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**PORT OF MELBOURNE - YARRA RIVER
PORT PHILLIP FERRIES – TRIAL OF INCREASED SPEEDS IN YARRA RIVER**

Date: 16 March 2020

Refers: NTM 312 (T) – 2019 and is hereby cancelled

Details: Port users are advised that the Port Phillip Ferries (PPF) operated *Bellarine Express* and *Geelong Flyer*, operational trial is extended until 16th of June 2020. During the trial the *Bellarine Express* and *Geelong Flyer* will be exempted from the speed limit of 6 knots when operating on the waters of the Yarra River between the southern dripline of the West Gate Bridge and the Western drip line of the Bolte Bridge. *Bellarine Express* and *Geelong Flyer* will be permitted to proceed at speeds up to 15 knots in this area when safe to do so.

The ferries operate between Geelong, Portarlington and Victoria Harbour with scheduled runs between 0500 and 2100, seven days a week. For more information on schedules and the conduct of this trial visit the PPF website (<http://www.portphillipferries.com.au/>).

Port users can provide feedback on the trial direct to PPF, or to Maritime Safety Victoria via email: waterways@transportsafety.vic.gov.au.

For more information, contact Melbourne VTS on 9644 9700 or on VHF Channel 12.

Charts & Publications affected: AUS 154

Further notice: Further Notice will be issued



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