boating safety checklist

To ensure you have the best possible boating experience on Port Phillip it's important to do a few things before you depart.

Be prepared before you leave

- Carry safety equipment according to the regulations, including approved life jackets or PFD-1s. All children under the age of 10 years must wear an approved lifejacket or buoyancy vest/garment, or PFD-1, 2 or 3 while in
- a recreational boat that is underway, unless the child is within a deckhouse, cabin, half cabin or a secure enclosed space. Have a chart of where you are going and a radio.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect
- to return Know the rules, local regulations and distress signals.
- Check out local conditions, weather and tides.
- Carry sufficient fuel, water and a first aid kit.
- Ensure engine reliability and adequate fuel system and always carry sufficient fuel.
- 🔵 Don't overload your boat.

On the water

- Adhere to the prescribed speed limits.
- Ensure you always keep to the right of channels. Wear your life jackets.
- Keep a safe distance between your boat and other boats.
- Remember your wake can affect others users, including those on floating infrastructure.
- Keep a lookout at all times, especially for rowers or non powered craft who are generally harder to see and hear
- Never mix alcohol and operating a vessel.
- Keep well clear of moving ships as they may alter course and without notice.
- Do not obstruct the movement of large vessels by drifting in
- shipping channels and across shipping tracks Be aware that the bow-wave or wash from large ships, including
- the large commercial ferries, can cause your boat to capsize or ro heavily as to cause serious injury to its occupants
- Take care not to cross ahead of a large vessel as you may
- lerestimate its speed and not be seen. If you hear a vessel sounding at least five short and rapid blasts
- on its horn, you must get out of its way.
- Keep a careful watch on the weather and watch out for other boats and hazards.
- Ensure a low wake is maintained when passing rowers and other non powered vessels.

Regulations to be observed

- Immediately slow down to 5 knots around swimmers or divers • Don't exceed the speed limit.
- Observe boat zone boundaries and restrictions.
- Know the Marine National Park and Marine Sanctuary boundaries and restrictions
- Take all rubbish home with you and dispose of appropriately
- Remember all native plants and animals are protected by law.
- Jumping or diving from piers or bridges is not permitted. Vessel operators over 21 years of age must have a BAC below 0.05

• The discharge of sewage and other waste from boats is prohibited look after

Boat operators have a responsibility to protect the marine environment and ensure it can be enjoyed for future generation to come. You can protect Port Phillip and minimise your

- environmental impact by following these simple guidelines Avoid anchoring over seagrass and reef areas and consider
- purchasing an anchor that does less damage to seabeds. • Keep your boat clean and protected from aquatic pests.
- Reduce speed when operating power boats in shallow water or
- when close to the shore line as propellers can cause considerable damage to sensitive seabeds.
- Prevent pollutants such as petrol, oil, sewage and detergents from entering the water.
- Store rubbish securely on your boat and always take all rubbish home with you
- Dispose of sewage waste properly and use pump out facilities
- where they are available. • Clean out bilges and sumps regularly.

contact Parks Victoria.

- Launch or retrieve your craft at designated launching ramps.
- Observe recreational fishing regulations.
- Keep clear of bird nesting and roosting areas.
- Remember all native plants and animals are protected by law. • Get involved with a marine friends group. For information

boating and swimming zone review

Parks Victoria is introducing new boating and swimming zone 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 will come into effect in September 2010.
- The changes include: Revised kite board operating area near Catani Gardens Swimming only zone in front of Port Melbourne and South
- Melbourne Life Saving Clubs Swimming only zone between Wright and Nimmo 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

Port Melbourne

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All vessels must adhere to 5 knot

For more information on the new boating and

or visit **www.parkweb.vic.gov.au**

swimming zones contact Parks Victoria on **13 1963**

speed limit within 200m of the shore

vessels are not permitted in this zone

great bay adventures

It's no wonder Port Phillip is one of Victoria's most popular recreational destinations. Whether it's fishing, boating, kite boarding, diving, swimming or simply walking along one of the many piers, there's so much to see and do both on and under the water.

Discover a sunken warship

Lying in approximately 28 metres under the surface, the ex-HMAS Canberra is a spectacular dive with many sections of the ship open for exploration including flight decks, the bridge, engine rooms, galley, and accommodation quarters.

