

Victorian Notice to Mariners

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

AUSTRALIA – VICTORIA No. 264 (P) of 2015 PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Date: EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Details: Mariners are advised that the definition of **Port Phillip Heads** has been amended.

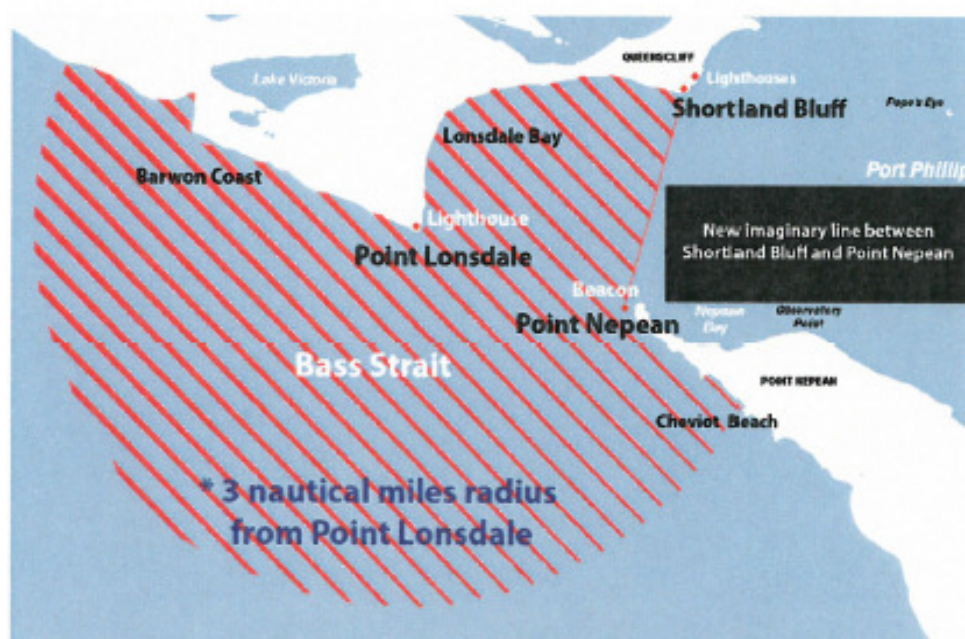
Port Phillip Heads means all the waters between an imaginary line drawn between Shortland Bluff and Point Nepean, and the seaward limits of an imaginary line constituting the arc of a circle with a radius of 3 nautical miles centred on Point Lonsdale; (Regulation 4 (a) of the Marine Safety Regulations 2012 (Vic)).

Recreational and hire and drive vessel operators and passengers are advised that:

Port Phillip Heads is a *designated hazardous area* as detailed in Regulation 4 (a) of the Marine Safety Regulations 2012 (Vic).

Regulation 101.4 Marine Safety Regulations 2012 (Vic) requires that all persons in the open area of a recreational vessel or hire and drive vessel must wear a PFD when “the vessel is crossing or attempting to cross an ocean bar or operating within a *designated hazardous area*”

LIFEJACKET WEAR IS MANDATORY IN THE RED AREA



AUS Charts and publications affected:

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Further Notice:

No further notice will be issued

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