

Parks Victoria Standard Identification Buoy Order Form

FORM NO. PVA06

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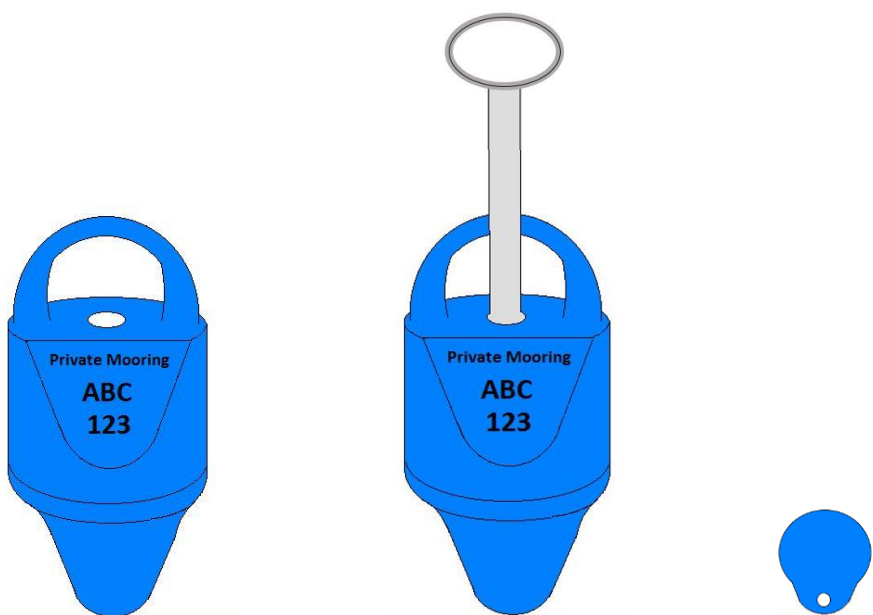
STANDARD IDENTIFICATION BUOYS

Many regulated areas in Port Phillip are required to have a Standardised Identification Buoy fitted as part of their mooring. The permit holder needs to order the buoy through Parks Victoria, which is then provided to your Authorised Mooring Contractor for installation. For a list of mooring grounds required to have a Standard Identification Buoy, please refer to www.parks.vic.gov.au.

Mooring permit holders outside of mandated mooring grounds are encouraged to fit Standard Identification Buoys and may place an order by completing this form.

There are 3 different designs available as Standard Identification Buoys, shown left to right:

- Standard identification buoy only
- Standard identification buoy with 1 metre riser pole and stainless-steel handle
- Standardised float (only available for moorings with an approved exemption in a mandated Standard Identification Buoy area)



ORDER DETAILS

Permit holder name:

Site ID Number:

Nominated Authorised Mooring Contractor:

Buoy design requested:

- Standard identification buoy only - Cost \$220 Exl Gst = \$242.00 – Incl gst
- Standard identification buoy with 1 metre riser pole & stainless-steel handle– Cost \$325.00 exl gst = \$357.50 Incl gst
- Standardised float (only available for moorings with approved exemptions) – Cost \$30.00 Ex Gst = \$33.00 Incl gst

Signature:

Date:

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The Standard Identification Buoy Program

Parks Victoria mandates the requirement for uniform identification of moorings through a number of mechanisms. Standard Identification Buoys, or “blue buoys”, are a unique buoy professionally designed by a marine buoy manufacturer and Parks Victoria, to be suitable for Port Phillip Bay. The buoy is cone shaped with a slight curvature, with an angled face for affixing the mooring site identification number. The buoy may additionally feature a 1 metre riser with either a rope or stainless-steel handle at the top for easier pick up. The buoys are mandatory in a number of mooring grounds and continue to be implemented in the bay.

How it works

The Standard Identification Buoy is required to be fitted to moorings within regulated standard identification buoy mooring grounds. The buoys are required to simplify identification of the mooring and to assist with the identification of illegal moorings installed throughout the bay.

Standard Identification Buoys are ordered through Parks Victoria and will be directly provided to the nominated Authorised Mooring Contractor for fitting to the mooring after payment has been processed. The mooring permit holder should discuss with their nominated contractor the specifics of installation to ensure their buoyage system is best suited for the individual and their nominated vessel.

Requesting an exemption

In rare circumstances, a Standard Identification Buoy may not be suitable for a mooring.

A Standard Identification Buoy Exemption Form must be completed by the mooring permit holder and provided to Parks Victoria, if an exemption is required. Parks Victoria will review the exemption form and reserves the discretionary right to approve exemptions with the below considerations:

- Every effort should be made by the mooring permit holder and their contractor to use a Standard Identification Buoy. Any buoy used in lieu of a Standard Identification Buoy must have correct labelling affixed to the buoy to clearly identify the mooring site ID.
- Where a Standard Identification Buoy is not suitable as the main buoy for the mooring, it must be used as a pick-up buoy (if suitable).
- If a Standard Identification Buoy cannot be used as a pick-up buoy, a smaller blue Standardised Float must be fitted with the correct labelling, clearly identifying the mooring site ID. The labelling should be fitted by the contractor in suitability of the mooring. The Standardised Float must be ordered through Parks Victoria at the mooring permit holders expense.
- An Authorised Mooring Contractor must provide a signed (and dated) statement providing their professional opinion and the reasons why a Parks Victoria Standard Identification Buoy cannot be used.
- Styrofoam buoys are not permitted under any circumstances within regulated standard identification buoy mooring grounds, with or without an exemption.

Buoy/Float Ownership

Where a mooring permit is relinquished and the mooring tackle is removed from the site, the Standard Identification Buoy or Standardised Float will remain the property of the mooring permit holder. The mooring permit holder is not permitted to onsell or use this float with the express permission from Parks Victoria.

Where a permit is transferred to another individual, ownership of the Standard Identification Buoy or Standardised Float can be transferred as part of the mooring tackle.