Access to the dive site is restricted to those participating in diving and snorkelling activities only. To enter the dive site divers must either book a dive tour with a licensed tour operator or book a 2 hour time slot on the public mooring. Contact Parks Victoria for more information or for bookings visit www.parkstay.vic.gov.au Map Ref F14

Encounter whales, dolphins and seals in their natural habitat

As you travel across the bay, be on the lookout for whales, dolphins or seals. Dolphins tend to be seen more often at the southern end of Port Phillip while seals can be seen soaking up the sun at Chinamans Hat. Remember to keep a safe distance from wildlife at all times. Contact the Department of Sustainability and Environment for

guidelines on watching wildlife. Map reference K14





salmon or bream, most fantastic fishing adventures start at Patterson River. Four launching ramps with multiple lanes, ample parking and continually improving facilities cater for over 50,000 boat launches each year and make Patterson River one of Australia's most popular boat ramp facilities. Map reference W8 Visit coastal villages Plan a day trip to one of the many seaside villages dotted around Port Phillip. Accessible via local piers, the coastal villages have a range of services and attractions to explore including restaurants and cafes. Highlights include the peaceful Portarlington fishing village, the historic maritime precinct at Williamstown, St Kilda's cosmopolitan foreshore and the bustling boutiques of Sorrento.

Experience the new Queenscliff Harbour

Township are only a short stroll away.

Hook a fishing adventure

Map reference J13

The redeveloped Oueenscliff Harbour is definitely worth the trip.

Restaurants and cafes complement the setting and the viewing

tower provides stunning views over Port Phillip Heads and Swan

Bay. The historic Queenscliff Pier and the charming Queenscliff

Explore amazing underwater marine life

Port Phillip is home to four Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries

which host diverse marine life not seen anywhere else in the world.

These marine protected areas provide a variety of snorkelling and

Heads Marine National Park, Popes Eye is a great sheltered dive for

With a surface area more than 35 times the size of Sydney Harbour,

Whether you're catching trevally, snapper, squid, leatherjackets,

beginners while Portsea Hole is an excellent challenge for divers

diving opportunities for varying skill levels. Within Port Phillip

with more experience. See Marine National Parks section.

there's endless scope for fishing adventures in Port Phillip.

Licensed Tour Operators

Take the easy approach to organising your great bay adventures by booking a tour, dive or fishing trip with one of Parks Victorias licensed tour operators. For more information contact Parks Victoria

- 1 Fishing, Frankston Pier. 2 Seals, Chinamans Hat.
- 3 Pot-bellied seahorse (Hippocampus bleekeri), Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park.
- 4 Beach Play, Mornington Peninsula National Park. 5 Oueenscliff Harbour.
- 6 Diving, ex-HMAS Canberra dive site (Photo Mary Malloy).



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Notice to Mariners

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departments and agencies on

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Berthing Dredging

Peak Organisations One of the best ways to learn more about a new sport or recreational activities on Port Phillip is to contact one of the following specialist peak organisations: Australian Powerboat Association

other

Port Phillip Directory

000 or 27MHz - Ch 88 or VHF - Ch 16

Australian Hydrographic Service

02 4223 6500 www.hydro.gov.au

Australian Volunteer Coast Guard

9669 4000 www.bom.gov.au

136 186 www.dpi.vic.gov.au

136 186 www.dse.vic.gov.au

Environment Protection Authority

9695 2722 www.epa.vic.gov.au

www.dpi.vic.gov.au/fishing

Government Information Centre

1300 366 356 www.vic.gov.au

www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au

Port of Melbourne Corporatio

13 1963 www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

1300 857 662 www.portofmelbourne.com

5225 3500 www.regionalchannels.vic.gov.au

Victorian Regional Channels Authority

8644 8800 www.heritage.vic.gov.au

Dept. of Primary Industries

Bureau of Meteorolog

Fisheries Victoria

13 FISH (13 3474)

Heritage Victoria

1800 223 022

Parks Victoria

9399 7500

Marine Safety Victoria

Victorian Water Police

www.ausapba.com.au

9598 9092 www.coastguard.com.au

Dept. of Sustainability and Environm

information

Australian Volunteer Coastqua **Available from Parks Victoria** On water assistance, boating skills and licences

www.coastguard.com.au **Boating Industry Association** www.biavic.com.au Boating Victoria www.boatingvictoria.com.au Canoeing Victoria www.vic.canoe.org.au **Kite Boarding Victoria** www.kbv.org.au

