



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 2026-2027**

Date: Effective from 27 September 2026

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 27 September 2026 to 9 May 2027. Barwon Coast Committee of Management Inc as the declared waterway manager for the 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 2026-2027 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 the 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 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 Barwon Heads Sailing Association (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 below within the competition area of the Local Port of Barwon Heads: North of Barwon Heads Bridge, upstream to channel marker 8

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Table 1: Barwon Heads Sailing Association 2026-2027 Season Racing Events

SOCIAL WINTER RACES		SUMMER SERIES				RIVERSHOLME/ EASTER SERIES	
Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time
Sunday 27/09/2026	11:45am - 1:45pm	Saturday 26/12/2026	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Tuesday 12/01/2027	9:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 7/02/2027	12:50pm - 2:50pm
Sunday 11/10/2026	12:35pm - 2:35pm	Sunday 27/12/2026	2:30pm - 4:30pm	Wednesday 13/01/2027	9:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 21/02/2027	12:00pm - 2:00pm
Sunday 25/10/2026	11:10am - 1:10pm	Monday 28/12/2026	3:35pm - 5:35pm	Thursday 14/01/2027	9:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 7/03/2027	11:20am - 1:20pm
Sunday 1/11/2026	4:25pm - 6:25pm	Tuesday 29/12/2026	4:35pm - 6:35pm	Friday 15/01/2027	9:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 21/03/2027	10:40am - 12:40pm
Sunday 8/11/2026	11:10am - 1:10pm	Wednesday 30/12/2026	5:25pm - 7:25pm	Saturday 16/01/2027	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Friday 26/03/2027	3:35pm - 5:35pm
Sunday 15/11/2026	3:50pm - 5:50pm	Thursday 31/12/2026	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Tuesday 19/0 1/2027	7:45am - 9:45am	Saturday 27/03/2027	3:45pm - 5:45pm
Sunday 29/11/2026	3:35pm - 5:35pm	Sunday 3/01/2027	8:00am - 10:00am	Wednesday 20/01/2027	11:20am - 1:20pm	Sunday 28/03/2027	4:40pm - 6:40pm
Sunday 6/12/2026	9:25am - 11:25am	Monday 4/01/2027	8:30am - 10:30am	Thursday 21/01/2027	12:20pm - 2:20pm	Monday 29/03/2027	5:00pm - 7:00pm
Sunday 13/12/2026	3:00pm - 5:00pm	Tuesday 5/01/2027	9:25am - 11:25am	Friday 22/01/2027	10:45am - 12:45pm	Sunday 11/04/2027	2:50pm - 4:50pm
		Wednesday 6/01/2027	10:30am - 12:30pm	Saturday 23/01/2027	10:05pm - 2:05pm	Sunday 25/04/2027	2:50pm - 4:50pm
		Thursday 7/01/2027	11:30am - 1:30pm	Sunday 24/01/2027	1:20pm - 3:20pm	Sunday 9/05/2027	1:50pm - 3:50pm
		Friday 8/01/2027	12:20pm - 2:20pm	Monday 25/01/2027	2:30pm - 4:30pm		
		Saturday 9/01/2027	12:35pm - 2:35pm	Tuesday 26/01/2027	3:30pm - 5:30pm		
		Sunday 10/01/2027	2:05pm - 4:05pm	Wednesday 27/01/2027	4:20pm - 6:20pm		
		Monday 11/01/2027	9:00am - 5:00pm	Thursday 28/01/2027	5:10pm - 7:10pm		
				Friday 29/01/2027	5:30pm - 7:30pm		

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 9 May 2027.

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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