

21 September 2021

Dear Stakeholder,

**RE: NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO REQUEST A WATERWAY RULE – LOCAL PORT OF PORT PHILLIP –
POINT RICHARDS**

Parks Victoria is the waterway manager under the *Marine Safety Act 2010* for the waters of Port Phillip (including Corio Bay). A key function of a waterway manager is to recommend creation or amendment of vessel operating and zoning rules.

I am writing to inform you of the intention to make a minor adjustment to the boundary of the existing wind sport zone located at Pt Richards on the Bellarine Peninsula.

In line with the proposed upgrade to the Point Richards Boat Ramp, transiting vessel direction will need to change, creating a potential conflict with wind sport activities within the current zone.

To reduce the risk to waterway users, Parks Victoria has reviewed the existing waterway rules and zones and arrived at a proposal to make an amendment. In accordance with s.193 of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* Parks Victoria has notified the Director Maritime Safety Victoria of the intention to make an alteration to a waterway rule and zone as depicted in Figure 1 below (Figure 2 existing condition).

The Safety Director has determined the request to be of a material nature, however due to the minimal impact to the area of the zone, and in accordance with s.260 of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* directed Parks Victoria to advise affected users of the proposed rule change.

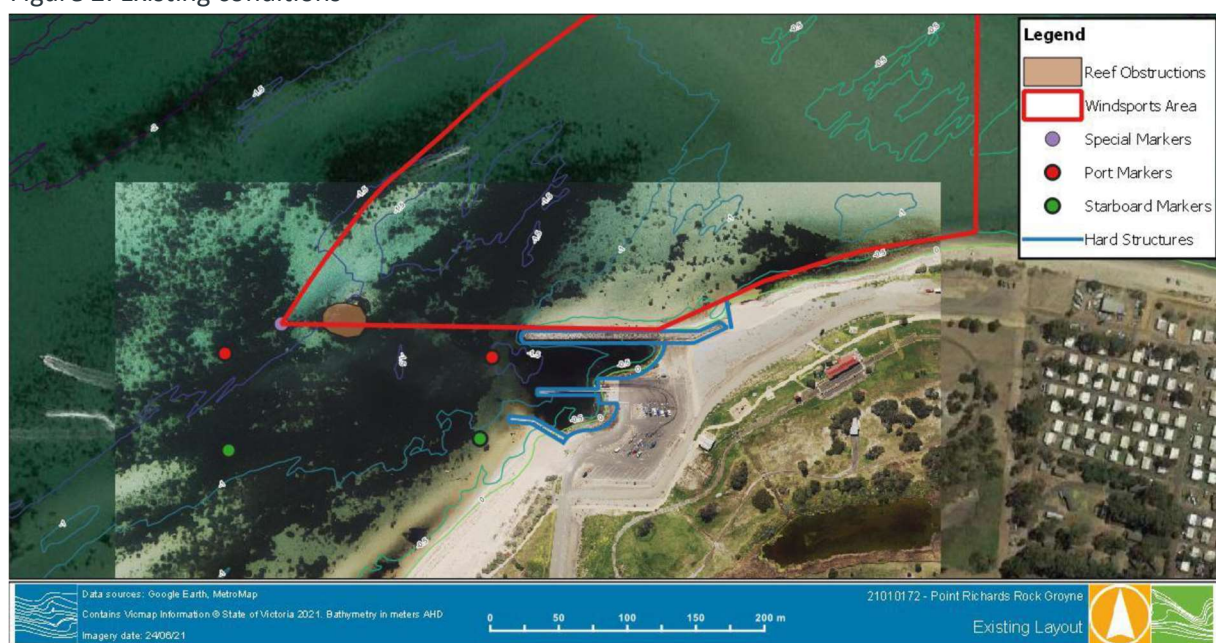
The construction of the boat ramp is scheduled to commence early 2022, after the peak season. Until the works are complete the current boating and swimming zones remains in place. The amended zone will come into operation once the boat ramp works are completed including, aids to navigation and signage installed to clearly mark the revised boundaries of the zone.

Further information regarding the project can be found on the BBV website at <https://betterboating.vic.gov.au/>.

Figure 1. Proposed Navigation Plan & Revised Windsport Zone.



Figure 2. Existing conditions



The next steps for Parks Victoria will be to work with Better Boating Victoria, local foreshore managers and waterway users to confirm the proposed navigation plan and new waterway rule.

Should you require further advice on this matter please contact Cathy Jenkins, Navigation & Ports Services Officer on 8427 3065.

Yours sincerely

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