SAFE TRANSPORT VICTORIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION
***Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic)**

Safe Transport Victoria makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Rowing Victoria on the waters of Lake Nagambie, persons and vessels involved in Rowing Victoria 2026-2027 Lake Nagambie Regattas 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 3(b) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a fixed or floating structure

Waterway Rules made under the *Marine Safety Act 2010* / *Marine Act 1988*

4. Clause 91.10 of Schedule 91 – 5 knot speed restriction – Lake Nagambie
5. Clause 91.14 of Schedule 91 – exclusive use and special purpose area for unpowered vessels (rowing course area)

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of vessels providing rescue services must ensure they comply with the gazetted waterway rules and *Marine Safety Act 2010* in respect to minimum speed and distance requirements, unless otherwise 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 on shore
- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from items 2 to 5 when competing in the events, and item 2 applies only when within 50 metres of another competitor or competing vessel
- Occupants of powered vessels involved with the events must always wear a lifejacket during the events and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment, including rescue vessels
- The events are operating under the auspices of Rowing Victoria, including the Rowing Victoria Safety Management Plan, which meets the criteria of Clause 3 of Exemption Notice 1 made under the Marine Regulations 1999 in respect of the exemption for rowing vessels to not carry or wear a lifejacket
- The exemptions apply for the dates and times as detailed in Table 1, to the persons and vessels registered to participate in the Rowing Victoria 2026-2027 Lake Nagambie Regattas within the exclusion zone waters of Lake Nagambie – entire Lake
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to

Table 1 Rowing Victoria 2026-2027 Lake Nagambie Regattas

Date	Event	Times
28 November 2026	Brighton Grammar Regatta	8:00am – 6:00pm
13-14 February 2027	The Nagambie Regatta	8:00am – 6:00pm
26-28 February 2027	Rowing Victoria State Championships	8:00am – 6:00pm
13 March 2027	Scotch Mercantile Regatta	8:00am – 5:00pm
1-2 May 2027	Rowing Victoria Masters State Championships	8:00am – 5:00pm

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