



PUBLIC NOTICE DECLARATION OF BOATING ACTIVITY EXEMPTION

Hindmarsh Shire Council as the declared waterway manager for the Wimmera River (within the Shire of Hindmarsh), makes the following declaration under section 203(3) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

For the purposes of boating activity conducted by the Dimboola Boat & Water Ski Club, persons and vessels involved in the VIC/SA Barefoot Waterski Challenge 2021 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 meters 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 object

Waterway Rules made under the *Marine Safety Act 2010* / *Marine Act 1988*

5. Clause 68.2(c) of Schedule 68 – 5 knot speed restriction on the Wimmera River at Dimboola

Marine Safety Regulations 2012

6. Regulation 103 – a person being towed must wear PFD
7. Regulation 104(2) – master of a vessel must not tow a person unless the person is wearing a PFD.

Subject to the conditions detailed below:

- Masters of rescue vessels are only exempt from 1-5 in the above list 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 nominated towing vessels are exempt from 2-5 in the above list for the duration of the event, provided only one nominated towing vessel/competitor is on the water at a time within the exclusion zone waters.
- Persons being towed are only exempt from item 6 when participating in trick skiing events (limited to nominated trick skiers who are highly skilled and competent in this activity).
- Barefoot skiers (limited to accredited barefoot water skiers who are highly skilled and competent in this activity) are only exempt from item 6 provided they wear a purpose designed wetsuit with impact protection and built in buoyancy to float the wearer as per International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation rules.
- Masters of towing vessels are only exempt from item 7 when towing persons who are exempt from item 6 in accordance with these conditions.
- All persons on vessels associated with the event must wear a PFD (unless exempt from item 6 in accordance with these conditions), and vessels must have all prescribed safety equipment, including rescue vessels.
- The exemptions apply from 7.00am to 12.00pm on 22 & 25 January 2021 and 7.00am to 7.00pm on 23 & 24 January 2021, within the exclusion zone waters of the Wimmera River at Dimboola between the Lloyd Street Boat Ramp and a point 50 metres downstream of the Dimboola Rowing Club ramp as marked by buoys, provided the stated safety controls and undertakings detailed in the application form and associated documentation are adhered to.

Hindmarsh Shire Council

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Not for Publication

Dimboola Banner – Wednesday 20 January, 2021 in the Public Notices Section – double column display advertisement with logo at the top.

Council's website
Barengi Gadjin Land Council

Dimboola Ski Club to ensure this notice is given to:-

1. All participants
2. All boating ramps
3. Dimboola Rowing Club
4. Dimboola Riverside Holiday Park
5. DBSC website