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PORT OF MELBOURNE

FAIRWAY THROUGH PORT PHILLIP HEADS

ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY VIRTUAL AIDS TO NAVIGATION

**Date:** 21 December 2017

**Refers:** NA

**Details:** Mariners are advised that three virtual aids to navigation will be temporary established in the Fairway through Port Phillip Heads (see chartlet below) for 12 hours from 11:00 on Wednesday 27 December 2017 until 23:00 on Wednesday 27 December 2017.

The virtual aids to navigation will be established to assist yachts competing in the 2017 ORCV Melbourne to Devonport Race (the Rudder Cup), detailed in the accompanying Aquatic Event Advice. Yachts will remain to the west of the virtual aids to navigation.

Positions for Temporary virtual aids to navigation are detailed below:

Identification Message	Latitude (WGS 84)	Longitude (WGS 84)
A - ORCV1	38° 16.90' S	144° 38.90' E
B - ORCV2	38° 17.95' S	144° 37.76' E
C - ORCV3	38° 18.50' S	144° 36.80' E

The virtual aids to navigation will be temporarily established to assist navigation for outbound yachts participating in an ocean bound racing event. Competing yachts will be required to remain west of the temporary virtual marks.

**Mariners are advised to navigate with caution during the event period.**

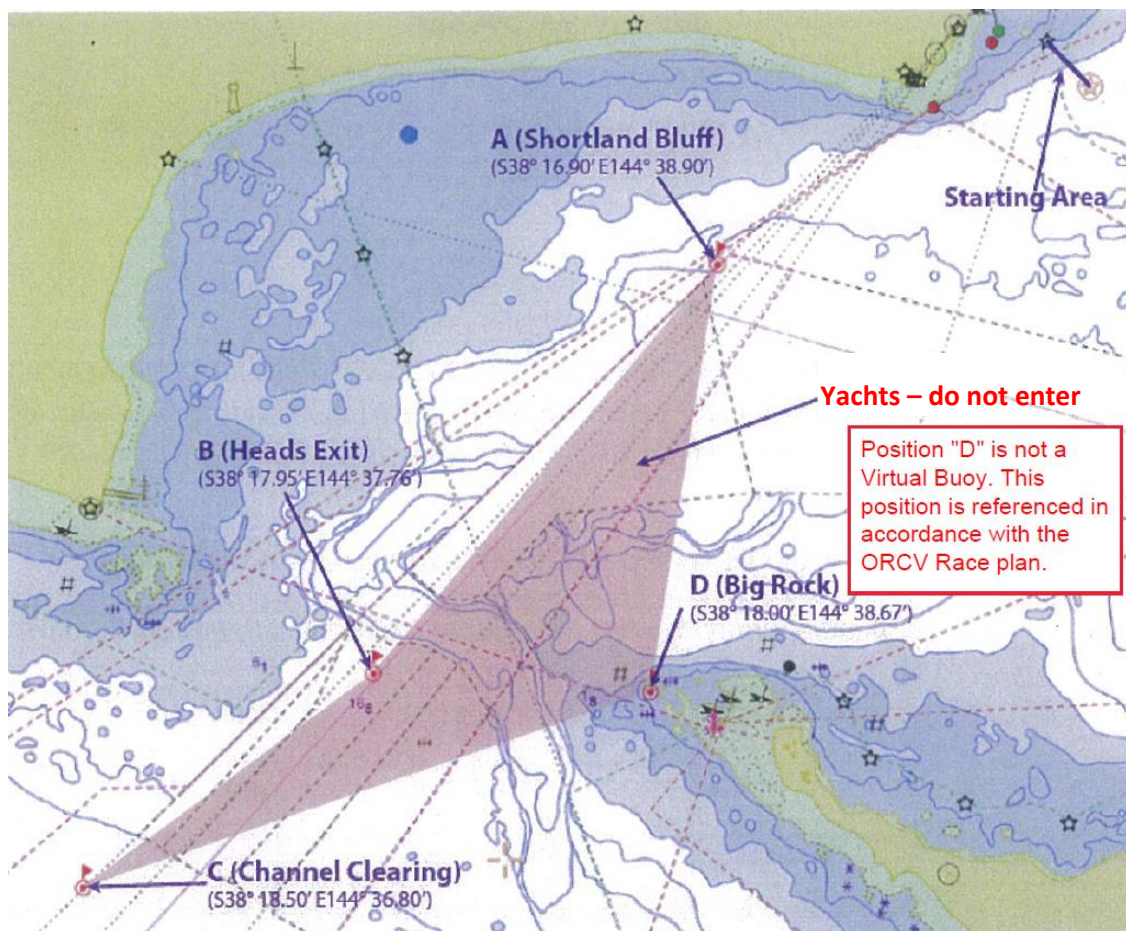
Further details can be obtained from Melbourne VTS on VHF channel 12.

