

A message to all beach users

Boating and swimming only zones

The Victorian Government has implemented boating and dedicated swimming only zones adjoining Port Phillip beaches between Sandridge and Elwood. The zones are clearly marked by upgraded navigation markers located on the water and signage on the shore.

The changes within this area include:

- **Swimming only** zones in front of Sandridge, Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Life Saving Clubs
- **Swimming only** zone on Middle Park Beach between Wright and Armstrong streets
- **Swimming only** zone for the entire length of St Kilda Beach from St Kilda Pier to Marina Reserve
- Revised **shared wind sport area** within St Kilda Harbour
- **Boating only** zone at St Kilda Marina entrance.

Please see the accompanying map.

Personal Watercraft (PWC) or jet ski behaviour

The *Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic)* introduces new responsibilities on both recreational owners and users of PWCs, including:

- PWCs and other vessels are not permitted to enter or remain in dedicated *swimming only* zones.
- In other areas, PWCs and other vessels must not exceed five knots (8 kms per hour) within 200 metres of the shore.
- PWCs and other vessels must not exceed five knots (8 kms per hour) within 50 metres of swimmers, other vessels and fixed or floating structures.

On-the-spot fines are applicable for operators found to be contravening these rules.

Hoon boating laws

Hoon behaviour is dangerous and may cause someone to get hurt. It can include:

- Performing 'doughnuts' within 50 metres of swimmers or other water users
- Speeding more than five knots (8 kms per hour) within 50 metres of swimmers or within 200 metres of the shore.

Victoria Police may seize or impound vessels, including PWCs if it is believed they are being or have been used in committing a relevant offence.

If you see dangerous or life-threatening behaviour on the water, call '000' and immediately report the incident to Victoria Police.



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New Port Melbourne to St Kilda Boating and Swimming Zones

RECREATIONAL BOATING AND SWIMMING ZONES ARE CHANGING FOR THE BETTER

Parks Victoria is introducing new boating and swimming zones to improve safety across Port Phillip and Western Port.

The new zones will be introduced in stages with new aids to navigation and clear signage installed prior to each new zone coming into effect.

The new zone changes between Port Melbourne and St Kilda came into effect in December 2010.

For more information on the new boating and swimming zones, contact Parks Victoria on **13 1963** or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

The changes include:

- Revised Shared Wind Sports Area near Catani Gardens.
- Swimming Only Zone in front of Port Melbourne and South Melbourne Life Saving Clubs.
- Swimming Only Zone between Wright and Armstrong Streets in Middle Park.
- Boating Only Zone at St Kilda Marina and entrance.
- Swimming Only Zone between St Kilda Marina and St Kilda Pier.
- Improved visibility of aids to navigation and easy to understand signage.

Disclaimer: THIS IS NOT A NAVIGATION CHART.
This map is indicative only and not intended for navigational use. For navigation of Port Phillip, Chart AUS 143 should be consulted. Notices to Mariners issued by Parks Victoria are published on www.parks.vic.gov.au



KEY

- Boating Only
Swimming is not permitted in this zone
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All vessels including personal watercraft, powered and non-powered vessels are not permitted in this zone
- Shared Wind Sports Area
This area is set aside for kiteboarding and sailboarding which may exceed 5 knots, other vessels permitted
- 200m from shore
Swimming and boating are permitted within 200m of the shore. All vessels must adhere to the 5 knot speed limit within 200m of the shore
- ✕ Special Mark
- Special Mark Buoy
- Shore Signs
- ▼ South Cardinal



New Elwood to Seaford Boating and Swimming Zones

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The new zone changes between Elwood and Seaford will come into effect in Summer 2013–14.

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The changes between Elwood and Mordialloc include:

- Revised Swimming Only Zone at Elwood, Brighton, Hampton and Sandringham Life Saving Clubs.
- Removal of No PWC (Personal Water Craft) Zone north of Elwood Life Saving Club.
- Revised Shared Wind Sports Zones at Brighton and Hampton.
- Removal of Waterski Access Lane opposite Martin Street Brighton.
- Revised Swimming Only Zones at Half Moon Bay, Black Rock, Beaumaris, Mentone and Mordialloc Life Saving Clubs.
- Upgraded aids to navigation in the vicinity of the Cerberus wreck (Half Moon Bay) Black Rock.
- Revised Waterski Access Lane at Mentone.