



# VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

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**Notice to Mariners No. 297 - 2025**

**LOCAL PORT OF BARWON HEADS**

## **BARWON RIVER, Barwon Heads Sailing Association (BHSA)** **5 knot Exemption and Events Calendar 2025-2026**

**Date:** Effective from 21 September 2025

**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 21 September 2025 to 17 May 2026. 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 2025-2026 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 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.

- 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 2025-2026 Season Racing Events**

ICEBERG RACES		SUMMER SERIES				RIVERSHOLME/ EASTER SERIES	
Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time	Date	Time
Sunday 21/09/2025	11:00am - 1:00pm	Friday 26/12/2025	8:00am - 10:00am	Monday 12/01/2026	9:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 1/02/2026	10:25am - 12:25pm
Sunday 28/09/2025	3:10pm - 5:10pm	Saturday 27/12/2025	5:15pm - 7:15pm	Tuesday 13/01/2026	9:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 15/02/2026	9:00am - 11:00am
Sunday 5/10/2025	10:00am - 12:00pm	Sunday 28/12/2025	6:00pm - 8:00pm	Wednesday 14/01/2026	9:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 1/03/2026	9:00am - 11:00am
Sunday 19/10/2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Wednesday 31/12/2025	8:00am - 10:00am	Thursday 15/01/2026	9:00am - 5:00pm	Sunday 22/03/2026	3:10pm - 5:10pm
Sunday 26/10/2025	3:10pm - 5:10pm	Thursday 1/01/2026	8:50am - 10:50am	Friday 16/01/2026	9:00am - 5:00pm	Friday 3/04/2026	1:50pm - 3:50pm
Sunday 9/11/2025	2:50pm - 4:50pm	Friday 2/01/2026	9:45am - 11:45am	Saturday 17/01/2026	10:20am - 12:20pm	Saturday 4/04/2026	2:10pm - 4:10pm
Sunday 21/11/2025	2:15pm - 4:15pm	Saturday 3/01/2026	10:15am - 12:15pm	Sunday 18/01/2026	11:20am - 1:20pm	Sunday 5/04/2026	2:10pm - 4:10pm
Sunday 7/12/2025	1:35pm - 3:35pm	Sunday 4/01/2026	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Monday 19/01/2026	12:20pm - 2:20pm	Monday 6/04/2026	2:45pm - 4:45pm
Sunday 21/12/2025	1:10pm - 3:10pm	Monday 5/01/2026	1:10pm - 3:10pm	Tuesday 20/01/2026	1:10pm - 3:10pm	Sunday 19/04/2026	1:00pm - 3:00pm
		Tuesday 6/01/2026	2:20pm - 4:20pm	Wednesday 21/01/2026	2:05pm - 4:05pm	Sunday 3/05/2026	1:05pm - 3:05pm
		Wednesday 7/01/2026	3:20pm - 5:20pm	Thursday 22/01/2026	2:55pm - 4:55pm	Sunday 17/05/2026	11:45am - 1:45pm
		Thursday 8/01/2026	4:15pm - 6:15pm	Friday 23/01/2026	3:40pm - 5:40pm		
		Friday 9/01/2026	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Saturday 24/01/2026	4:00pm - 6:00pm		
		Saturday 10/01/2026	5:45pm - 7:45pm	Sunday 25/01/2026	5:15pm - 7:15pm		
		Sunday 11/01/2026	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Monday 26/01/2026	6:00pm - 8:00pm		

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

**Charts & Publications**

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**Affected:**

**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 17 May 2026.

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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