

PUBLIC NOTICE
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION

Parks Victoria as the declared waterway manager for Western Port Bay, makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club Incorporated, persons and vessels involved in the San Remo Channel Challenge event 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 5.3 (vi) of Schedule 5 – 5 knot speed restriction at the Port of Western Port

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of rescue vessels are only exempt from 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.
- Occupants of powered vessels (including personal watercraft) 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 2.00pm on Saturday 10 February 2024 (back-up Sunday 11 February 2024) within the event waters – spanning the San Remo Channel from the San Remo Pier and running parallel to the Phillip Island Road Bridge.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

By Order of Parks Victoria

Dated: 2/01/2024