

INTRODUCTION

Parks Victoria is responsible for recreational activities on the Yarra and Maribyrnong rivers and seeks to provide for a wide range of environmentally sustainable opportunities to enjoy its waters.

This waterproof guide has been produced to encourage recreational boaters to explore the lower reaches of both rivers whilst recognising the need to protect their natural values.

There are a number of regulations that must be observed to protect the river environment and ensure the safety of all users. There are local conditions you need to be aware of to ensure your trip is enjoyable and trouble free. This guide will help you ensure your boating expedition is safe and enjoyable.

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

There are many ways to enjoy the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers. You can walk, cycle or even drive along different sections, however the best way is by boat. A river cruise is a great way to see and experience Melbourne.

There's so much to see and do on the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers and the banks feature a number of barbecue and picnic facilities, fishing platforms and jetties.

Here's just a few of the many attractions and experiences you can enjoy on the rivers:

On the Yarra

- Westgate Bridge
- Docklands
- Docklands Stadium
- The Polly Woodside Maritime Museum
- Melbourne Exhibition Centre
- Crown Entertainment Complex
- Melbourne Aqarium
- Southgate Precinct
- Flinders Street Station
- Federation Square
- Victorian Arts Centre Melbourne Park
- Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)
- Melbourne Botanical Gardens including Government House
- Herring Island Environmental Sculpture Park

On the Maribyrnong

- Historic Footscray Wharf
- Newells Paddock Wetlands Reserve
- Flemington Racecourse Footscray Park
- Pipemakers Park (BBQ)
- Maribyrnong Park
- Riverside Park
- Avondale Heights Parklands
- Anglers Tavern Landing



rmation only. For navigation of the Yarra and Maribyrnong River

FREE on the Rivers

A guide to recreational boating on the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers



To ensure you have the best possible boating

Be prepared before you leave:

cabin or a secure enclosed space.

including specified PFD-1s.

Guard against fire

carry sufficient fuel.

Wear your life jackets

without notice.

boats and hazards

other non powered vessels.

of the Canning Street Bridge.

Yarra River.

right of the channel.

On the water:

Don't overload your boat.

Don't exceed the speed limit.

on floating infrastructure.

experience on the Yarra and Maribyrnong rivers it's

important to do a few things before you depart.

Carry safety equipment according to the regulations,

All children under the age of 10 years must wear a specified

PFD-1, 2 or 3 or equivalent while in a recreational boat that is

underway, unless the child is within a deckhouse, cabin, half

Have a chart or map of where you are going and a radio.

Check the 'notices to river users' on Parks Victoria's website.

Ensure engine reliability and adequate fuel system and always

Tell someone where you are going and when you expect

Know the rules, local regulations and distress signals.

Check out local weather conditions and tides

Carry sufficient fuel, water and a first aid kit.

Ensure you always keep to the right of the channel.

Keep a safe distance between your boat and other boats.

Remember your wake can affect others users, including those

Keep a lookout at all times, especially for other craft on the

river and rowers who are generally harder to see and hear.

Keep well clear of moving ships as they may alter course and

Do not obstruct the movement of large vessels by drifting

including the large commercial ferries, can cause your boat to

Take care not to cross ahead of a large vessel as you may

If you hear a vessel sounding at least five short and rapid

Ensure a low wake is maintained when passing rowers and

• Personal Water Craft are not permitted on the Maribyrnong

Swimming is not permitted in the Yarra River downstream from

the Gipps Street Bridge or in the Maribyrnong River downstream

Adhere to the prescribed speed limits – 5 knots upstream of the

Westgate Bridge on the Yarra River and all of the Maribyrnong

River. 10 knots downstream of the Westgate Bridge on the

• When travelling along the Rivers ensure that you keep to the

Remember all native plants and animals are protected by law.

Vessels travelling downstream have right of way.

Anchoring in either river is not permitted.

• Jumping or diving from bridges or trees is not permitted.

River or upstream of the Bolte Bridge on the Yarra River.

