

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

Ports Victoria as the port management authority for the Port of Geelong makes 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 Geelong Offshore Superboat Race are exempt from the following requirements:

**State Rules made under the *Marine Act 1988***

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

***Marine Safety Regulations 2023***  
***Modification***

Item 2. For the purpose of boating activity conducted by the Australian Offshore Powerboat Club a lifejacket of a type described in Part 2 & 5 of “Schedule 1 - Types of Lifejackets”, of the Marine Safety Regulations 2023 (MSRs) is modified to include a lifejacket is deemed a Level 100 plus lifejacket or a Type 1 lifejacket if it complies with the current Australian Power Boat Association (APBA) Rule Book – rule 801

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 the event and only applies when within 50 metres of another competing vessel.
- Persons on competing vessels must wear Level 100 plus or Type 1 lifejackets that comply with Rule 801 of the current APBA Rulebook/item 2 Modification or the MSRs.
- Persons on course official and rescue vessels involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event (exception for Rescue Divers wearing thermal wet suits with positive buoyancy), and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- Competing APBA vessels have an exemption from the requirement of Regulation 61 for carriage of some required safety equipment (besides lifejackets). Refer to Exemption Notice 1 for details.
- 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 1:00pm – 3:30pm Saturday 16 March 2024 and 11:00am – 2:00pm Sunday 17 March 2024, 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: 12/03/2024

**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 2024 Geelong Offshore Superboat Race 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 16 March 2024 to 4:00pm Sunday 17 March 2024.

**Ports Victoria**

Dated: 12/03/2024