



VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

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PORT PHILLIP

CORIO BAY

GEELONG OFFSHORE POWERBOAT CLASSIC

Date: On Saturday 13 November 2010 from 1330hrs to 1530hrs (Practice Session)
On Sunday 14 November 2010 from 1030hrs to 1430hrs (Actual Event)

Details: Mariners are advised of an offshore powerboat race on the dates and times nominated above.

The race course on Corio Bay will consist of an 10km lap circumference and the race course will comprise of an area from the most easterly approximate position 1200 metres offshore of Limeburners Point Boat Ramp (38°08.270' S, 144°23.810' E WGS84) to the most northerly approximate position adjacent to the Corio Shipping Channel and Western Anchorage (38°07.080' S, 144°22.220' E WGS84).

The race consists of 2 races of 40minute duration with race vessels traversing at very high speeds. Twelve safety marshal vessels will be in place at strategic locations along the course and these vessels will display orange pennants with the wording "Official" on the flag to distinguish them as officiating event marshals. These event marshals and Parks Victoria Authorised Officers will direct non participating vessel operators around the race course.

An event information brochure will be available to mariners at the St Helens and Limeburners Boat Ramp facilities on each day of race activities. This event information brochure can also be obtained from the Australian Offshore Powerboat Club website at <http://aopc.com.au/> and the Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963.

Race participants and spectator boats are reminded as per this notice of their obligations as per the Victorian Regional Channels Authority Harbour Master's Directions to keep a lookout for large ships transiting the Geelong channels and keep well clear of them at all times without obstructing their passage. The Duty Marine Controller may be contacted on VHF Channel 12 or on 5247 0300 for any clarification regarding large ship traffic on the day.

Mariners are advised to proceed with caution in the area of the race course during these times of operation and navigate with caution.

Charts Affected: AUS 143 and 157

Further Notice: No Further Notice to be issued. This Notice is self-cancelling.

If you require any further information please contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963

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If you wish to receive Parks Victoria issued Notice to Mariners, please email your details to noticetomariners@parks.vic.gov.au or phone 13 1963 to register your mailing address

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