Life Saving Victoria www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au

www.vrfish.com.au

Wake Board Victoria

Yachting Victoria

Publications

Admiralty charts

Centre

Coast Guard

Victorian Tide Tables

Rowing Victoria

www.rowingvictoria.asn.au **SCUBA Divers Federation of Victoria**

Victorian Water Ski Association

www.wakeboardvictoria.com.au

Available from most mapping outlets

Port Phillip Safety Chart Grid

The Marine Act and associated regulations

Available from the Australian Volunteer

Victorian Recreational Boating Safety

Available from Marine Safety Victoria

Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules

Available from Marine Safety Victoria

Available from Port of Melbourne Corporation

Available from the Government Information

www.vicwaterski.com.au

www.vic.yachting.org.au

www.sdfv.org.au VR Fish – Victorian Recreational Fishing



There are a number of rules and regulations that must be observed to protect the bay environment and ensure safety for all users of Port Phillip.

Anchoring

When anchoring ensure you always place anchors correctly and securely. Anchors damage reefs and seagrass beds when they are allowed to shift. Consider purchasing a new anchor that does less damage to seabeds. Where possible avoid anchoring over seagrass and reef areas. Anchoring is not permitted in mooring grounds or shipping channels and fairways.

Aquaculture reserves

Eight offshore marine Aquaculture Fisheries Reserves have been established in Port Philip. These reserves total 1,990 ha including existing aquaculture areas and have been farmed for over 30 years. The reserves are clearly identified by yellow 'special marks' (piles or buoys) with 'Aquaculture' inscribed in black lettering on the yellow 'X' top mark and yellow synchronised lights at the external boundaries. Within the Reserves are Crown lease areas designated for marine farming. Recreational users may enter the reserves at their own risk and proceed with caution but cannot enter the lease areas (within the marked boundaries) without permission of the leaseholder.

Recreational fishing can be undertaken throughout non-leased parts of the reserves in accordance with the conditions below: • Keep to public areas of the Aquaculture Fisheries Reserves. • Watch for divers and keep vessels and equipment a safe distance

from aquaculture equipment. • Always travel at a safe speed and keep boat wash to a minimum. • Be aware of and comply with all boating and fisheries related

• Don't enter Crown leases without the express permission of the leaseholder.

 Don't encroach on Crown leases by keeping all equipment such as anchors, fishing lines and lures away from these areas. Don't tie up to navigation aids, aguaculture equipment or external Crown lease boundary buoys

• Don't berley, clean fish or discharge human waste in or around the AFRs.

For more information contact Fisheries Victoria.

Aquatic pests

When you participate in recreational boating activities you may be unknowingly spreading marine pests. You can protect Port Phillip by keeping your boat and equipment clean and following these

1. Dislodge all plants and animals and bin them.

2. Drain water from boat and gear Try not to let it drain back into the water. Dispose of unwanted live bait in a bin.

4. Douse your boat and gear with freshwater and try not to let it drain back into the water.

5. Dry your boat and equipment.

6. Don't forget to apply an authorised antifoulant where appropriate (within the antifoulant maximum in-service period and as directed on the can).

For more information contact the Department of Primary Industries.

Berthing facilities

Public berthing is available on piers and jetties all over Port Phillip for up to 48 hours at a time. Time limits and other restrictions are detailed on Parks Victoria signs at each location. Some areas have been leased or allocated for commercial boat operators only. These berths are not available for public use, including short term berthing. Please observe these restrictions to ensure fair access for everyone.

up to 48 hours (vessels should be attended)

Short Term – up to 4 hours (check signage)

