

Victorian Notice to Mariners

The following Notice to Mariners is published for general information.

Australia – Victoria No. 068 (T) of 2024 VICTORIAN COASTAL WATERS

Date: EFFECTIVE 28 FEBRUARY 2024

Details:

For the purposes of the works activity proposed by EGS Survey Pty Ltd involving hydrographic and geophysical survey operations carried out by the MV Samson Explorer (LOA: 34.95), an exclusion zone has been established by Safe Transport Victoria under Section 211(1)(b) of the *Marine Safety Act 2010* (Vic).

Exclusion Zone

Persons and the navigation and other movement of vessels is prohibited, (including drifting), within an exclusion zone with a radius of 500 metres of the MV Samson Explorer when the MV Samson Explorer is undertaking survey activities within Victorian State Waters.

The exclusion zone applies on Victorian State Waters: specifically on the waters adjacent to Torquay, and Wilsons Promontory.

This notice has effect from 12:01am on Wednesday 28 February 2024 to 12:00pm on Saturday 16 March 2024.

The operations involve towing survey equipment from the stern of the vessel up to 3 x the water depth out to the 300-metre contour and taking place 24/7. During the survey works, MV Samson Explorer will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre and display appropriate lights and day shapes.

AUS Charts and Publications Affected: AUS 143, AUS 802 AU439144, AU440146

Victorian Charts and publications affected: Nil

Further information

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Further Notice: A further Notice will be issued.

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