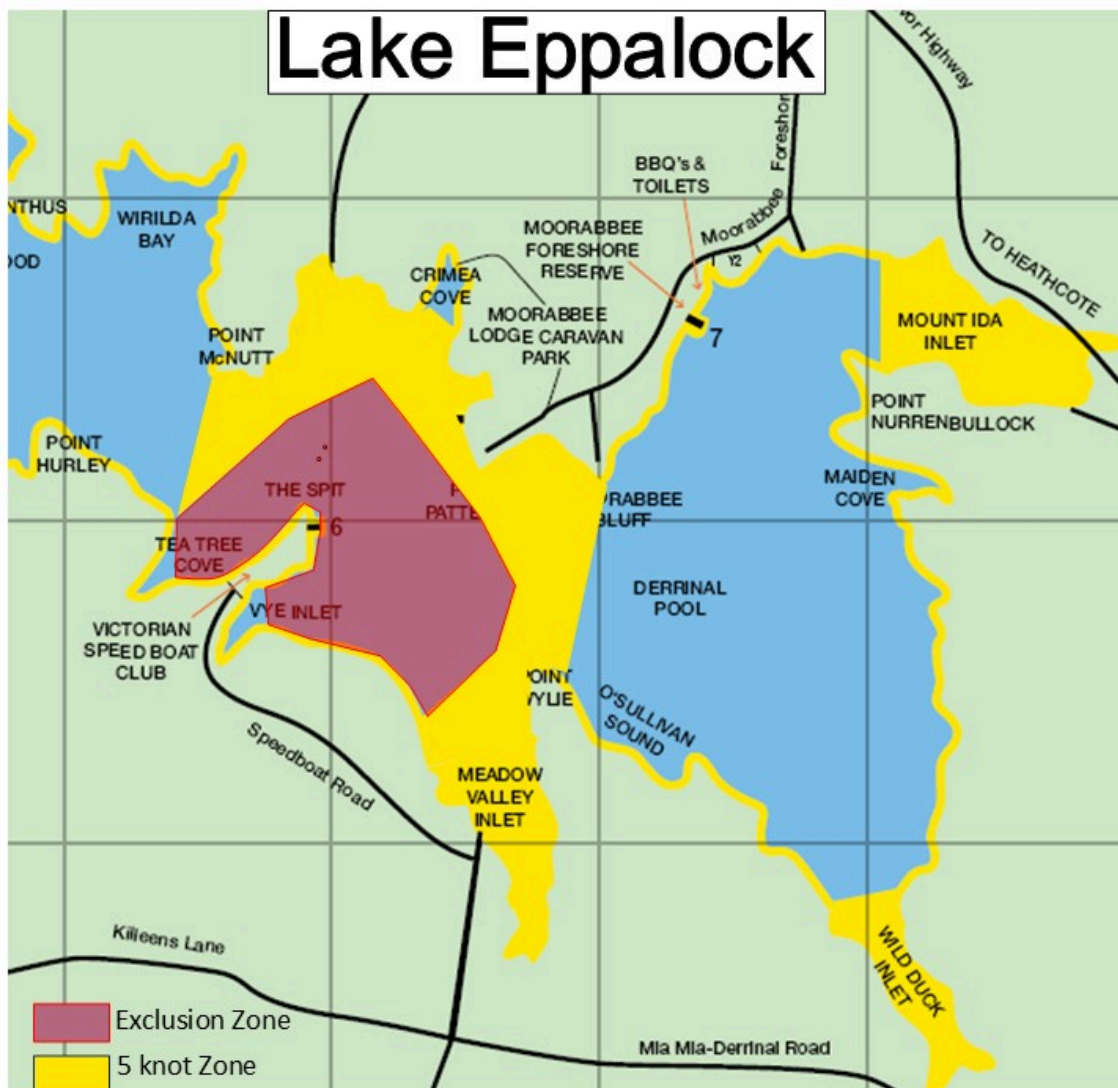


Notice

Power Boat Racing Exclusion & 5 Knot Zone

November 29th 2025, 7.00am to 6.00pm
No Public Boating inside Exclusion Zone



www.vsbcb.org.au or 0428506704 for more information

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION**

Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) as the declared waterway manager for Lake Eppalock, makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by the Victorian Speed Boat Club, persons and vessels involved in the 2025 VSBC Club Day and 2026 Eppalock Gold Cup 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