Permit and commercial

LOCATION		Туре	Map Ref.	
h illip	Werribee Jetty	\bigcirc	J5	
	Altona Pier	\bigcirc	N2	
	Gem Pier	•	Q1	
	Ferguson St Pier		P1	
	Lagoon Pier	\bigcirc	Q1	
	Kerferd Road Pier	\bigcirc	R1	
	St Kilda Pier	•	R1	
	Middle Brighton Pier	\bigcirc	S 3	
	Hampton Pier		S4	
	Black Rock Jetty	\bigcirc	Т5	
	Mordialloc Pier	\bigcirc	V6	
	Seaford Pier	\bigcirc	W9	
	Frankston Pier	0	W10	
t illip	Mornington Pier		U12	
	Mornington Fisherman's Jetty	•	U12	
	Dromana Pier	\bigcirc	S15	
	Rosebud Pier	\bigcirc	Q16	
	Rye Pier	\bigcirc	N17	
	Sorrento Pier		L16	
	Portsea Pier		K15	
	Point Lonsdale Pier	\bigcirc	H14	
	Queenscliff South Pier	\bigcirc	J14	
t	Swan Bay Jetty	\bigcirc	112	
illip	St Leonards Pier		K11	
	Indented Head Jetty	0	K10	
	Portarlington Pier 📃 🌔		19	
is also available in harbours, marinas and sheltered				

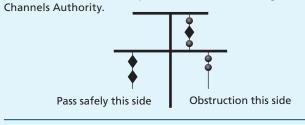
waters throughout Port Phillip. Contact marina and harbour operators to book a berth prior to arrival.

When encountering a dredge vessel recreational boat operators should always maintain a safe speed and pass on the non obstruction side of the dredge vessel.

The safe side of passage is indicated by a double black diamond signal on the vessel. A double black ball signal indicates the obstruction side to avoid. A third black ball, black diamond, black ball signal indicates the vessel is restricted in its manoeuvrability. Maintenance dredging is conducted by Parks Victoria to maintain safe access to boating facilities in key locations such as Queenscliff, Patterson River, Werribee River, St Kilda Pier and Mordialloc Creek. Water depth surveys for Patterson River and Mordialloc Creek are available from the Parks Victoria website.

Boat ramp l	ocation	Map Ref.	Managed by	Contact no
Northern Port Phillip	Werribee South	J5	Wyndham City Council	9742 077
	Altona	01	Hobsons Bay City Council	9932 100
	The Warmies	P1	Hobsons Bay City Council	9932 100
	St Kilda	S2	St Kilda Marina	9534 044
	Elwood	S2	Bayside City Council	9599 444
	Black Rock	T4	Bayside City Council	9599 444
	Mordialloc	V6	Kingston City Council	1300 653 35
	Patterson River	W8	Parks Victoria	13 196
	Kannanook Creek	W10	Frankston City Council	1300 322 32
	Frankston – Olivers Hill	W10	Frankston City Council	1300 322 32
	Mornington	U12	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	1300 850 60
Eastern Port Phillip	Fishermans Beach	T12	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	1300 850 60
	Safety Beach	S15	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	1300 850 60
	Anthonys Nose	R16	Dromana Foreshore Committee	5981 093
	Tootgarook	017	Capel Sound Foreshore Committee	5986 438
	Rye	N17	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	1300 850 60
	Blairgowrie – Tyrone	M16	Whitecliffs – Camerons Bight Foreshore Committee	5985 328
	Sorrento	L15	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	1300 850 60
Western Port Phillip	Queenscliff	J14	Borough of Queenscliffe	5258 137
	Swan Bay	l12	Parks Victoria	13 196
	St Leonards	K11	Bellarine Bayside	5259 276
	Indented Head	K10	Bellarine Bayside	5259 276
	Grassy Point	9	Bellarine Bayside	5259 276
	Point Richards	Н9	Bellarine Bayside	5259 276
	Clifton Springs	F10	City of Greater Geelong	5272 527
	Limeburners Point	A10	City of Greater Geelong	5272 527
	North Shore	ZZ9	City of Greater Geelong	5272 527
	Corio	A8	City of Greater Geelong	5272 527

Dredging of shipping channels and fairways is managed by the Port of Melbourne Corporation and Victorian Regional



Event exclusion zones

Boat ramps

A number of the spectacular events that take place on the bay requires sections of Port Phillip to be closed for event and spectator safety. Exclusion zones are created by a temporary change to the Marine Act 1988 that allows the closure of a designated area of water for the safety of event patrons and the general public. Exclusion zones are patrolled by Parks Victoria patrol boats and recreational boat operators should follow the directions of Parks Victoria officers at all times.

