

# Proposed Waterway Rule Changes 2024

For the Yarra River upstream of port waters of the Port of Melbourne, and the Maribyrnong River upstream of Shepherd Bridge on Footscray Road

## Yarra River:

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Botanic Gardens Landing	4 hour limit
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Swan Street North Landing	Pick up and drop off passengers only
Swan Street South Landing	4 hour limit
Melbourne Park Landing	Commercial vessels only / Pick up and drop off passengers only
Henley Landing	4 hour limit
Federation Wharf - Berth No. 1	Commercial vessels only / Pick up and drop off passengers only
Federation Wharf - Berth No. 2	Authorised commercial vessels only
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Flinders Landing	4 hour limit
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Southgate Wharf - Berth No. 7	Authorised commercial vessels only
Southbank Landing	Commercial vessels only / Pick up and drop off passengers only
Sandridge Wharf	4 hour limit
Banana Alley Wharf	Authorised commercial vessels only
Enterprise Wharf	4 hour limit
Turning Basin Wharf	Pick up and drop off passengers only
Crown Landing	Commercial vessels only / Pick up and drop off passengers only
Clarendon Promenade Landing	Commercial vessels only / Pick up and drop off passengers only
South Wharf Landing – Berth No.1	4 hour limit
South Wharf Landing – Berth No.2	Authorised commercial vessels only

<p><u>3.4 Exclusive use and special purpose areas for the purposes of Clause 13 –</u></p> <p>Persons operating vessels on the waters of the Yarra River must comply with the following operating provisions –</p> <p>(a) Vessels proposing to berth at the boathouses on the south bank of the Yarra River and located immediately upstream of the Princes Bridge must approach the berthing area from downstream and after passing through the southern arch of the Princes Bridge.</p> <p>(b) Yarra River – special light provisions</p> <p>A Recreational Vessel –</p> <p>(i) used for training or competition; or</p> <p>(ii) is not powered but is propelled by using oars or paddles;</p> <p>on the waters of the Yarra River upstream of port waters of the Port of Melbourne to Dight's Falls shall exhibit between sunset and sunrise –</p> <p>(iii) a fixed 180 degree white light located on the bow of the vessel and a flashing 180 degree white light located on the stern of the vessel.</p>	<p><u>3.4 Exclusive use and special purpose areas for the purposes of Clause 13 –</u></p> <p>Persons operating vessels on the waters of the Yarra River must comply with the following operating provisions –</p> <p>(a) Vessels proposing to berth at the boathouses on the south bank of the Yarra River and located immediately upstream of the Princes Bridge must approach the berthing area from downstream and after passing through the southern arch of the Princes Bridge.</p> <p>(b) Yarra River – special light provisions</p> <p>A Recreational Vessel –</p> <p>(i) used for training or competition; and</p> <p>(ii) is not powered but is propelled by using oars or paddles;</p> <p>on the waters of the Yarra River upstream of port waters of the Port of Melbourne to Dight's Falls shall exhibit between sunset and sunrise –</p> <p>(iii) a light in accordance with Rule 25 of the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972; or</p> <p>(iv) a fixed 180 degree white light located on the bow of the vessel and a flashing 180 degree white light located on the stern of the vessel.</p>
<p><b>New Rule Proposed</b></p>	<p><b>Related Rule</b></p>
<p><u>Speed limit for vessels without an engine used for propulsion. – 12-month trial period</u></p> <p>a) Vessels without an engine used for propulsion will be permitted to operate at a speed not exceeding 8 knots when engaged in formal training within the waters bounded by a diagonal line across the Yarra, between the upstream end of Birrarung Marr and the VRA rowing Judges Box; extending upstream to the Gipps Street Bridge (Collins Bridge).</p> <p>b) Vessels engaged in coaching activities may operate at the speed of the rowing vessel being coached when operating within the waters bounded by a diagonal line across the Yarra, between the upstream end of Birrarung Marr and the VRA rowing Judges Box; extending upstream to the Gipps Street Bridge (Collins</p>	<p><u>3.1. Five (5) knot speed limit for the purposes of Clause 7. -</u></p> <p>All the waters of the Yarra River upstream of port waters of the Port of Melbourne are subject to a speed limit of 5 knots</p>



