

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION**

Parks Victoria as the declared waterway manager for the Patterson River, upstream of the Nepean Highway Bridge to Eumemmering Creek (including the National Water Sports Centre (NWSC)), makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Seacraft Syndicate Boat Owners Club, persons and vessels involved in the Carrum 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 a person in the water
2. Clause 2(c) – 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

***Marine Safety Regulations 2023 Modification***

5. A lifejacket of a type described in Part 4 & 7 of "Schedule 1 - Types of Lifejackets", of the Marine Safety Regulations 2023 (MSRs) is modified to include a buoyancy suit is deemed a Level 50S lifejacket or a Type 3 lifejacket if it is marked as rated at a minimum PFD-3 / Level 50S and manufactured to Australian Standards AS 2260-1996 & AS 4758.1:2015.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from items 1-4 for the duration of the events, provided they do not exceed 5 knots within 30 metres of another competing vessel or their skier or the waters' edge.
- Masters of rescue vessels are only exempt from items 1-4 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.
- Competing water-skiers must wear a lifejacket or buoyancy suit at all times that complies with item 5 modification that adequately achieves the purpose of a Level 50S/Type 3 lifejacket.
- Occupants of powered vessels used in conjunction 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 9.00am to 4.30pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to persons and vessels participating in the Seacraft Syndicate Boat Owners Club Carrum Regatta events on the waters of the NWSC, provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to

**By order of Parks Victoria**

Dated: 25/09/2023