The exclusion zone boundaries are usually indicated in the rivers by red 'Stop No Boats' buoys for all events that require exclusion zones in order to run an event organised race. Exclusion zones and river closures are advertised periodically in

the public notices section of the Herald Sun and the Government Gazette. A Notice To Mariners is distributed prior to the event. For more information contact Parks Victoria.

Fishing

Fishing is permitted on Port Phillip and may be undertaken from either a vessel or on land excluding channels and Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries. A Recreational Fishing Licence is required by all anglers in Victoria for persons aged between 18 – 70 unless exempt. Please observe all fishing regulations and remember to check bag and size limits, fishing methods and closed seasons. For more information contact Fisheries Victoria.

For your safety refuelling should always be carried out 'on-boat' and not by leaning over the boat from a pier, jetty or landing. Care should always be taken to ensure fuel, oil and other potential pollutants are stored and transferred carefully and not spilt – especially on banks, in the water or on piers and jetties. When in public areas all diesel or unleaded fuel should be transported in AS2906 containers with a volume no greater than 25 litres. Larger containers or smaller sub-standard containers should not be used. Multiple containers can be used or fuel can be purchased from boat fuel retailers around Port Phillip.

Fuel Retailers	Map ref.	Contact
Martha Cove Marina	T14	5987 0287
Patterson Lakes Marina	W8	9772 6622
Pier 35 Marina	P0	9646 1200
Royal Geelong Yacht Club	A10	5229 0799
Queenscliff Harbour	J13	5258 5459
Sandringham Yacht Club	S4	9598 7444
St Kilda Marina	52	9535 0448

Hazards and risks

Should you encounter damaged aids to navigation, malfunctioning navigation lights, vessels adrift, submerged objects and other dangerous debris floating in the local port, please contact Parks Victoria to report them immediately on **13 1963**.

Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries

Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries are magnificent places for exploring marine life, snorkelling, scuba diving, swimming, low speed recreational boating or sailing and photography. They protect a unique and diverse range of marine plants, animals and habitats for the benefit of current and future generations. Around 90 percent of the plants and animals are found nowhere else in the world. There are four Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries within Port Phillip:

Jawbone Marine Sanctuary (30 ha)

- **2** Point Cooke Marine Sanctuary (290 ha)
- **3** Ricketts Point Marine Sanctuary (120 ha)
- **4** Port Phillip Heads Marine National Park (3580 ha) omprises six separate areas – Mud Islands, Point Lonsdale, Point Nepean, Popes Eye, Portsea Hole and Swan Bay.



The Barwon Bluff 5 and Mushroom Reef 6 Marine Sanctuaries are also nearby.

Know the boundaries – penalties apply A number of activities are not permitted within the boundaries of Victoria's Marine National Parks and Marine Sanctuaries. It's your responsibility to know the boundaries.

No fishing

- No spear fishing No taking or damaging of any animals,
- plants and objects (artefacts)

Offences by individuals may incur an infringement notice, or carry penalties of up to 12 months imprisonment and/or fines of up to \$20,000. Vessels, vehicles and equipment may also be seized.

To report offences call the Department of Primary Industries on 13 3474.

For more information on Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries contact Parks Victoria.



Snorkeler steps from a boat at Popes Eye

Moorings

Parks Victoria directly manage approximately 1,950 of an estimated 2,900 swing moorings in 51 locations around Port Phillip Bay and Western Port. The balance are managed by 11 various Yacht and boat clubs and mooring associations acting as agents for Parks Victoria. For more information contact Parks Victoria. Book with Parks Victoria to stay at public destination moorings

in Queenscliff, Limeburners Bay (near Geelong), Williamstown and Sorrento.

Notice to mariners

A Notice to Mariners is issued by a Harbour Master, Port Manager or Waterway Manager to advise commercial mariners, recreational boaters and waterway users of a significant change in a port or waterway which may affect the safe navigation of a vessel. Boat operators should always check the latest Notice to Mariners before operating a boat on Port Phillip. Notice to Mariners are available on the Parks Victoria, Port of Melbourne Corporation and Victorian Regional Channels Authority websites.

