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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION**

Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority as the declared waterway manager for Port Campbell Bay, makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Life Saving Victoria, persons and vessels involved in the LSV VSRL Surf Boat Carnival #1 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

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

4. Clause 152.2 of Schedule 152 - Port Campbell Bay subject to provisions of Clause 2 (speed limits & safety distances)
5. Clause 152.4 of Schedule 152 - Port Campbell Bay subject to provisions of Clause 4 (speed limits & safety distances)

**Marine Safety Regulations 2023**

6. Regulation 61(2) – vessel master must not operate on coastal waters unless vessel equipped with lifejacket for each person onboard
7. Regulation 66(1) – person must wear a lifejacket of type specified at all times when underway on coastal waters
8. Regulation 70(1) – vessel master must not operate the vessel unless persons onboard when underway wear a lifejacket

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 on shore.
- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from items 1 to 5 for the duration of the event.
- Masters of rescue vessels are only exempt from items 6 & 8 for the duration of the event.
- Crew of rescue vessels involved with the event must wear a lifejacket at all times during the event.
- Surf boat competitors are only exempt from items 6 to 8 for the duration of each event, provided the Surf Hazard Rating (SHR) is of a value no greater than 12. If the SHR is 13 or higher, the exemptions will apply subject to the following conditions:
  - (i) Competitors must wear helmets
  - (ii) There must be two IRBs operating to follow the surf boats the entire length of the course
  - (iii) Each IRB must be equipped with rescue tubes
  - (iv) There must be officials on the shore to monitor the event and communicate with the IRBs via radio, and
  - (v) LSV must carry out a SHR assessment for each event

- Operators and occupants of vessels propelled by paddle or oar are exempt from lifejacket wearing requirements and the carriage of specified safety equipment whilst within visual range of a staffed lifesaving facility or flagged area, as per the Exemptions for Life Saving Victoria vessels in Exemption Notice 1.
- Masters of mechanically powered LSV vessels up to and including 4.8 metres in length (other than personal watercraft) are exempt from the carriage of specified safety equipment whilst within visual range of a staffed lifesaving facility or flagged area, as per the Exemptions for Life Saving Victoria vessels in Exemption Notice 1.
- Should vessels or persons not involved in the event enter the exclusion zone, the event will be automatically suspended until the vessel or person has moved outside of the area.
- The exemptions apply from 10:00am to 7:00pm on Saturday 15 November 2025 within the exclusion zone waters - Waters of Port Campbell Bay – adjacent to the Life Saving Club clearly marked by flags on shore, and in the water by buoys extending up to approx. 250 metres from shore.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

**By order of Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority**

Dated: 7/11/2025

**Marine Safety Act 2010  
Section 208(2)  
NOTICE OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXCLUSION ZONE**

Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority as the declared waterway manager for Port Campbell Bay, hereby gives notice under section 208(2) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic)* that all persons and vessels not registered to take part in the LSV VSRL Surf Boat Carnival #1 are prohibited from entering and remaining in the following waters.

Waters of Port Campbell Bay - adjacent to the Life Saving Club clearly marked by flags on shore, and in the water by buoys extending up to approx. 250 metres from shore.

The exclusion zone will be in effect from 10:00am to 7:00pm on Saturday 15 November 2025

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