

**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 Swimming Victoria, persons and vessels involved in the 2025 Victorian Open Water Championships 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 2(c) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel
3. Clause 4(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 200 metres of the water's edge
4. 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***

5. Clause 1.4.7 of Schedule 1 – 5 knot speed restriction within 200 metres of the water's edge - South West Port Phillip

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of rescue vessels are exempt from items 1 to 5 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, and must adhere to speed and distance rules at all other times.
- All participants on rescue and official vessels used in conjunction with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- The above exemptions apply from 8:30am to 1:30pm on Saturday 20 December 2025 (back-up date Sunday 21 December 2025) to persons and vessels involved in the Victorian Open Water Championships within the Set Aside waters of Corio Bay, as marked by buoys.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

**By Order of Parks Victoria**

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