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Boat operators should carry accurate Australian navigation charts (Aus 143, Aus 144, Aus 153, Aus 154, Aus 155, Aus 157 and Aus 158) which can be purchased through mapping retailers and the Australian Hydrographic Service.

Port security

Victorian Water Police manage port security in partnership with port managers. If you see something suspicious on the water, contact the Water Police.

Port security boats patrol the restricted waterside zones. In line with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, ports have three security levels– Level 1 is the default. The Port of Melbourne Corporation website provides advice on the current security level.

Pump out facilities

Poor water quality affects the health of the bay and in turn the enjoyment of recreational boating and fishing activities on Port Phillip. Discharge of sewage and other waste from boats is prohibited, adds pollutants to our valuable waterways and poses a risk to marine ecosystems and human health

Use a holding tank for sewage and dispose of waste properly on land or use provided pump out facilities. Boat sewerage pump out systems are used designed for larger boats that have holding tanks. Sewerage hoppers are designed for boats that use a portable toilet.

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Location	Contact	Map ref.	Pump out	Hoppers
Anchorage Marina	9397 9677	P1	Yes	No
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron	5988 8453	M16	Yes	No
Martha Cove Marina	5987 0287	T14	Yes	Yes
Pier 35 Marina	9646 1200	P0	Yes	Yes
Queenscliff Harbour	5258 5459	J13	Yes	Yes
Royal Brighton Yacht Club	9592 4022	S 3	Yes	Yes
Sandringham Yacht Club	9598 7444	S 4	Yes	No
St Kilda Marina	9535 0448	S2	Yes	No

Radio channels

Recreational Vessels Port Operations

Emergency Calls and calling

• Keep clear of ships at all times.

Penalties apply.







