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No Boating Buoys Colour Change

Gippsland Ports has successfully secured funding through the Victorian State Government Boating Safety Facilities Program, to undertake a No Boating Buoy changeover.

Local boaters and swimmers may be familiar with the existing red buoys used to mark No Boating Zones. These are primarily used to allow for safe swimming areas and may also be used for other waterway management purposes. These existing red buoys are not compliant with the standard adopted by Marine Safety Victoria for aids to navigation in Victorian enclosed and coastal waters. These existing buoys are being replaced with new yellow buoys which comply with the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) buoyage system.

The new buoys are recognisable as a yellow special mark with clearly visible NO BOATING text and a distinctive yellow cross, top mark which differentiate them from Speed Restriction zone buoys. Although the two types of buoys are the same colour, Speed Restriction buoys do not have a top mark and are marked with a clearly visible speed limit displayed in knots (most commonly 5 knots).

The new No Boating buoys are being deployed to replace the older buoys by Gippsland Ports' staff at designated areas in Paynesville, Newlands Arm, Lakes Entrance, Loch Sport, Marlo and Inverloch. Local waterway users are advised to keep a lookout for the buoys and ensure their vessel does not enter No Boating zones. Any further information on local Aids to Navigation, speed restriction zones or no boating zones is available on the Gippsland Ports Website: gippslandports.vic.gov.au

Non-Compliant buoys to be removed



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