<p>Bridge). Provided they do not exceed the speed of the rowing vessels they are accompanying and do not generate undue wash.</p> <p>All other vessels must adhere to the 5-knot speed limit at all times.</p>	
<p><u>Operating during flood events -</u></p> <p>When a Moderate or Major flood warning has been issued by the control agent for the waters of the Yarra River upstream of the Bolte Bridge to the Johnston Street Bridge, all non-powered craft, vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and vessels limited in their ability to safely operate within flood water conditions, such as those with limited power, must cease all operations until such time as the flood warning has been reduced or removed.</p>	<p>No related rule.</p>
<p><u>Transiting bridges –</u></p> <p>Vessels traveling downstream have right of way when transiting through bridges, upstream of port waters of the Port of Melbourne. Overtaking is not permitted when transiting bridges, and a master of a vessel must not impede the transit of any vessel, unless in an emergency.</p>	<p>No related rule.</p>

## Maribyrnong River:

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<p><u>4.3 Exclusive use and special purpose areas for the purposes of Clause 13 –</u></p> <p>Maribyrnong River special light provisions – a recreational vessel:</p> <p>(a) used for training or competition; or</p> <p>(b) is not powered but propelled by using oars or paddles</p> <p>on the waters of the Maribyrnong River upstream of the Shepherd Bridge<sup>1,2</sup> to the Canning Street Bridge<sup>3,4</sup> shall exhibit between sunset and sunrise:</p> <p>(c) a fixed 180 degree white light located on the bow of the vessel and a flashing 180 degree white light located on the stern of the vessel.</p>	<p><u>4.3 Exclusive use and special purpose areas for the purposes of Clause 13. -</u></p> <p>Maribyrnong River special light provisions – a recreational vessel:</p> <p>(a) used for training or competition</p> <p>(b) not powered but propelled by oars or paddles</p> <p>on the waters of the Maribyrnong River upstream of the Shepherd Bridge<sup>1,2</sup> to the Canning Street Bridge<sup>3,4</sup> shall exhibit between sunset and sunrise:</p> <p>(c) a light in accordance with Rule 25 of the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972</p>

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<p><u>4.2. Prohibition of Specified Activities for the purposes of Clause 12. -</u></p> <p>(a) The waters of the Maribyrnong River upstream of the Shepherd Bridge<sup>1,2</sup> to the Canning Street Bridge<sup>3,4</sup> are prohibited to swimmers.</p> <p>(b) The waters of the Maribyrnong River upstream of the Shepherd Bridge<sup>1,2</sup> are prohibited to personal watercraft and hovercraft.</p> <p>(c) Areas where anchoring, berthing and mooring is prohibited</p> <p>i) Anchoring, mooring and berthing is prohibited on the waters of the Maribyrnong River upstream of the Shepherd Bridge<sup>1,2</sup> to the Canning Street Bridge<sup>3,4</sup>, excluding those areas detailed as per authorised Parks Victoria signage, displayed on fixed or floating infrastructure for the times and purposes detailed.</p> <p>ii) Where signage is damaged or removed the last displayed direction will remain enforceable on any fixed or floating infrastructure until such a time as it can be replaced.</p> <p>iii) Parks Victoria will be required to give a minimum of 4 weeks notice prior to changing of designated directional signage.</p> <p>iiii) The master of a vessel is exempt from the above when anchored, berthed or moored on the Maribyrnong River in accordance with a written authority from Parks Victoria.</p>	<p><u>4.2. Prohibition of Specified Activities for the purposes of Clause 12. -</u></p> <p>a) The waters of the Maribyrnong River upstream of the Shepherd Bridge<sup>1,2</sup> to the Canning Street Bridge<sup>3,4</sup> are prohibited to swimmers</p> <p>b) The waters of the Maribyrnong River upstream of the Shepherd Bridge<sup>1,2</sup> are prohibited to personal watercraft and hovercraft.</p>
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<p><u>Operating during flood events</u> -</p> <p>When a Moderate or Major flood warning has been issued by the control agent for the waters of the Maribyrnong River upstream of the Shepherds Bridge<sup>1,2</sup> on Footscray Road to the Canning Street Bridge<sup>3,4</sup> all non-powered craft, vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and vessels limited in their ability to safely operate within flood water conditions, such as those with limited power, must cease all operations until such time as the flood warning has been reduced or removed.</p>	<p>No related rule.</p>
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