

# FACT SHEET



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## Mentone beach – swimming and boating zone changes

We're implementing **temporary** changes to ensure safer swimming at Mentone beach during the Mentone Life Saving Club facility and precinct redevelopment.

### Key information

Under the provisions of the Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic), the 'No Vessel' zone has been extended 100 metres to the south for the period of 7 November 2022 to 1 May 2023 to increase the designated 'Swimming Only' area.

A dedicated 'Swimming Only' zone marked by in water permanent and temporary piles and buoys (yellow special marks) and land-based signs exists at Mentone beach to ensure the safety of swimmers. No vessels are permitted in this zone.

The change has been made to better align swimming activities with the temporary relocation of the Mentone Beach Life Saving Club facility, nipper activities and patrol operations during construction work making it safer and easier for people to enjoy a day at the beach.

### Frequently asked questions

#### What is the Notice of change?

The Boating Activity Exclusion Zone Notice (Notice) provides that the 'No Vessel' zone located adjacent to and between Mundy Street and Naples Street, Mentone, be extended 100 metres to the south for a temporary period. This change excludes vessels associated with the Mentone Life Saving Club.

#### What impact does the change have on swimmers and beach goers?

People using the beach at the expanded 'Swimming Only' area will be able to do so with the comfort of knowing they are close to the relocated lifesaving operations.

The seasonal Nipper activities can be conducted directly in front of the temporary club facilities providing essential access to associated equipment and services, and removing any potential conflict with vessel users.

Where swimmers choose to swim outside 'Swimming Only' zones, swimmers need to be alert to the likely presence of vessels.

#### What impact does the change have on mariners?

There are still plenty of options to enjoy boating and sailing activities at Mentone beach with only a very minor reduction to the boating accessible zone being implemented. The endorsed boundaries will resume once the Notice expires in May 2023.

People wishing to launch or retrieve 'off the beach' vessels will need to ensure they do so outside the 'Swimming Only' area.

There is no anticipated impact to the nearby 'Shared Wind Sports' zone.

Anyone operating a vessel is encouraged to know and comply with the local waterway rules, be respectful of each other and to always operate in a safe manner.

## Who made the change?

Boating zones are prepared under the Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic) with the primary aim of providing a safe environment for water users. They apply conditions of operation and prohibit incompatible activities. Parks Victoria, as the local ports manager apply the agreed zones across Port Phillip. Any variations to the current endorsed zones require approval under the Act.

For safety reasons, Parks Victoria sought approval through Maritime Safety Victoria to issue a Notice of Activity Exclusion Zone to temporarily prohibit powered and non-powered vessels at a designated section of Mentone beach.

## How is the change being communicated?

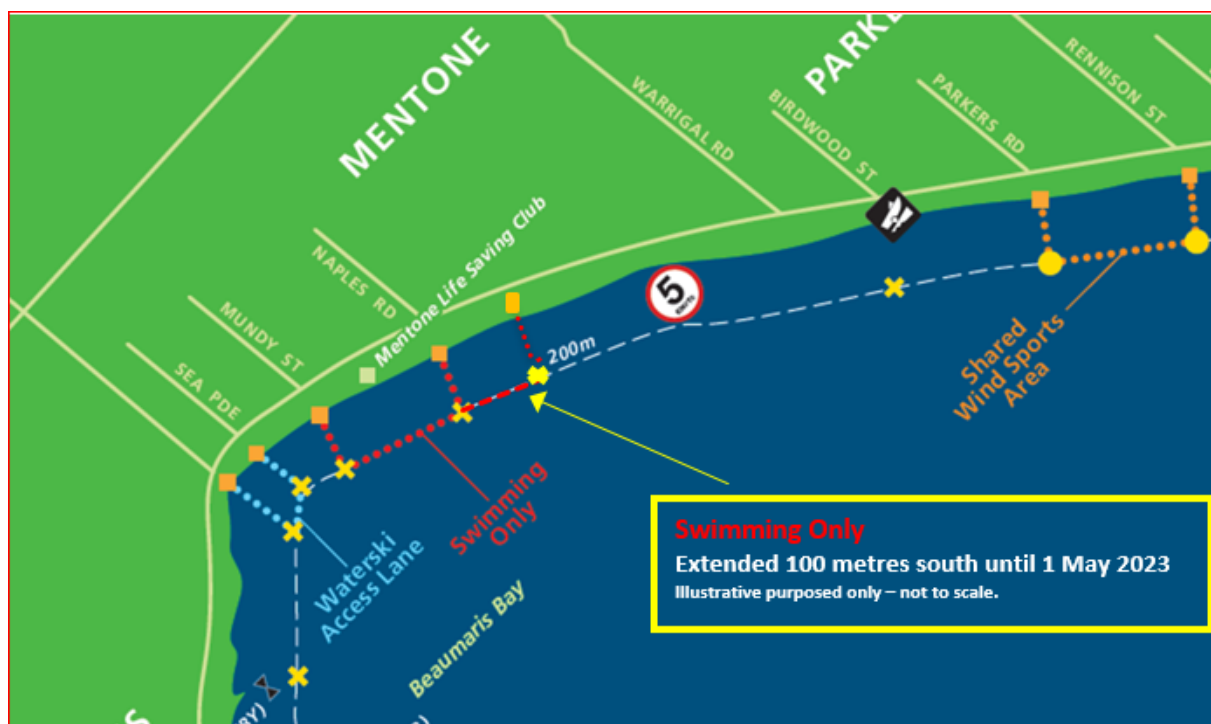
Parks Victoria is working with Life Saving Victoria to ensure the community is aware of the temporary change to the boating and swimming zones. This includes issuing a Notice to Mariners, publishing the Notice in the Government Gazette, updating land signage and navigational markers, and using other media.

## Further information

For further information call Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or email [info@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@parks.vic.gov.au)

[Parks Victoria Notice to Mariners](#)

[Mentone Life Saving Club redevelopment project](#)



*Yellow buoys indicate 'No Vessel' zone boundaries.*



*As the weather warms up, Mentone becomes a popular place to enjoy the beach. It's important people know where they can swim safely without risk of accidents with boats or other watercraft.*