

# VICTORIAN NOTICE TO MARINERS

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

**GEELONG, 5 MARCH 2018**

**AUSTRALIA - VICTORIA**

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**PORT OF GEELONG**

**WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL 2018**

**Date:** March 10 - March 12, 2018.

**Details:** The Royal Geelong Yacht Club (RGYC) will be hosting this event between March 10 and March 12, 2018. There will be a passage race from Portarlington to the RGYC commencing at Portarlington pier at 1130 hrs on Saturday March 10, 2018. This event will be accompanied by various sailing activities (including races) within Corio Bay and the Outer Harbour. On Sunday March 11 activities will commence around 0900 hrs and will include races held within Corio bay and adjacent areas with a Parade of Sail at 1100 hrs in front of the Main Marina. Masters of large commercial vessels who are restricted to using the main shipping channels marked by beacons, are hereby advised that approximately 100 wooden sailing boats and other recreational vessels varying from dinghy size to 20 metre long vessels are expected to take part in the Festival. The Organisers of the Festival will take every effort to keep the wooden sailing fleet clear of the shipping channels. However, Masters of large commercial ships transiting the channels of Geelong on the above dates are well advised to take extra precautions (eg. posting of extra lookouts/liberal use of the ship's whistle/proceeding at minimum speeds commensurate with safe navigation etc.) so as to avoid close quarter situations. All other mariners are reminded vide this Notice of their safety obligations and requested not to navigate continuously or anchor within or near the shipping channels to allow the unimpeded and safe progress 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 Duty Race Officer may be contacted on VHF Channel 71 or Mobile 0417 334 624 if needed.

**Charts & Publications Affected:** AUS 157, AUS 153, Admiralty List of Lights & Fog Signals, Volume K (page 107)

**Affected:**

**Further Notice:** This Notice is self-cancelling on March 12, 2018



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