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**Australia – Victoria**

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**PORT OF MELBOURNE  
FAIRWAY THROUGH PORT PHILLIP HEADS  
RIP SWIM EVENT**

**Date:** 8 July 2024

**Refers:** N/A

**Details:** Mariners are advised that a swim event will take place (weather dependant) between Point Nepean and Point Lonsdale in the Fairway Through Port Phillip Heads on **13 July 2024 from 1230 hrs to 1400 hrs.**

The swim event will consist of **36 swimmers** in total. The swimmers will be supported by event vessels, who will be monitoring **VHF Channels 71 (primary channel), 72 (secondary channel) and 12**. The event organiser may be contacted on **0423 118 036 / 0425 798 438 / 0430 484 708**. Event vessels will display orange flags to identify the position of swimmers to other boats in the area.

The following event vessels will be in attendance:

1. 7 standby vessels
2. 2 personal watercrafts
3. 5 kayaks

On **13 July from 1230 hrs to 1400 hrs, no commercial vessels (SOLAS)** will be permitted to transit the Fairway Through Port Phillip Heads during the course of the swim event.

**Domestic commercial vessels (DCV)** may transit the Fairway Through Port Phillip Heads during the course of the swim event provided the vessel makes contact with the event vessels prior to transiting to ensure a safe passing distance and speed with swimmers.

**Recreational vessels** are to navigate with additional caution when transiting the Fairway Through Port Phillip Heads during the course of the swim event, keeping well clear of swimmers and event vessels.

Should the swim event on **13 July 2024** be cancelled due to weather conditions, the swim event will be rescheduled to take place on **14 July 2024**. Mariners will be advised through a new Notice to Mariners.

For further information, please email the Navigation Services department at [NavigationServices@ports.vic.gov.au](mailto:NavigationServices@ports.vic.gov.au) or contact Lonsdale VTS on 9644 9700 or on VHF Channel 12.

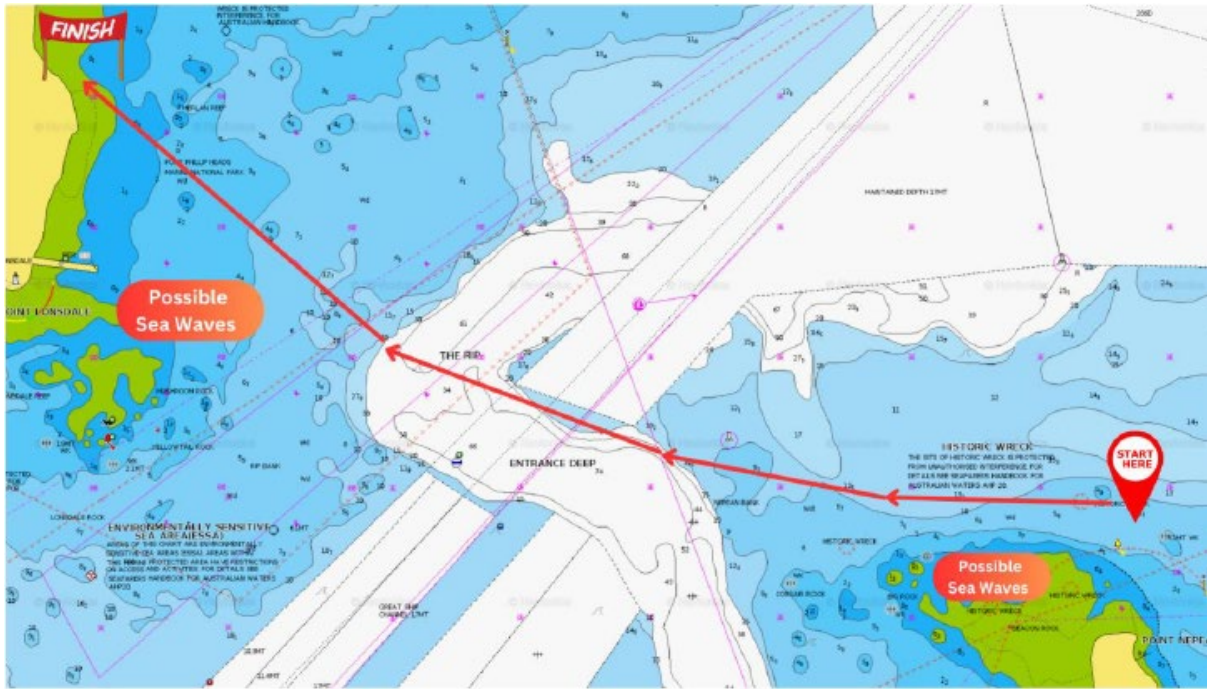
**Mariners are advised to navigate with caution during the swim event and are reminded to comply with the requirements of the *Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules for Victorian Waters*.**

**Charts & Publications affected:** AUS 144  
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**Further notice:** This is a self-cancelling NtM.



**David Tilsley  
Acting Harbour Master**



**RIP SWIM COURSE – NOT FOR NAVIGATIONAL USE**

This notice is a direction of the Harbour Master pursuant to section 232 of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic)  
 The requirements of section 232(2) have been taken into account.