

## VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

**GEELONG, 4 JANUARY 2017**

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**PORT OF GEELONG**

**CORIO BAY VIPER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2017**

**Date:** From January 9 to January 15, 2017

**Details:** The Royal Geelong Yacht Club will be hosting the Viper World Championship 2017 in and around Corio Bay, Geelong. The racing fleet of 25 Viper catamarans are 16 feet each in length and will be manned by 2 crew members per catamaran. Racing will take place from 1300 hrs to 1700 hrs each day from January 9 - January 15 except for January 12, 2017 which will be a lay day. The Organisers of the Regatta will take every effort to keep the fleet clear of the shipping channels within Corio Bay. Masters of large commercial ships transiting the channels of Corio Bay on the above dates are well advised to take extra precautions (e.g. posting of extra lookouts/liberal use of the ship's whistle for warning/proceeding at minimum speeds commensurate with safe navigation etc.) so as to avoid close quarter situations. Non-commercial mariners and recreational boat owners are also reminded via this Public Notice of their obligations to keep clear of the racing fleet and allow the unimpeded and safe passage of large commercial vessels to and from the Port of Geelong. Mariners are further advised that in addition to contacting Geelong Marine Control on VHF Channel 12 the RGYC's Principal Race Officer may be contacted on VHF Channels 71, or on Mobile number 0418 521 859.

**Charts &  
Publications  
Affected:**

Aus 153.

**Further Notice:** This Notice is self-cancelling on 15 January 2017.



**CAPTAIN DILIP ABRAHAM  
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