

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 Life Saving Victoria, persons and vessels involved in the Victorian Lifesaving Endurance 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

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

4. Clause 1.2.7 of Schedule 1 – 5 knot speed restriction within 200 meters of water's edge – East Port Phillip
5. Clause 1.2.9 (a) of schedule 1 – Area prohibited to vessels at Mentone Beach
6. Clause 1.2.12(b) of Schedule 1 – The master of a personal watercraft must not operate the personal watercraft: for any purpose other than transiting in the safest most direct course to, or from the shore and/or a boat ramp or berthing facility (including a jetty, pier or mooring), whilst operating within designated 5 knot speed restriction zones.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of all rescue vessels are only exempt from item 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, and item 5 for the duration of the event.
- Masters of PWCs are exempt from item 6 for the duration of the event.
- All occupants of rescue and PWC vessels involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event and all vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- The exemptions apply from 9:00am – 3:00pm on Saturday 26 October 2024 within the exclusion zone waters - Port Phillip: adjacent to Mentone Lifesaving Club
- 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: 2nd October 2024