The local Umhlanga community initiatives of Park to Park, uMhlanga Manors and the UUST generously provided the balance of funding and the litter boom became a reality.

In celebration of World Oceans Day on Friday the 8th June, the collective will be officially opening the boom and on Saturday 9th June with a community beach/ lagoon clean-up. More details on social media to follow.

Local Litter Facts

- The uMhlanga UIP collected over 35 000 bags of refuse in uMhlanga Rocks in the first 5 months of 201 – with much of the litter washing up onto the beaches.
- The uMhlanga UIP teams up with eThekweni Municipality to attend to the daily cleaning of the uMhlanga beaches.
- The Clean Blue Lagoon team of volunteers have picked up over 7 200 bags of litter in 1 year, all at the mouth of the Umgeni River (Blue Lagoon)

Thanks again to the various role players who made this possible, and so quickly at that.



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