

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION *Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic)***

Safe Transport Victoria makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic)*.

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Paddle Australia on the waters of Lake Nagambie, persons and vessels involved in the 2025 Canoe Sprint Grand Prix 1 and LD National Championships are exempt from the following requirements:

#### **State Rules made under the *Marine Act 1988***

1. Clause 2(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a person in the water
2. Clause 2(c) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of another vessel
3. Clause 3(b) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a fixed or floating structure

#### **Waterway Rules made under the *Marine Safety Act 2010 / Marine Act 1988***

4. Clause 91.14 of Schedule 91 – exclusive use and special purpose area for un-powered vessels (Rowing Course Area)

#### ***Marine Safety Regulations 2023***

5. Regulation 61(5) – requirement to carry listed safety equipment (a bailer) on human powered vessel on inland waters
6. Regulation 61(6) – requirement to carry a lifejacket for each person onboard on inland waters
7. Regulation 66(3) – person must wear a lifejacket (of type specified) at all times when vessel is underway on inland waters (i.e., vessel 4.8 metres or less in length)

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of event official vessels and rescue vessels are only exempt from items 1 to 3 when undertaking a rescue operation to retrieve persons in distress, provide for their initial medical or other needs and deliver them to a place of safety onshore, and must adhere to speed and distance rules at all other times.
- Masters of event official & support vessels and rescue vessels are only exempt from item 4 for the duration of the event.
- Occupants of all mechanically powered vessels involved with the event (support, rescue and official) must always wear a lifejacket during the event and vessels must carry all prescribed safety equipment.
- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from items 2 to 3 & 5 for the duration of the event.
- Only masters and occupants of vessels competing at State and National level and at the discretion of the event Chief Official, are exempt from items 6 & 7 for the duration of the event.
- The exemptions apply for the dates and times as detailed in Table 1 below to persons and vessels involved in the 2025 Canoe Sprint Grand Prix 1 and LD National Championships within the exclusion zone waters of Lake Nagambie - Rowing Course Area, extending to the 1300-metre mark.

- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

**Table 1:** 2025 Canoe Sprint Grand Prix 1 and LD National Championships

Date	Time
Thursday 27 November 2025	2:00pm – 4:30pm
Friday 28 November 2025	7.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday 29 November 2025	7:00am - 6:00pm
Sunday 30 November 2025	7:00am – 5:00pm

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