



VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

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LOCAL PORT OF BARWON HEADS

BARWON RIVER, Barwon Heads Sailing Association (BHSA) **5 knot Exemption and Events Calendar 2024-2025**

Date: Effective from 23 December 2024

Details: Mariners are advised that the Barwon Heads Sailing Association (BHSA) will conduct organised and scheduled sailing/boating activity events in the Barwon River north of the Barwon Heads Bridge, within waters of the Local Port of Barwon Heads from 22 September 2024 to 11 May 2025. Barwon Coast Committee of Management makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Barwon Heads Sailing Association, persons and vessels involved in the Barwon Heads Sailing Association 2024-2025 Season Racing Events 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 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 10.1 of Schedule 10 – 5 knot speed restriction area on the waters of the Local Port of Barwon Heads.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of rescue vessels are only exempt from items 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, and must adhere to speed and distance rules at all other times.
- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from items 2 to 5 when competing in the events, and item 2 only when operating within 50 metres of another competing vessel. Competing vessels are those noted on a current membership list maintained by BHSA.
- All participants involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the events and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- The exemptions apply for the dates, times and events specified in Table 1 within the competition area of the Local Port of Barwon Heads: North of Barwon Heads Bridge, upstream to channel marker 8.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation, including the Racing Rules of Sailing, are adhered to.

Table 1 Barwon Heads Sailing Association 2024-2025 Season Racing Events

ICEBERG RACES		SUMMER SERIES				RIVERSHOLME/ EASTER SERIES	
Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time
Sunday 22/09/2024	2:30pm – 4:30pm	Thursday 26/12/2024	8:00am – 10:00am	Sunday 12/01/2025	8:00am – 6:00pm	Sunday 2/02/2025	3:15pm – 5:15pm
Sunday 6/10/2024	2:40pm – 4:40pm	Friday 27/12/2024	8:15am – 10:15am	Monday 13/01/2025	8:00am – 6:00pm	Sunday 16/02/2025	3:30pm – 5:30pm
Sunday 20/10/2024	2:10pm – 4:10pm	Saturday 28/12/2024	9:00am – 11:00am	Tuesday 14/01/2025	8:00am – 6:00pm	Sunday 2/03/2025	2:15pm – 4:15pm
Sunday 3/11/2024	1:40pm – 3:40pm	Sunday 29/12/2024	10:10am – 12:10pm	Wednesday 15/01/2025	8:00am – 6:00pm	Sunday 16/03/2025	2:20pm – 4:20pm
Sunday 17/11/2024	12:50pm – 2:50pm	Monday 30/12/2024	11:20am – 1:20pm	Thursday 16/01/2025	8:00am – 6:00pm	Sunday 30/03/2025	12:55pm – 2:55pm
Sunday 1/12/2024	12:20pm – 2:20pm	Tuesday 31/12/2024	12:15pm – 2:15pm	Friday 17/01/2025	8:00am – 6:00pm	Sunday 13/04/2025	12:15pm – 2:15pm
Sunday 15/12/2024	11:20am – 1:20pm	Wednesday 1/01/2025	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Saturday 18/01/2025	8:00am – 6:00pm	Friday 18/04/2025	3:05pm – 5:05pm
Sunday 22/12/2024	5:30pm – 7:30pm	Thursday 2/01/2025	1:45pm – 3:45pm	Sunday 19/01/2025	4:35pm – 6:35pm	Saturday 19/04/2025	3:15pm – 5:15pm
		Friday 3/01/2025	2:20pm – 4:20pm	Monday 20/01/2025	5:15pm – 7:15pm	Sunday 20/04/2025	4:10pm – 6:10pm
		Saturday 4/01/2025	2:45pm – 4:45pm	Tuesday 21/01/2025	5:50pm – 7:50pm	Monday 21/04/2025	4:40pm – 6:40pm
		Sunday 5/01/2025	4:15pm – 6:15pm	Wednesday 22/01/2025	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Sunday 27/04/2025	10:40am – 12:40pm
		Monday 6/01/2025	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Saturday 25/01/2025	7:30am – 9:30am	Sunday 11/05/2025	11:05am – 1:05pm
		Tuesday 7/01/2025	6:00pm – 8:00pm	Sunday 26/01/2025	8:00am – 10:00am		
		Friday 10/01/2025	8:00am – 10:00am	Monday 27/01/2025	8:35am – 10:35am		
		Saturday 11/01/2025	8:30am – 10:30am				

Mariners are advised to exercise caution when navigating in the Barwon River.

**Charts & Publications
Affected:**

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**Victorian Charts &
Publications affected:**

Schedule 10 Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules

Further Notice:

No further notice will be issued. This notice will be self-cancelling on 12 May 2025

This Notice to Mariners is issued by the Barwon Coast Committee of Management Inc. delegated Local Port Manager for the Department of Transport and Planning. If you require any further information, please contact Barwon Coast on (03) 5254 1118.

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