

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 Victorian Canoe Association, persons and vessels involved in the Sandridge Bay Classic 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 1.1.7(a) of Schedule 1 – 5 knot speed restriction area North East Port Phillip Sandridge Beach
5. Clause 1.1.9(a) of Schedule 1 – Area prohibited to vessels within North East Port Phillip – Sandridge Beach

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of 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.
- Competitors are only exempt from items 2 to 5 when competing in the events, and item 2 applies only when within 50 metres of a competitor or course/rescue vessel.
- All participants, and occupants of official and rescue vessels involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- Rescue boats must carry additional floatation devices to support persons that may be required to be rescued
- The exemptions apply from 10:00am to 2:30pm on Sunday 31 August 2025 within the Set Aside area of the waters – Sandridge Beach, Port Phillip
- 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: 18th August 2025