



# VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

**Barwon Heads, 7 August 2023**  
**AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA**

**No. 308 – 2023**

**LOCAL PORT OF BARWON HEADS**

## **BARWON RIVER, Barwon Heads Sailing Association 5 knot Exemption and Events Calendar 2023-2024**

**Date:** Effective from 1 October 2023

**Details:**

Mariners are advised that: Barwon Heads Sailing Association organised and scheduled boating activity events in the Barwon River north of the Barwon Heads Bridge, part of the waters of the Local Port of Barwon Heads from 1 October 2023 to 12 May 2024 are exempt from certain rules of the Marine Safety Act, *Marine Safety Regulations 2012* (Vic) and the waterway rules as detailed here;

1. Vessels associated with the Barwon Heads Sailing Association 2023 - 2024 calendar events are exempt from the requirements to operate a vessel at a speed not exceeding 5 knots:

- (i) within 50 metres of another vessel;
- (ii) within 200 metres of the waters' edge;
- (iii) within 50 metres of wharf, jetty, slipway, diving platform or boat ramp
- (iv) within the 5 knot speed restriction zone

as detailed in clauses 2(c), 4(a), 4(b) and clause 10.1 of Schedule 10 of the Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules.

2. The exemptions in clause 1 above will apply only to operators and vessels associated with the event which are noted on a list of member participants maintained by Barwon Heads Sailing Association.

The exemptions apply for **only** the dates and times in Barwon Heads Sailing Association 2023-2024 calendar of events as attached in this notice;

- BHSa Summer Schedule 2023 - 2024
- BHSa Riversholme / Easter Race schedule 2024

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

***Mariners are further advised to monitor the forming wave conditions on the approach to the river entry at all times, mariners should be aware of submerged reef areas, Formby reef to the east and the fringing reef of the Barwon Head to the west.***

**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 2024

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.

Victorian Notices to Mariners can also be viewed on the Barwon Coast website [www.barwoncoast.com.au](http://www.barwoncoast.com.au) or on the Ports website [www.vrca.vic.gov.au](http://www.vrca.vic.gov.au) and the Victorian Government Gazette [www.gazette.vic.gov.au](http://www.gazette.vic.gov.au)

**G.W. McPIKE  
Chief Executive Officer  
Barwon Coast Committee of Management Inc.**

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

Barwon Coast Committee of Management as the declared waterway manager for Local Port of Barwon Heads, 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 2023 - 2024 Race Schedule are exempt from the following requirements:

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

1. Clause 2(c) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 meters of another vessel;
2. Clause 4(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 200 metres of the water's edge;
3. Clause 4(b) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of metres of fixed or floating structure

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

4. Clause 10.1 of Schedule 10 – 5 knot speed restriction on the waters of the Local Port of Barwon Heads.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from 2 to 4 in the above list when competing in the event, and 1 only when operating within 50 metres of another competing vessel. Competing vessels are those noted on a current membership list maintained by Barwon Heads Sailing Association (BHSA).
- Masters of rescue vessels are only exempt from 1 to 4 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.
- All participants involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- The exemptions apply for Barwon Heads Sailing Association Race Schedule as outlined in the table below, between 1 October 2023 and 12 May 2024.
- 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.

**BY ORDER OF BARWON COAST COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT INC**

Dated: 7 August 2023

## **BHSA RACE SCHEDULES 2023-2024**

Race events begin one hour prior to the charted high tide of the day

Race events are usually targeted for 2 hours duration, dependant on wind conditions.

### **Barwon Heads Sailing Association Race Schedule 2023-2024**

<b>ICEBERG 2023</b>	<b>SUMMER 2023 / 2024</b>		<b>RIVERSHOLME / EASTER 2024</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Date</b>
Sun 01/10/23	Tue 26/12/23	Fri 12/01/24	Sun 11/02/24
Sun 15/10/23	Wed 27/12/23	Sat 13/01/24	Sun 25/02/24
Sun 29/10/23	Thu 28/12/23	Sun 14/01/24	Sun 10/03/24
Sun 12/11/23	Fri 29/12/23	Mon 15/01/24	Sun 24/03/24
Sun 26/11/23	Sat 30/12/23	Tue 16/01/24	Fri 29/03/24
Sun 10/12/23	Sun 31/12/23	Wed 17/01/24	Sat 30/03/24
Sun 17/12/23	Mon 01/01/24	Thu 18/01/24	Sun 31/03/24
Sun 24/12/23	Tue 02/01/24	Mon 22/01/24	Mon 01/04/24
Find	Wed 03/01/24	Tue 23/01/24	Sun 07/04/24
	Thu 04/01/24	Wed 24/01/24	Sun 14/04/24
	Mon 08/01/24	Thu 25/01/24	Sun 21/04/24
	Tue 09/01/24	Fri 26/01/24	Sun 28/04/24
	Wed 10/01/24	Sat 27/01/24	Sun 12/05/24
	Thu 11/01/24	Sun 28/01/24	