Keep a careful watch on the weather and watch out for other

capsize or roll heavily as to cause serious injury to its occupants.

in shipping channels and across shipping tracks.

underestimate its speed and not be seen

blasts on its horn, you must get out of its way.

REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED

Be aware that the bow-wave or wash from large ships,

Never drink alcohol before or whilst operating a vessel.

SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

interference with maritime transport.

Security Plan.

restricted waterside zones.

portofmelbourne.com

The Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) is regulated and

administered for security under the Maritime Transport and

Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003 (MTOFSA) and Maritime

Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Regulations 2003.

The purpose of the MTOFSA is to safeguard against unlawful

In accordance with Australian legislation, the PoMC has increased

security measures around the port to facilitate the implimentation

of the PoMC Security Plan and the joint PoMC/TT Line Maritime

Random water patrols are conducted to ensure designated

In line with the International Ship and Port Facility Security

measures shall be maintained at all times.

Restricted Zones currently located at No.1 Maribyrnong Berth;

Holden Dock and Gellibrand Pier are maintained. However, should

Code, December 2002, the following three security levels have been

adopted by the maritime industry for domestic and international use:

(a) Security level 1 - Normal. The level for which standard security

(b) Security Level 2 - Heightened. The level for which appropriate

additional security measures shall be maintained for a period of

time as a result of heightened risk of a security incident; and

additional security measures shall be maintained for a limited

although it may not be possible to identify the specific target.

pdated information concerning the current level of security within

the Port of Melbourne is available from the PoMC website www.

Additionlly for any enquires concerning security issues please

contact Port Security Control Room on (03) 9681 8044.

period of time when a security incident is probable or imminent

c) Security Level 3 – Exceptional. The level for which further

the security level be elevated all other PoMC terminals will have

ensuring your rubbish ends up in a bin.

litter entering the river from stormwater drains and ending up

in Port Phillip Bay. You can help keep our rivers clean by always

individuals and to a healthy society. Victorians are very fortunate to

have inherited a world class network of parks, reserves and waterways.

wide range of recreational opportunities which are environmenta

As part of its role, Parks Victoria manages most of the public piers

matters and authorisation of new structures. Licensing of private

moorings and jetties is also carried out by Parks Victoria.

the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit

In addition, Parks Victoria is responsible for:

www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

and jetties along the rivers and acts as a referral agency for planning

• placement and maintenance of recreational boating signs, including

navigational aids and signs in accordance with the Marine Act;

• management of Marine Protected Areas, such as the Port Phillip

Heads Marine National Parks, Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary in

Port Phillip Bay and French Island National Park in Westernport.

on the Rivers

A guide to recreational boating

Whether you are enjoying a quiet cruise, frantic rowing regatta or taking a boat to the races, this guide is essential

for recreational activities on the Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers and seeks to provide for a wide range of environmentally sustainable opportunities to enjoy our rivers. Parks Victoria manages facilities for navigational safety and port infrastructure for commercial activities including tour operators and fishing

boating zones, pier promenading and fishing.

There are a number of regulations that must be observed to



Yes

Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only

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Non powered vessels only Fishing Platform

Parks Victoria is committed to keeping Victoria's rivers and bays clean. Litter traps have been installed along the Yarra to prevent

on the Rivers

reading before you set on your rivers expedition. Parks Victoria, as the local waterway authority, is responsible **HEALTHY PARKS HEALTHY PEOPLE** Throughout the world there is growing recognition of the vital charters, as well as recreational activities such as boating and contribution parks make to a healthy environment, to healthy

protect the rivers and also to ensure a level of safety for all Parks Victoria as the waterways manager for the Yarra and users of the water. Maribyrnong rivers, including Victoria Harbour, is responsible for the recreational activities on these waters and seeks to provide a



For further details about the Yarra or Maribyrnong Rivers, contact 13 1963 or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Yarra and Maribyrnong rivers contain a diverse Ensure you read information on boat ramp signage and avoid range of habitats and many different animals and destroying native vegetation. plants. Parks Victoria is committed to keeping Victoria's Reduce speed when operating power boats in shallow water. rivers and bays clean, however, boat operators and

environmental impact on the Yarra and Maribyrnong rivers:

from entering the water.

where they are available.

may leak into water.

marine animals.