**Charts &**

**Publications**

**affected:** AUS 154 & AUS 158

**Further notice:** No Further Notice will be issued.



**Andrew Hays**  
**Deputy Harbour Master**

This notice is a direction of the Harbour Master pursuant to section 232 of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic). The requirements of section 232(2) have been taken into account.

Victorian Notices to Mariners can be downloaded from the Victorian Ports Corporation (Melbourne) website [www.vicports.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicports.vic.gov.au)

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Event name	2017 ORCV Melbourne to Devonport Race (the Rudder Cup)				
Start time (24-hr hh:mm)	14:30	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	27/12/2017	Location	Portsea Pier
Finish time (24-hr hh:mm)	23:00	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	29/12/2017	Location	Mersey River, Tasmania
Organisation	Ocean Racing Club of Victoria				
Event organiser					
Number/Types of vessels involved	11 ocean going yachts from 9-15 m				
Emergency contact (including VHF Ch)	Neville Rose, 0412 459 271				
	12, 16, 82				
Call sign (if applicable)	Charleville Radio HF 12305 or 8210 (Day), 6218 or 4483 (night)				
Other relevant information (courses, routes, special requirements). Max. 1600 characters.  Please attach a map of the course where possible.	<p>Start time will be 1430 on 27 December 2017 in the vicinity of the Portsea Pier, then the yachts will sail through Port Phillip Heads avoiding the obstruction described in Appendix C of the Sailing Instructions, across Bass Strait to finish at the mouth of the Mersey River, Devonport, TAS.</p> <p>See attached Sailing Instructions for details.</p> <p>At 1415, ORCV will broadcast an update of shipping movements on VHF Ch 12. All yachts in the fleet are required to monitor this broadcast and maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 12 until 3nm outside the Heads, then revert to Ch 16.</p> <p>Note: Two hours prior to the commencement of the race, the Race Director will contact Lonsdale VTS to determine vessel movements. The race start may be delayed for a short time to avoid shipping at the Heads.</p>				
<b>Additional information (VPCM use only)</b>					
Organizers to contact Lonsdale VTS on VHF Ch 12 or Tel 5258 1252 two hours prior to race commencement to confirm commercial shipping movements in the vicinity. Organizers must ensure participants comply with the conditions of this form.					

### Conditions for this Aquatic Event Advice:

Aquatic Event Advice is issued pursuant to:

- Part 6.4 of the Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic) – Functions and Powers of Harbour Master
- Victorian Port's Corporation (Melbourne) Harbour Master's Directions (VPCM HMD).

Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) refers to:

- 'Melbourne VTS' for events held within VPCM jurisdictional waters north of 38° 05' S
- 'Lonsdale VTS' for events held in VPCM jurisdictional waters south of 38° 05' S.

The Event Organiser(s) agrees to:

- Read and understand all information contained within this Aquatic Event Advice
- Notify other relevant authorities of the event (e.g. Water Police)
- Call VTS on VHF Channel 12 at least one hour before the scheduled start and advise the VTS Officer of the:
  - Aquatic Event Advice reference number
  - expected time of start and finish of event
  - expected time yachts will transit Port Phillip Heads, where applicable.
- Pass on instructions including the requirement for participants to keep clear of commercial shipping and dredgers and avoid impeding the safe passage of shipping using the shipping channels, in accordance with section 2.18, of the VPCM HMD – 'Small Vessels'.
- Advise vessels not to cross commercial shipping channels where such crossing would interfere with the passage of commercial shipping or be so close as to cause concern for commercial shipping. Event commencement shall, if necessary, be adjusted as advised by the VTSO so as to prevent interference with commercial shipping movements.
- Monitor Channel 12 and pass on to race participants any updated information from VTS.
- Advise VTS when the last boat is clear of Port Phillip Heads and/or the shipping channels specified in the advice.
- In accordance with section 2.22 of the VPCM HMD – 'Incident reporting', Organisers are to ensure all event participants are aware of the requirement to report any incident, hazard or obstruction, as soon as reasonably practical, to VTS.
- Ensure the participants are aware of their responsibility to keep clear of commercial shipping at all times.

### For events outside the Port Waters of Melbourne, event organisers must seek permission from Parks Victoria.

I have read and understood the conditions pertaining to this Aquatic Event Advice.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
I have read and understood Sections 2.18 and 2.19 of the Harbour Master's Directions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
A risk assessment for the event has been completed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Contact name	Irmantas Domarkas		
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Email this completed form to <a href="mailto:navservices@vicports.vic.gov.au">navservices@vicports.vic.gov.au</a>			

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