

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION**

Parks Victoria as the declared waterway manager for the Local Port of Port Phillip, makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by the Melbourne Open Water Swim Club, persons and vessels involved in the Winter Solstice Sunset Swim are exempt from the following requirements:

**State Rules made under the *Marine Act 1988***

1. Clause 2(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a person in the water
2. Clause 4(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 200 metres of the water's edge
3. Clause 4(b) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a wharf, jetty, slipway, diving platform or boat ramp

**Waterway Rules made under the *Marine Safety Act 2010* / *Marine Act 1988***

4. Clause 1.5.7 of Schedule 1 – 5 knot speed restriction zone within 200 metres of the waters' edge at Williamstown Beach
5. Clause 1.5.9(b) of Schedule 1 – areas prohibited to vessels off Williamstown Beach

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Master of rescue vessel is only exempt from items 1 to 4 when undertaking a rescue operation to retrieve persons in distress, provide for their initial medical or other needs and deliver them to a place of safety on shore.
- Masters of all vessels involved with the event are exempt from item 5 for the duration of the event.
- All occupants of all vessels involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- The exemptions apply from 4:00pm to 6:00pm on Saturday 22 June 2024 (back-up date Sunday 23 June 2024) to the persons and vessels participating in the Winter Solstice Sunset Swim within the Set Aside waters off Williamstown Beach.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

**Parks Victoria**

Dated: 30th April 2024