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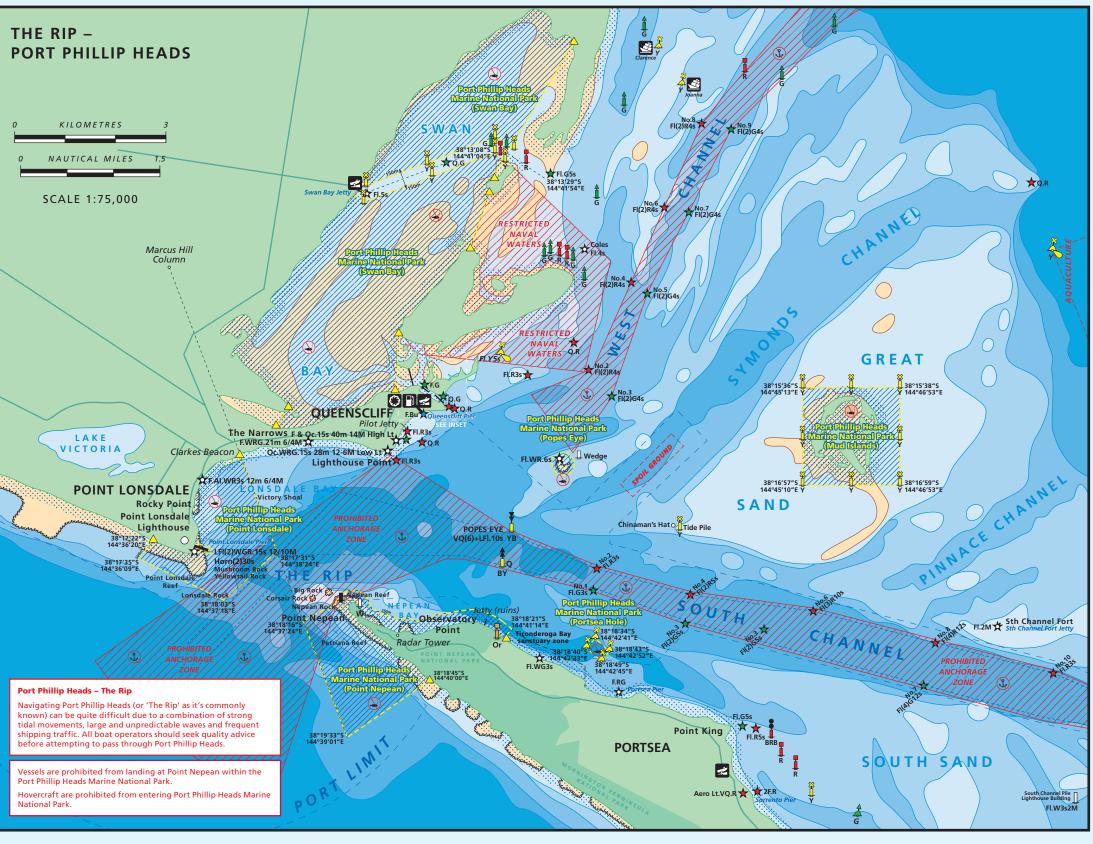
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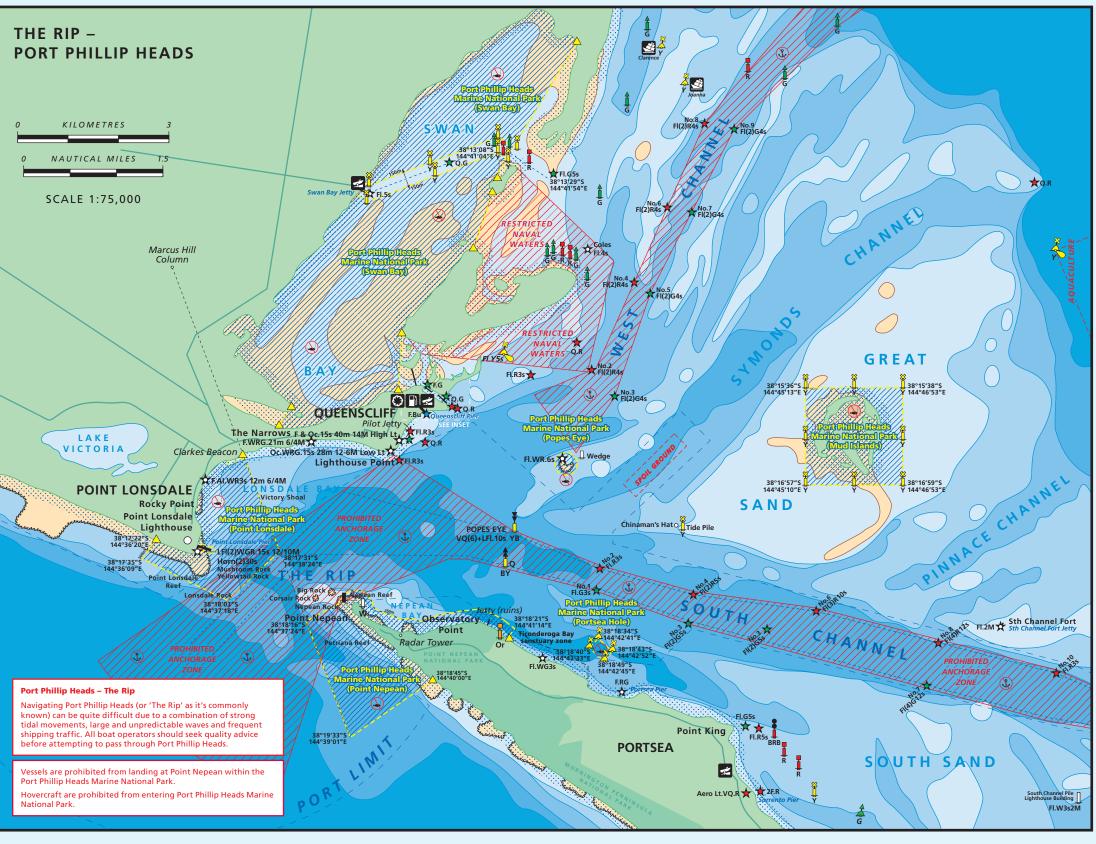
information is current at the time of printing (May 2010). For ful

egislative details, refer to the Marine Act 1988 and the Marine Regu

2009. For a free copy of the Victorian Recreational Boating Safety Handbook call **1800 223 022** or visit **www.marinesafety.vic.gov.a**

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Marine radio is potentially a life line for vessels in an emergency. Avoid unnecessary communications on marine radio. Be aware of the following Marine Radio channels and frequencies when operating a motorised vessel in Port Phillip:

> VHF Channel 72, 73 and 77 27MHz Channel 96 VHF Channel 12 VHF Channel 16 and 67 27MHz Channel 86 and 88

Rowing and non powered vessels

Port Phillip is popular for non-motorised vessels such as kite boarding, rowing, kayaking and canoeing. When passing non powered vessels, please ensure a low wake is maintained so as not to disturb or tip these vessels over as they are more susceptible to capsizing than larger motorised vessels.

