

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION**

Parks Victoria as the declared waterway manager for Patterson River, upstream of the Nepean Highway Bridge to Eumemmering Creek including the National Water Sports Centre (NWSC), makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by Rowing Victoria at NWSC, persons and vessels involved in the rowing regattas outlined in Table 1 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(a) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of the water’s edge
4. Clause 3(b) – must not exceed 5 knots within 50 metres of a fixed or floating structure

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of rescue vessels are only exempt from items 1 to 4 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.
- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from items 2 to 4 when competing in the events.
- The masters of all participating vessels are only exempt from item 3 provided they do not exceed 5 knots within 10 metres of the waters’ edge.
- Occupants of powered vessels involved with the event must wear a personal flotation device at all times during the event and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- The event is operating under the auspices of Rowing Victoria, including the Rowing Victoria Safety Management Plan, which meets the criteria of Clause 3 of Exemption Notice 1 in respect of the exemption for rowing vessels to not carry and competitors not wear a personal flotation device
- The exemptions apply for the dates, times and events specified in Table 1 below.
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

**Table 1 – 2022-2023 Rowing Victoria NWSC regattas**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
23 September 2022	6:00am – 9:00am	NTT #1
22 October 2022	6:00am – 12:00pm	NTT #2
12 November 2022	6:00am -12:00pm	NTT #3
3 December 2022	6:00am – 6:00pm	2022 RV Schools Regatta 2 – RV – St Kevins
10 December 2022	6.00am – 6:00pm	NTT #4 & Carrum Regatta
4 March 2022	9:00am – 6:00pm	RV Junior Boy Regatta

**For and on behalf of Parks Victoria**

Dated: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)