

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION**

Parks Victoria as the declared waterway manager for the Yarra River upstream of the Port waters of the Port of Melbourne, makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Dragon Boat Victoria, persons and vessels involved in the Lunar New Year Regatta 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 of a person in the water
2. Clause 2(b) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel
3. Clause 3(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of the water's edge
4. Clause 3(b) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a fixed or floating structure

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

5. Clause 3.1 of Schedule 3 – 5 knot speed restriction on waters of the Yarra River

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 and must adhere to speed and distance rules at all other times.
- Competitors are only exempt from items 2 to 5 when competing in the events.
- All participants involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times.
- Occupants of mechanically powered vessels involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment, including rescue vessels.
- The exemptions apply from 11:00am to 4:30pm on Saturday 22 February 2025 and from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday 23 February 2025 (back-up date Saturday 1 March 2025 from 9:00am to 4:00pm) to the persons and vessels involved in the Lunar New Year Regatta within the event competition area of the Yarra River - Victoria Harbour.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

Parks Victoria

Dated: 17th February 2025