Shipping channels and fairways – steer clear Large ships travel Port Phillip shipping channels during all hours of the day and night and sometimes travel outside designated fairways. A ship's blind spot can extend for many hundreds of metres and it is very difficult for ships to change course quickly. It is the responsibility of recreational boat operators to:

• Never anchor in shipping channels or transit only zones. • Never obstruct the path of ships or assume a ship can see you. • Never tie up to navigation aids such as buoys or channel markers.

For more information contact Port of Melbourne Corporation or Victorian Regional Channels Authority.

Shipwreck Protection Zones

Historic Shipwreck Protection Zones are no entry areas around very fragile shipwrecks. It is important to steer clear of these zones because the fragile wrecks within them could easily be damaged by anchoring, fishing or diving activities. It is illegal to enter a protected zone without a permit from Heritage Victoria. Penalties apply. For more information contact Heritage Victoria.

Speed restrictions

Speed can be dangerous on the water. Not only is there a risk of crashing into other vessels, land or navigation aids, there are many other obstacles such as swimmers and divers or obstructions hidden under the surface. Always maintain a good lookout and operate at a safe speed and check local speed restrictions before you leave. A maximum speed of 5 knots applies on Port Phillip when operating a vessel:

• Within 50m of swimmers, other vessels and fixed or floating structures.

- Within 100m of divers flags.
- Within 200m of waters edge in coastal and enclosed waters. Greater speed limit distances are in place along the shallower Mornington Peninsula bay beaches.

Swing basins

Swing basins are areas where large commercial ships turn when entering and leaving berths. Be aware of ships at all times near swing basins and steer clear for your safety.

Wildlife watching

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Nearing a PFD is now compulsory for all occupants when in an open areas

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A PFD must also be worn by all occupants of the following vessels at time

f "heightened risk" when occupants are in an open area of a vessel which

Yachts (including monohull, trailerable and multihull yachts, excluding

When occupants of a vessel are required to wear a PFD (refer above), the

Canoe, kayak, rowing boat, raft, pedal boat or fun boat PFD Type 1 or 2 or 3

Power driven vessels greater than 4.8m and less then 12m.

Off-the-beach sailing yachts, pedal boats and fun boats

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s under way

Port Phillip is home to an amazing array of wildlife. When you see dolphins, seals or whales, make sure you give them plenty of space. Never approach closer than 100 metres and leave them alone if they show signs of agitation such as diving or rapid changes in direction.

cannot approach dolphins and whales any closer than 200 metres. For more information contact the Department of Sustainability

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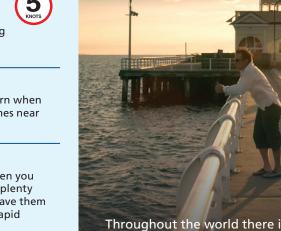
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nout the world there is growing recognition of the vital contribution parks and waterways make to a healthy environment, healthy individuals and a healthy society. Enjoying Port Phillip is not only a great day out – it's good for you.

For further information contact the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit www.parkweb.vic.gov.au

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Parks Victoria is the local port and waterway manager for he local port of Port Phillip and manages piers and jetties ooring permits, aids to navigation and Marine National Parks and Sanctuaries. Parks Victoria also acts as a referral agency for planning matters and authorisation of new structures. Parks Victoria has the accountability for the safety of water sers, control of vessel activities and movements in the local ort and is authorised under the Marine Act 1988 to issue ifringement notices or prosecute people who break the law The Victorian Water Police can also issue infringement notices and work in partnership with Parks Victoria on Port Phillip to ensure the bays are used safely.

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