Victorian Notice to Mariners

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PORT OF MELBOURNE
PORT PHILLIP
USV SEA TRIAL OPERATIONS

Date: **30 October 2026**

Refers: **N/A**

Details: Mariners are advised that **Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV)** sea trial operations may be conducted between **1 November and 6 November 2026** (subject to weather conditions and operations)**,** during daylight hours, within the area bounded by the following coordinates:

Latitude	Longitude
37°59.800′ S	144°59.383′ E
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38°01.350′ S	144°57.000′ E
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The USV will be under tow for all transits between Victoria Harbour and the designated sea trial area by support vessel *Fearless,* conducted **around shipping movements**.

Support vessel *Fearless* will remain in attendance during sea trial operations and can be contacted on VHF Channel 12.

Recreational vessels and domestic commercial vessels should keep well clear and not approach the USV during sea trial operations or when under tow.

Mariners are advised to navigate with additional caution in the vicinity of the sea trial area during operations.

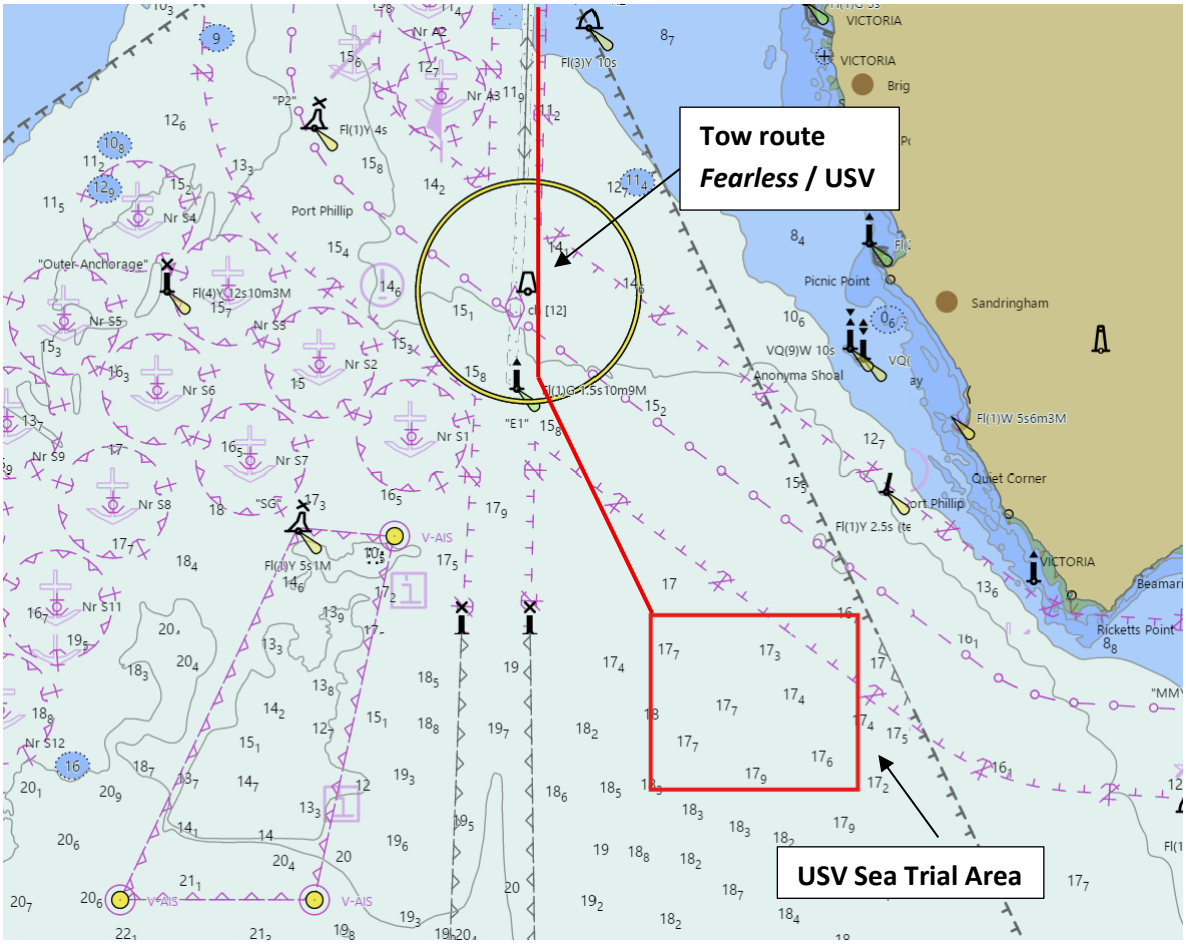
For further information, please email the Navigation Services department at NavigationServices@ports.vic.gov.au or contact Melbourne VTS on 9644 9700 / VHF Channel 12.

Charts & Publications affected: AUS 155, AUS 143

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UNCREWED SURFACE VESSEL (USV)



SUPPORT VESSEL *FEARLESS*