

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION**

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Ports Victoria as the port management authority for the Port of Geelong takes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Australian Offshore Powerboat Club, persons and vessels involved in the 2023 Geelong Offshore Superboat Championship are exempt from the following requirements:

State Rules made under the *Marine Act 1988*

1. Clause 2(c) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel

Marine Safety Regulations 2012

Modification For the purpose of boating activity conducted by the Australian Offshore Powerboat Club “Schedule 1 - Types of personal floatation devices”, of the *Marine Safety Regulations 2012* (MSR) is modified to include a personal floatation device (PFD) is a PFD type 1, 2 or 3 if it complies with the current Australian Power boat association (APBA) rule book.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of rescue vessels are only exempt from item 1 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.
- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from item 1 for the duration of their event and only applies when within 50 metres of another competing vessel.
- Persons on competing vessels must wear PFDs that comply with Rule 801 of the current APBA Rulebook.
- Persons on course official and rescue vessels involved with the event must wear a personal floatation device at all times during the event, excluding rescue divers, and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- In the event of any incident that results in hospitalisation or fatality involving a person or vessel directly or indirectly involved in the event, these must be immediately reported to Victoria Police and Safe Transport Victoria. In the case of all other incidents, Safe Transport Victoria requires an incident report within 7 days and a finalised report within 30 days.
- The exemption and modification apply from 11:30pm – 3:00pm Saturday 18 March 2023 and 10:00am – 2:00pm Sunday 19 March 2023, in waters 200 metres from shore within the exclusion zone from Rippleside to Limeburners Point along the southern sector of Corio Bay.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

Ports Victoria

Dated: 17 March 2023

**Marine Safety Act 2010
Section 208(2)
NOTICE OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXCLUSION ZONE**

Ports Victoria as the port management authority for the Port of Geelong port waters, hereby gives notice under section 208(2) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic)* that all persons and vessels not involved in the 2023 Geelong Offshore Superboat Championship are prohibited from entering and remaining in the waters approximately from Rippleside to Limeburners Point along the southern sector of Corio Bay, bound by the following points marked by buoys:

Perimeter buoy	38° 08.481' S	144° 21.836' E
Perimeter buoy	38° 08.393' S	144° 21.755' E
Perimeter buoy	38° 08.171' S	144° 21.689' E
Perimeter buoy	38° 08.001' S	144° 21.706' E
Perimeter buoy	38° 07.805' S	144° 21.714' E
Perimeter buoy	38° 07.798' S	144° 21.929' E
Perimeter buoy	38° 07.898' S	144° 22.221' E
Perimeter buoy	38° 08.276' S	144° 22.249' E
Perimeter buoy	38° 08.270' S	144° 22.613' E
Perimeter buoy	38° 08.217' S	144° 23.042' E

The exclusion zone takes effect between 08:00am Saturday 18 March 2023 to 4:00pm Sunday 19 March 2023.

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Dated: 17 March 2023