

Parks Victoria Standard Identification Buoy Exemption Form

FORM NO. PVB05

Submit to moorings@parks.vic.gov.au or to your local Parks Victoria Office

MANDATORY ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST

The following document is required with your application:

- Authorised Mooring Contractor Statement** outlining the justification for the mooring to be exempt from the requirement to install a Standard Identification Buoy in a mandated mooring ground. A list of Authorised Mooring contractors can be found at www.parks.vic.gov.au.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Permit holder name:

Site ID Number:

NOMINATED VESSEL DETAILS

Vessel name:

Vessel registration:

AUTHORISED MOORING CONTRACTOR DETAILS

Nominated Authorised Mooring Contractor:

EXEMPTION REQUEST DETAILS

Why should the site be exempt from fitting a Standard Identification Buoy?

What buoyage system would be used in lieu of the Standard Identification Buoy and why is this suitable?

If the Standard Identification Buoy is not to be used as a pick-up buoy, how will the smaller blue Standardised Float be integrated into the mooring?

APPLICANT DECLARATION

By signing here, I confirm that I have completed this application and that the information provided is true and accurate. I understand that this exemption request may not be approved and that I may be required to fit a Standard Identification Buoy, if directed.

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.