• Prevent pollutants such as petrol, oil, sewage and detergents

• Clean out bilges and sumps regularly. These areas collect oil which

• Use a holding tank for sewage to avoid polluting water close to

• Rubbish on boats should be stored in a strong reusable bag

for safe disposal on land. Take all rubbish home with you, in

shore. Dispose of waste properly on land. Use pump out facilities

particular plastic items such as bags, bottles, cups, lines and nets

which can harm or kill marine wildlife. Plastics like six-pack rings

and strapping are known to trap wildlife. Plastic bags can be

• Take care with fuel storage on river banks and jetties.

PUBLIC BERTHING FACILITIES

to River Users' prior to your trip.

See table (right) for more information.

short term berthing

ublic mooring facilities along the rivers are available for use for

igns at each location. During events, access to these berths may

e restricted so please check Parks Victoria's website for 'Notice

Please observe these requirements to ensure fair and equitable

operators. These berths are not available for public use, including

Some berths along the river are leased by commercial boat

PUBLIC BERTHING AT DOCKLANDS

Bookings are required to secure visitor berths at all marinas in the

caps. Private berths are marked with white pile caps, are privately

owned and are not for public use. Commercial berths are marked

Contact the relevant marina for bookings and more information.

with orange pile caps and are for licensed commercial operators only.

Docklands precinct. Public visitor berths are marked with green pile

p to four hours at a time. Time limits are detailed on Parks Victoria

Be responsible and considerate towards other river users.

swallowed and cause blockage of the stomach or intestines of

Reduce speed when close to the shore line and in shallow other river users also have a responsibility to protect these habitats. By following some simple guidelines you can help minimise your

waters as propellers can cause considerable damage to sensitive

 Observe recreational fishing regulations. A Recreational Fishing License is required by all anglers in Victoria for persons aged between 18 – 70. Remember to check bag and size limits, fishing methods and closed seasons

• Launch or retrieve your craft at designated launching ramps

• Give dolphins, seals and whales plenty of space when seen. Never approach closer than 100 metres and leave them alone if they show signs of agitation (such as diving or rapid changes in direction). Whale watching regulations are available from the

Department of Sustainability and Environment • Keep clear of bird nesting and roosting areas. Disturbance during breeding season can lead to the taking of eggs or chicks by predators, dangerous exposure of eggs or chicks to the elements, or the premature unsuccessful flights of fledglings, causing death.

 Remember that all native plants and animals are protected by law. Keep your boat clean and protected from aquatic pests. The Yarra and Maribyrnong Rivers are available for your use and enjoyment. You can also help protect the rivers and encourage a healthier, more enjoyable waterway environment by joining a friends group. Contact Parks Victoria for further information.

AQUATIC PESTS

lease ensure the following actions are taken to help reduce the

Dislodge all plants and animals from your vessel and bin them Drain water from vessel and gear. Try not to let it drain back into

Douse your vessel and gear with freshwater. Try not to let it drain back into the waterway.

Don't forget to apply an authorised anti-foulant where appropriate.

hance of spreading marine pests:

Dispose of unwanted bait in a bin.

Dry your vessel and equipment

MARIBYRNONG RIVER

43 Lynch's Bridge Jetty

41 Historic Footscray Whar

42 Henderson House Landing

44 Lynch's Bridge Fishing Platform

45 Footscray Park Fishing Platform

46 Flemington Floating Landing

47 Footscray Boat Club Floating Ramp

48 Farnsworth Avenue Public Jetty

50 Riverside Fishing Platforms (x2)

53 Raleigh Road Floating Landing

52 Essendon Canoe Club Floating Ramp

58 Essendon Rowing Club Floating Landing

49 Farnsworth Fishing Platform

51 Pipemakers Park Jetty

54 Maribyrnong Road Jetty

57 Tea House Public Berth

56 Tea House Floating Landing

59 Newstead Fishing Platform

60 Poynton's Floating Landing

61 Chicago Street Fishing Platform

62 Afton Street Fishing Platform

63 Dale Street Fishing Platform

65 Canning Street Canoe Ramp

66 Canning Street Floating Jetty

64 Canning Street Fishing Platforms (x2)

55 Anglers Tavern Jetty

40 Footscray Jetty

BERTHING AND FISHING FACILITIES

Yes. 4 hour limit

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Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only

Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only

Public Berth, Landing or Jetty Commercial Berth

Rowing and paddle craft launch / retrieval only

YARRA RIVER Public berth **Private berth** Commercial berth Fishing permitted 1 Scienceworks Jetty Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 2 Westgate Park Landing (Lorimer Street Jetty) Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 3 Pier 35 Marina Booking required Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 4 Waterfront City Marina Overnight berths available. Booking required Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 5 NewQuay Marina Yes. 2 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 6 d'Albora Marina at Victoria Harbour Overnight berths available. Booking required 7 Yarra's Edge Overnight berths available. Booking required Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 8 World Trade Centre Wharf Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 9 Melbourne Exhibition Centre Floating Landing Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 10 Crown Floating Landing Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 11 Turning Basin (Turning Circle) Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 12 Enterprise Wharf Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 13 Banana Ally Wharf Yes. Leased berthing area 14 Southbank Public Wharf Yes. 4 hour limit 15 Southgate Floating Landing Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 16 Southgate Wharf Yes. Leased berthing area 17 Flinders Street Station Floating Landing Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only Federation Wharf Yes. Leased berthing area 19 VRA Landing Rowing and paddle craft launch / retrieval only 20 Henley Landing Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 21 Swan Street Floating Landing Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 22 Swan Street (fixed) Landing Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off onl 23 Kings Domain Landing Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 24 Glasshouse Landing Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 25 Botanic Gardens Landing Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 26 Anderson Street Fishing Platform Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 27 Punt Road Floating Landing Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 28 Caroline Street Landing Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only Yes. Pick-up / drop-off onl 29 Como Floating Landing Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 30 Herring Island Floating Landing (South Yarra side Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 31 Herring Island Floating Landing (Burnley side) Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 32 Burnley Wharf Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 33 Power Street Landing Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 34 Leonda Landing Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 35 Richmond Landing Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 36 Alma Wharf Landing Yes. 4 hour limit Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 37 Walmer Street Landing Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only Yes. Pick-up / drop-off only 38 Anderson Reserve Canoe Ram Rowing and paddle craft launch / retrieval only 39 Clarke Street Canoe Ramp Rowing and paddle craft launch / retrieval only No

No

between sunset and sunrise must must have a fixed 180 degree white located on the bow of the vessel and a flasing 180 degree white light SHIPPING CHANNEL Large ships traverse the shipping channel at the southern end of the

LOCAL CONDITIONS

FISHING

There are local conditions you need to be aware of to

ensure your trip along the rivers is enjoyable and safe.

Anchoring is not permitted in either the Yarra or Maribyrnong

rivers, including Victoria Harbour. Boat operators should always

berth at public berthing facilities and observe restriction signs.

Always take extra care when traversing under bridges. Both the

Yarra and Maribyrnong rivers are tidal and the clearances on several

of the bridges are low, especially on the Yarra River. It is important

to check tides and the bridge clearances tables before you leave to

ensure your vessel will pass underneath each bridge, and that you

When traversing under Melbourne's low bridges it is important to

consider all the variable factors to ensure your vessel has sufficient

clearance. These factors include the height of the vessel from the

water level, bridge height (clearance), tide, wind, rain and other

meteorological conditions. Please remember the vessel operator

See bridge clearances table (reverse side) for more information.

A Flag System was introduced by Parks Victoria to help provide a

system of communication during events, such as rowing regattas,

to enable recreational and commercial vessels to pass through the

course either between races or during breaks in the race schedule.

Should you encounter an on-water event that is operating under

the flag system, you must always stop when a red flag is displayed.

