

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

Parks Victoria as the declared waterway manager for Waters of 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 Surfing Victoria persons and vessels involved in the 2022 Australian Stand Up Paddleboard Titles 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 19(a) – an observer must be used when towing a person

**Waterway Rules made under the *Marine Safety Act 2010 / Marine Act 1988***

4. Clause 5.3 (a)(iii) & (iv) of schedule 5 – 5 knot speed restriction – Coronet Bay & Ventnor Beach to Silverleaf Beach

***Marine Safety Regulations 2012***

5. Regulation 95 Master must not engage in towing unless an observer is on board.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of **rescue vessels and PWC vessels** are only exempt from item 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 on shore.
- All participants involved with the event must always wear a personal floatation device during the event and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- The exemptions apply from 7:30am – 6:00pm from 04<sup>th</sup> October – 09<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

**[Parks Victoria]**

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022