

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION**

Parks Victoria as the declared waterway manager for the Maribyrnong River upstream of Shepherd Bridge on Footscray Road, makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Essendon Rowing Club, persons and vessels involved in the Saltwater Challenge Regatta on the Maribyrnong River 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.
2. Clause 3(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of the waters' edge.
3. 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*

4. Clause 4.1 of Schedule 4 – 5 knot speed restriction on the waters of the Maribyrnong River.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of vessels providing rescue services must ensure they comply with the gazetted waterway rules and *Marine Safety Act 2010* in respect to minimum speed and distance requirements, unless otherwise 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 competing vessels are only exempt from 1 to 4 in the above list when competing in the event.
- Occupants of powered vessels involved with the event must wear a personal flotation device at all times during the event and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment, including rescue vessels.
- The event is operating under the auspices of Rowing Victoria, including the Rowing Victoria Safety Management Plan, which meets the criteria of Clause 3 of Exemption Notice 1 made under the *Marine Regulations 1999* in respect of the exemption for rowing vessels to not carry or wear a personal flotation device.
- The exemptions apply from 6:00am to 4:30pm on 7 September 2019 on the waters of the Maribyrnong River within the competition area from 300 metres downstream of Canning St Bridge to 100 metres downstream of the Essendon Rowing Club, provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

BY ORDER OF PARKS VICTORIA

Dated: