

PUBLIC NOTICE
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION

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

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Surfing Victoria, persons and vessels involved in the 2024 Australian Stand Up Paddleboard Titles 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
5. Clause 19(a) – an observer must be used when towing a person.

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

6. Clause 5.3(a)(iii) & (iv) of Schedule 5 - 5 knot speed restriction – Coronet Bay & Ventnor Beach to Silverleaf beach.

Marine Safety Regulations 2023

7. Regulation 60 – Master must not engage in towing unless an observer is on board.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of rescue vessels (including rescue PWCs) are only exempt from item 1 to 4 & 6 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 PWC rescue vessels are only exempt from items 5 & 7 when retrieving or rescuing a person during the event
- All SUP participants involved with the event must wear a lifejacket and leg rope at all times during the event.
- All occupants of mechanically powered vessels (including PWCs) involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event and all rescue vessels must carry prescribed safety equipment.
- The exemptions apply from 6:30am to 6:00pm between Tuesday 22 October 2024 and Saturday 26 October 2024 within the waters of Western Port Bay: Direct line between Cowes Beach and Coronet Bay, between approximate locations 38°26'48.0"S 145°14'39.0"E and 38°26'16.0"S 145°25'59.0"E.
- 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

Dated: 14th October 2024