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

Date: 6 February 2023

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 **11 February 2023 from 1300 to 1430**.

The swim event will consist of 12 groups of swimmers (64 swimmers total in groups) and 19 swimmers undertaking a race. The swimmers will be supported by event vessels, who will be monitoring **VHF Channels 71 and 12**. The swim event organiser may be contacted on 0423 118 036 or 0425 798 438.

The following event vessels will be in attendance:

1. ***Amour de la Mer***
2. **5 x RHIBs**
3. **18 x kayaks**

On **11 February 2023 from 1300 to 1430**, 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 caution when transiting the Fairway Through Port Phillip Heads during the course of the swim event.

For more information, please 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*.

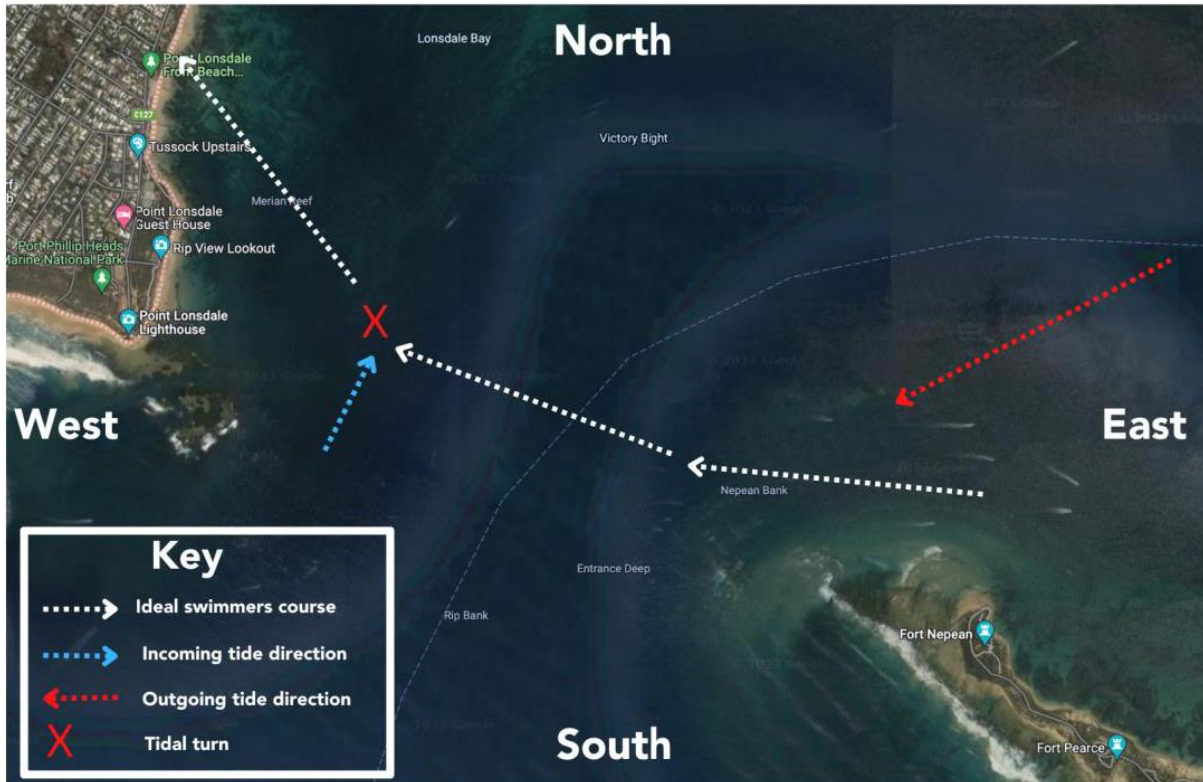
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Further notice: This is a self-cancelling NtM, and no further notice will be issued.



**David Tilsley
Deputy Harbour Master
(Navigation Services)**

Rip Swim Event Map – 11 February 2023



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.

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