

## Fact File

# Safe Boating: National Water Sports Centre

Port Philip & Western Port

## Usage Rules

These rules are designed to inform the appropriate use of the National Water Sports Centre and reduce the risks to safety and the environment.

Parks Victoria is the local waterway manager for Patterson River including the National Water Sports Centre.

Please note these rules are not a substitute for the relevant legislative schemes and do not in any way limit any obligations under the relevant Acts, regulations or guidelines.

### General

1. Boating can be dangerous: by using the Centre, users acknowledge this fact.
2. The Marine Safety Act 2010 applies at the Centre. Safety equipment and a valid boating licence are essential. Water-skiers must have an observer.
3. The Centre is a flood control asset, fed by the creeks of the Dandenong Valley. Users should be aware of, and look out for, floating and submerged debris. Any obstructions that could be considered hazardous must be reported.
4. Other vessels may be on the water. Keep clear and circulate to the starboard side.
5. If rowers are on the water, pass them at 5 knots and keep clear: rowing sculls are easily swamped.
6. Disorderly behaviour or the use of obnoxious language will not be tolerated at any time.
7. Any written or oral directives given by the waterway manager must be obeyed at all times.
8. Vessels must be equipped with fire equipment compliant with the standards required under the Marine Safety Regulations 2012.
9. Unauthorised water use at the Centre is strictly forbidden. Call 13 1963 for information.

### Environmental Protection

1. Littering is prohibited in accordance with Victorian anti-litter regulations.
2. All native wildlife is protected and must not be interfered with, harassed, injured or killed.

