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UPDATE

Communications Plan for Speed Exemption



Increased Speed Trial - Yarra River between Beacons 23-24 and West Gate Bridge

Please be advised that our new vessel MV *Bellarine Express* (right) has now joined MV *Capricornian Dancer* (left) in the Speed Exemption Trial. During the trial period, both vessels will operate at an increased maximum speed of 15 knots on the Yarra River between beacons 23/24 and the West Gate Bridge. This change is implemented under Marine Safety Victoria Exemption Notice 3.2 which took effect on 22 March 2018.

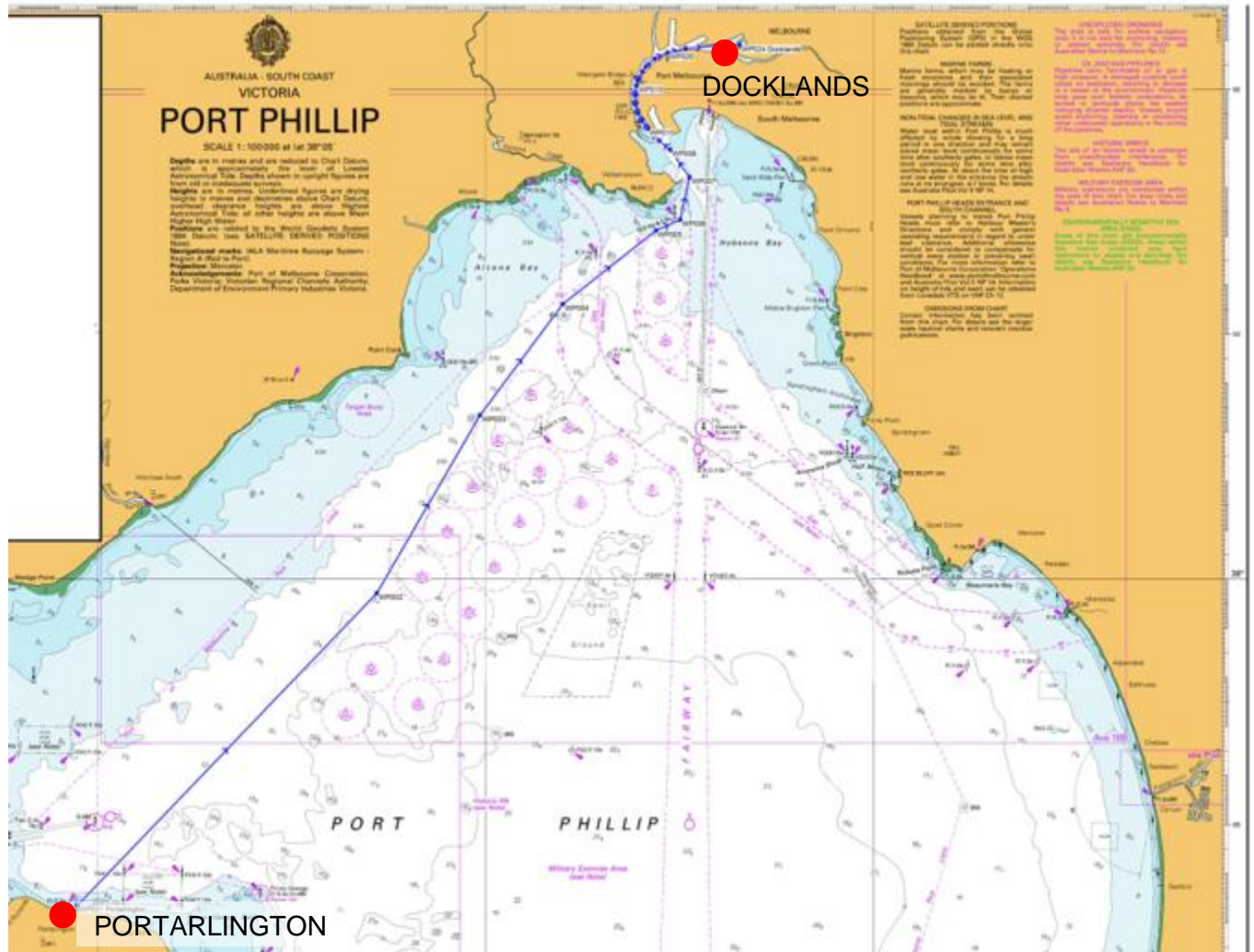
Under Exemption Notice 3.2, the trial period for each vessel is scheduled as follows:

Vessel	Commencement	Duration
Capricornian Dancer	22 March 2018	2 months from commencement
Bellarine Express	22 March 2018	3 months from commencement

In line with these changes, Port Phillip Ferries will host a monthly stakeholder meeting during the trial period to provide regulatory authorities and key stakeholder groups a forum/ opportunity to raise any real issues and/or areas of concern identified as a direct result of the trial. Information on meeting dates will be sent to all relevant parties in due course.

Further information about vessel operations is provided in the next pages.

1. PPF Passage Plan – Portarlington to Docklands



2. PPF Passage Plan – Yarra River Entrance (Beacons 23/24) and West Gate Bridge (showing outward journey from Docklands)



3. Vessel Operations

Port Phillip Ferries operate scheduled services between Portarlington and Docklands in both directions between the hours 05:00 and 21:00 seven days a week. Our vessel timetable can be viewed [here](#).

The vessel Master has the responsibility for the safe and the efficient operation of the vessel. The vessel Master is to monitor the speed of the vessel at all times with due regard to vessel traffic, weather conditions and manoeuvrability of the vessel.

The vessel Master may deviate from this passage plan if human life, property or the environment is at risk.

4. Vessel Complement

The following personnel who have completed the additional training required by Transport Safety Victoria will operate the two vessels during the speed exemption trial period:

Name	Position
1. Craig Ballinger	Master
2. David Le Roy	Master
3. Matt Wardley	Master
4. Peter Smith	Master
5. Richard Evans	Lookout & Mate/Engineer
6. Laurie Chapman	Lookout & Mate/Engineer
7. Jacques Kint	Lookout & Mate
8. Jay Marriott	Lookout & Mate

Additional personnel will be required to complete the additional training prior to assuming shipboard duties during the trial period.

5. Additional Safety Information

1. To comply with the Guide to Vessel Operating and Zoning Rules (VOZN), the master of a vessel must not cause or allow a vessel to be operated at a speed exceeding 5 knots when:
 - within 50 m of a person in the water
 - within 100 m of a vessel or buoy on which a dive flag is displayed
 - within 50 m of another vessel
 - within 200 m of the water's edge except in an access lane
 - within 50 m of a wharf, jetty, slipway diving platform or boat ramp; or

passing through a recognised anchorage for small craft

2. Increased speed limits are subject to a minimum of 100 meters clear visibility.
3. Even when operating within the applicable speed limit, the vessel Master must always be mindful of the possible impact the vessel's wake may have when passing other vessels or objects and if necessary adjust the vessel's speed to minimise such impact.
4. The wake wash of the vessel at 15 knots is expected to be 328mm or less for the area of the Yarra River (beacons 23/24 to West Gate Bridge) under review.
5. An Amber Flashing Light is to be displayed at all times day and night on masthead.
6. Emergency signals will be communicated with the vessel's air horn.
7. The vessel air horn is to be sounded when approaching Portarlington entrance beacons to give other vessels warning of approach.

6. Contact Details

Should you have any queries regarding this announcement, please contact us between 7am – 8pm on (03) 9514 8959 or email info@portphillipferries.com.au.