Only when the Flag System Marshall removes the red flag and then

A number of events that take place on Melbourne's bays and rivers

Exclusion zones are created by a temporary change to the Marine

Act 1988 that allows the closure of a designated area of water for

may also be created when construction works are occurring that

may otherwise impact upon safe navigation. Exclusion zones are

often patrolled by Parks Victoria patrol boats. River users should

The Exclusion Zone boundaries are usually indicated in the rivers

Exclusion zones are advertised periodically in the public notices

section of the Herald Sun and in the Government Gazette. A Notice

users of the waterway including rowing clubs prior to the event. For

further information about closures you can contact Parks Victoria.

To River Users is also sent out to all commercial operators and other

follow the directions of Parks Victoria officers at all times.

zones in order to run an event organised race.

the safety of event patrons and the general public. Exclusion Zones

require sections of navigable waters to be closed for event and

Proceed with caution

displays a green flag should you proceed with caution.

is responsible to ensure safe navigation at all times.

EVENTS – FLAG SYSTEM

EXCLUSION ZONES

spectator safety.

are able to make your return trip. High rainfall can also increase

ANCHORING

BRIDGE CLEARANCES

water height on the rivers.

Fishing is permitted along both rivers and may be undertaken from either a vessel or on land. Please observe all fishing regulations. A Recreational Fishing License is required by all anglers in Victoria for persons aged between 18 – 70. Remember to check bag and size limits, fishing methods and closed seasons. Only two fishing lines per person are permitted when fishing on the rivers.

Anglers should retrieve their lines when boats are berthing near them or passing through the fishing ground to avoid entanglement.

NAVIGABLE WATERS

The Rivers are prone to silting or build up of sand and can become hallow in sections. Boat operators should be cautious, especially inside the bends of the rivers.

On the Yarra, motorised vessels should avoid travelling beyond the which provide accurate tide information. Also check information ollingwood Children's Farm due to shallow water and a series of under the 'Bridge Heights' heading. eefs just below the surface of the water. Non-motorised vessels nay be able to reach as far as Dights Falls.

The Maribyrnong River is navigable up to Canning Street Bridge where the water levels become too shallow for motorised craft. Non otorised vessels may navigate beyond this point to Solomon's Ford.

PERSONAL WATER CRAFT

Personal Water Craft (PWCs) are not permitted upstream of the Bolte Bridge, therefore may not continue along the Yarra River beyond the Port Zone or enter Victoria Harbour

PWCs are also not permitted on the Maribyrnong River

There are no public boat ramps for motorised boats on the Yarra or Maribyrnong rivers. The rivers are accessible to boats through Port Phillip Bay, with the closest ramps being at Williamstown and St Kilda.

RADIO CHANNELS

Emergency Calls

PUBLIC BOAT RAMPS

Please be aware of the following Marine Radio channels and frequencies when operating a motorised vessel in the Yarra River, Maribyrnong River and Victoria Harbour:

- VHF Channel 72, 73 and 77 27MHz Channel 96 **Port Operations** - VHF Channel 12

Commercial River Operations – VHF Channel 74 - VHF Channel 16

ROWING AND NON POWERED VESSELS

When passing rowers and other non powered vessels, please ensure a low wake is maintained so as not to disturb or tip these vessels over as they are more susceptible to capsizing than larger motorised vessels. Many rowing and canoe clubs are situated along the banks of each regattas are often held on the rivers, especially during summer These events sometimes involve temporary river closures. Details of scheduled river closures are available from Parks Victoria



Australian Volunteer Coast Guard

Victoria.

d'Albora Marina at Victoria Harbour 9602 4511 27MHz Channel 88 www.dalboramarinas.com.au Department of Primary Industries www.dpi.vic.gov.au Both the Yarra and Maribyrnong are very popular for non-motorised Department of Sustainability & Environment vessels such as rowing, kayaking and canoeing. www.dse.vic.gov.au **Environment Protection Authority** 9695 2722 www.epa.vic.gov.au 13 FISH (13 3474) Fisheries Victoria www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing Government Information Centre 1300 366 356 www.vic.gov.au



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Marine Safety Victoria

ctorian Regional Channels Authority

Ships can vary in size up to 290 metres in length (about twice the size of the MCG or 47 metres longer than the height of the Rialto)

MELBOURNE PORT ZONE RULES

with draughts of up to 12.1 metres, and are often restricted in their RECREATIONAL BOAT OPERATORS are encouraged to enjoy their

ransit through the port zone but are reminded to keep well clear of shipping and bear in mind the following points

• Keep a good look out at all times and keep clear of shipping. Due to height, length and deck cargo, small boats cannot be sighted easily from the bridge of a ship.

