

## VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

**GEELONG, 9 JANUARY 2017**

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**PORT OF GEELONG**

**FESTIVAL OF SAILS / MAJOR SAILING REGATTA 2017**

**Date:** From January 21 to January 26, 2017

**Details:** The Royal Geelong Yacht Club will be holding its annual Sailing Regatta as part of the Festival of Sails on and around the above dates. These events will be active in most areas of Corio Bay and the Outer Harbour. Masters of large commercial vessels who are restricted to the main shipping channels are hereby advised that approximately 250 sailing and other recreational vessels varying from dinghy size to 20 metre long vessels are expected to take part in the Regatta. The Organisers of the Regatta will take every effort to keep the sailing fleet clear of the shipping channels. Masters of large commercial ships transiting the channels of Geelong 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 vide this Public Notice of their safety obligations and requested not to navigate continuously or anchor within or near the immediate vicinity of shipping channels marked by fixed navigation beacons. This is to 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, 73 or on Mobile number 0417 686 640.

**Charts &  
Publications  
Affected:**

Aus 157, Aus 153.

**Further Notice:** This Notice is self-cancelling on 26 January 2017



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