

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 Spirited Away Pty Ltd, persons and vessels involved in the Rip Swim and Race 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 area of South West Port Phillip
6. Clause 1.4.12(c) 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 boat ramp or berthing facility (including a jetty, pier or mooring), whilst operating within designated 5 knot speed restriction zone
7. Clause 1.3.7(c) of Schedule 1 – 5 knot speed restriction of South East Port Phillip
8. Clause 1.3.12(a) 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 boat ramp or berthing facility (including a jetty, pier or mooring), whilst operating within designated 5 knot speed restriction zone

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of rescue vessels (including personal watercraft) are only exempt from 1 to 5 & 7 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 rescue personal watercraft are exempt from items 6 & 8 for the duration of the event.
- Occupants of all rescue vessels (including personal watercraft) and rescue paddle craft involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event, and vessels and craft must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- Life Saving Victoria vessels are exempt from specified safety equipment as outlined in Exemption Notice 1, if operating in accordance with the 'Exemptions for Life Saving Victoria vessels'.
- The exemptions apply to the times and dates as specified in Table 1 below, to the vessels and craft listed within the event application who are participating in The Rip Swim and Race event on the waters of Port Phillip from Point Nepean to Point Lonsdale front beach.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.
- In the event of any injuries which result in hospitalisation, a fatality or an incident involving a person or vessel not involved in the event, these must be immediately reported to Victoria Police and Safe Transport Victoria (ST Vic). In the case of all other incidents ST Vic requires incident reports within seven (7) days and a finalised report within 30 days.

Table 1 – The Rip Swim and Race 2025

Day	Date	Time
Saturday	1 February 2025	9:30am - 3:00pm
Saturday	5 July 2025	8:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday	6 July 2025	8:30am - 1:30pm

By Order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 28th January 2025