

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION**

Parks Victoria as the declared waterway manager for Yarra River upstream of the port waters of the Port of Melbourne and the Maribyrnong River upstream of Shepherds Bridge on Footscray Road, makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Paddle Victoria, persons and vessels involved in the Paddle Victoria Marathon Club Series 2023-24 in Table 1 are exempt from the following requirements:

State Rules made under the *Marine Act 1988*

1. Clause 2(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a person in the water
2. Clause 2(c) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel
3. Clause 3(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of the water’s edge
4. Clause 3(b) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a fixed or floating structure

Waterway Rules made under the *Marine Safety Act 2010 / Marine Act 1988*

5. Clause 3.1 of Schedule 3 – 5 knot speed restriction on waters of the Yarra River
6. Clause 4.1 of Schedule 4 – 5 knot speed restriction on waters of the Maribyrnong River

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of rescue vessels are only exempt from item 1 to 6 when undertaking a rescue operation to retrieve persons in distress, provide for their initial medical or other needs and deliver them to a place of safety on shore.
- Competitors are only exempt from items 2 to 6 when competing in the events.
- Occupants of all vessels, including paddle craft, involved with the event must wear a personal floatation device at all times during the event and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- The exemptions apply from 7:00am to 2:00pm on the dates and locations specified in Table 1.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

Table 1 - Paddle Victoria Marathon Club Series 2023-24

Event	Event Date	Location
Marathon Series INCC Team Pursuit	Sunday 16 July 2023	Yarra River, between Fairfield Pipe Bridge and Kane’s Bridge
2024 Victorian Championships	Saturday and Sunday, 2-3 March 2024	Maribyrnong River, between Afton St Pedestrian Bridge and Pipemakers Park Footbridge
Marathon Series Tay Creggan Doubles	Sunday 5 May 2024	Yarra River, between Hawthorn Bridge and MacRobertsons Bridge
Marathon series Essendon singles	Sunday 16 June 2024	Maribyrnong River, between Afton St Pedestrian Bridge and Pipemakers Park Footbridge

By Order of Parks Victoria

Dated: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)