Keep to the extreme edge of the channel on the starboard or

• Sailing in the Yarra River is not recommended. Anchoring within channels and fairways is not allowed

 Rowers should operate upstream of the Charles Grimes Bridge Keep clear of the Swanson Dock and Webb Dock restricted zones;

these are busy commercial shipping areas. Keep clear of Tanker Berths at Gellibrand Pier, Holden Dock,

 Keep clear of passenger ships berthed at Station Pier. • Be aware of swinging basins which are busy commercial

 Do not stop, drift, fish or anchor within 'transit only' zone. Be aware of the effects of wash when ships pass your vessel.

• Keep well clear of propeller thrust from ships and tugs as small

For further information contact the Port of Melbourne Corporation

www.regional channels.vic.gov.au aterfront City Marina 9658 8738

Get on board with life jackets.

Wearing of PFDs on recreational vessels at all times

Wearing a PFD is now compulsory for all occupants when in an open area of the following vessels, while under way: Power driven vessels up to and including 4.8 metres (m) in length and personal watercraft (PWC)
 Canoes, kayaks, rowing boats · Off-the-beach sailing yachts, pedal boats and fun boats

Wearing of PFDs on recreational vessels during times of heightened risk A PFD must also be worn by all occupants of the following vessels

at times of "heightened risk" when occupants are in an open area of a vessel which is under way

 Yachts (including monohull, trailerable and multihull yachts, excluding off-the-beach sailing yachts) • Power driven vessels greater than 4.8 m and less than 12 m.

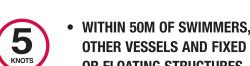
when operating at night or in restricted visibility when operating in an area where a gale, storm or severe nunderstorm warning or severe weather warning issued by when the vessel is a yacht without safety barriers or safety harnesses in use when the vessel may capsize or be swamped or when occupant are at risk of falling overboard

What type of PFD must I wear?

When occupants of a vessel are required to wear a PFD (refer above), the following specified PFDs must be worn.

Vessel type	Coastal waters	Enclosed waters	Inland waters PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3				
Powerboat up to and including 4.8 m in length	PFD Type 1	PFD Type 1					
Powerboat greater than 4.8 m and less than 12 m	PFD Type 1	PFD Type 1	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3				
Personal watercraft	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3				
Recreational tender	PFD Type 1	PFD Type 1 or 2	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3				
Off-the-beach sailing yacht	PFD Type 1 (> 2 nm) or 2	PFD Type 1 or 2	PFD Type 1 or 2				
Yacht	PFD Type 1	PFD Type 1 or 2	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3				
Kite board and sail board	PFD Type 1 or 2	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3				
Canoe, kayak, rowing boat, raft, pedal boat or fun boat	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3	PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3				

SAFE OPERATION



OTHER VESSELS AND FIXED OR FLOATING STRUCTURES

 WITHIN 100M OF **DIVERS/DIVERS' FLAG**



WITHIN 200M OF WATER'S



DON'T DRINK AND BOAT

.00 BLOOD ALCOHOL LIMIT APPLIES **FOR UNDER 21 AND SUPERVISOR**

EDGE (COASTAL AND ENCLOSED)

• .05 BLOOD ALCOHOL LIMIT APPLIES FOR OVER 21

MINIMUM SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Non powered recreational vessels involved in training or competition

Yarra River during all hours of the day and night. A ships blind spot

an extend for many hundreds of metres so it is the responsibility

of all boat operators keep clear of big ships at all times and not

All boats using the Yarra and Maribyrnong rivers must adhere to

The navigable sections of the Yarra and Maribyrnong rivers are

subject to tidal conditions. It is important to check tide heights prior

to your trip. A copy of current tide table is available from the Port of

Melbourne Corporation. There are also a number of good websites

OTHER INFORMATION

the Westgate Bridge to the mouth of Port Phillip Bay.

PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITES

Admiralty charts - available from most mapping outlets.

Boating on Western Port – available from Parks Victoria

Recreational Fishing Guide – available from Fisheries Victoria

The Marine Act and associated regulations – available from the

Notice to River Users – available from Parks Victoria's website.

Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook – available from

Victorian Tide Tables – available from Port of Melbourne Corporation

Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules – available from Marine Safety

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1800 223 022

9681 8394

131 722

9600 4433

9628 7555

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www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au

www.melbournewater.com.au

www.marinave.com.au

www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

www.portofmelbourne.com

www.coastguard.com.au

Port Phillip Safety Chart Grid – available from the Australian

Boating on Port Phillip – available from Parks Victoria

Government Information Centre.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Volunteer Coast Guard.

Marine Safety Victoria.

the 5 knot (approximately 9 km/h or fast walking pace) speed limit.

Vessels are, however, permitted to travel at 10 knots downstream of

bstruct the path of these ships.

SPEED RESTRICTIONS

for recreational vessels		Powerboat				Personal watercraft				Off-the-beach sailing yacht				Yacht				Kayak, canoe, raft and rowing boat				
		COASTAL OFFSHORE (>2 nm from coast)	INSHORE (<2 nm	(Bays and estuaries)	INLAND (Rivers, (lakes and dams)	COASTAL OFFSHORE (>2 nm from coast)	INSHORE (<2 nm	(Bays and estuaries)	INLAND (Rivers, (lakes and dams)	COASTAL OFFSHORE (>2 nm from coast)			(Rivers, (lakes and dams)	COASTAL OFFSHORE (>2 nm from coast)		(Bays and estuaries)	(Rivers, (lakes and dams)	COASTAL OFFSHORE (>2 nm from coast)		(Bays and estuaries)	(Rive	
M	PFD (per person on board/towed)	Type 1	Type 1	Type 1	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1	Type 1 or 2	Type 1 or 2	Type 1 or 2	Type 1	Type 1	Type 1 or 2	Type 1 or 2	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3	Type 1, 2 or 3	Туре 2 от	
Ĩ	Approved fire extinguisher (where any fuel is carried)	1	1	1	1									1	1	1	1					
	Waterproof buoyant torch	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					1	1	1	1	1				
	Anchor and chain or line or both	1	1	1										1	1	1						
	Bailer (if no electric or manual bilge pumping system)	1	1	1	1					1*	1*	1*	1*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
P.	Bucket with lanyard (can also double as a bailer)	1	1	1	1									1	1	1	1					
P	Electric or manual bilge pumping system (if vessel has covered bilge or closed underfloor compartments)	1	1	1	1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
X	Pair of oars with rowlocks or pair of paddles (if vessel is up to and including 4.8 m)	1	1	1	1																	
P	Hand held orange smoke signals	2	2	2						2				2	2	2		2				
**	Hand held red distress flares	2	2	2						2				2	2	2		2				
0	Lifebuoy (vessels 8–12 m in length)	1	1	1	1									1	1	1	1					
0	Lifebuoy (vessels 12 m+)	2	2	2	2									2	2	2	2					
٥	One dinghy or liferaft (vessels 12 m+)	1	1											1	1							
0	Compass	1								1				1				1				
No.	Marine radio	1								1				1								
	Red star parachute distress rocket	1								1				1								
X	Spare oar with rowlock or spare paddle																	1				
No.	Approved EPIRB	1				1				1				1				1				

All safety equipment required to be carried on board must be

placed or located in a conspicuous and readily accessible position at all times

 kept in good order at all times • maintained or serviced in a way that ensures they are able to be operated at all times

 serviced on or before the date specified by the manufacturer for that item of equipment in the case of fire extinguishers, be maintained in accordance with the relevant standard for fire protection equipment.

* If vessel is not self-draining without intervention from the crew.

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



RAISE THE ALARM











STAY WITH YOUR BOAT

to spot than a swimmer

Anchor your boat to maintai position if safe to do so