Marine Safety Regulations 2023

5. Regulation 44(2)(b) – holders of Restricted Marine Licences to operate a vessel at a speed not exceeding 10 knots

Modification

6. A lifejacket of a type described in Part 2 & 5 of "Schedule 1 - Types of Lifejackets", of the Marine Safety Regulations 2023 (MSRs) is modified to include a lifejacket is deemed a Level 100 plus lifejacket or a Type 1 lifejacket if it complies with the current Australian Power Boat Association (APBA) Rule Book – rule 801.

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 on shore.
- Masters of competing vessels are only exempt from items 2 to 4 for the duration of the event.
- Occupants of competing vessels must wear a Level 100 plus or Type 1 Lifejacket that complies with the MSRs or item 6 Modification.
- Competing APBA vessels are exempt from the carriage of specified safety equipment as per Exemption Notice 1, when under the supervision of the APBA and the racing event is conducted in accordance with the Racing and Safety Rules of that Association providing the master and any occupants wear a Lifejacket compliant with the MSRs or Rule 801 of the APBA Rule Book.
- All persons on course and rescue vessels involved with the event must always wear a lifejacket during the event (exception for Rescue Divers wearing thermal wet suits with positive buoyancy) when operating a vessel or when underway. All vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment.
- Masters of Formula Future class vessels holding a Restricted Marine Licence are only exempt from item 5 provided they have completed the training required by APBA Victoria as detailed in the Formula Future Safety Management Plan and hold the appropriate APBA Formula Future licence, and must not exceed the following speeds:
 - J1 class – 19 knots
 - J2 class – 33 knots
 - J3 class – 40 knots
 - 25hp class – 47 knots
 - F4 class – 60 knots

- All interstate vessel masters in Formula Future classes must hold the appropriate APBA Formula Future Licence and have documented proof they have competed in at least 3 events (9 races) in their home state before competing at an event in Victoria. Should they not provide this proof they must complete the training required by APBA Victoria as detailed in the Formula Future Safety Management Plan.
- In the event of any injuries which result in hospitalisation, a fatality or an incident involving a person or vessel not involved in the event, these must be immediately reported to Safe Transport Victoria and Victorian Police. In the case of all other incidents ST Vic requires incident reports within seven days and a finalised report within 30 days.
- Should vessels or persons not involved in the event come within 50 metres of the Exclusion Zone, the exemptions will be automatically suspended, and racing must cease until the vessel or person has moved outside of the area.
- The exemptions and modification apply within the exclusion zone waters of Lake Eppalock – Derrinal Pool during the below dates and times:
 - Saturday 29 November 2025 - 6:00am – 6:00pm
 - 9:00am Friday 9 January 2026 – 7:00pm Sunday 11 January 2026
- The exemptions apply provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form, APBA Racing Procedures, APBA Rule Book and associated documentation are adhered to.

Goulburn-Murray Water

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

Marine Safety Act 2010
Section 208(2)
NOTICE OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXCLUSION ZONE

Goulburn-Murray Water as the declared waterway manager for Lake Eppalock hereby gives notice under section 208(2) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010 (Vic)* that all persons and vessels not registered to take part in the 2025 VSBC Club Day and 2026 Eppalock Gold Cup are prohibited from entering and remaining in the following waters.

Waters of Lake Eppalock – the waters between the Victorian Speed Boat Club and approx. GPS coordinates 36°52'25.6"S 144°34'50.9"E, Point Hurley and Point Wylie.

A 5-knot buffer zone will be in place on the waters of Lake Eppalock between the exclusion zone at approx GPS coordinates (36°52'25.6"S 144°34'50.9"E) and Moorabbee Bluff to allow public transit around the exclusion zone along the northern shore between Point McNutt and Moorabbee Bluff.

The exclusion zone will be in effect from:

6:00am – 6:00pm Saturday 29 November 2025

9:00am Friday 9 January to 7:00pm Sunday 11 January 2026

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Dated: Click or tap to enter a date.