



Marine Forecast Service Changes Wind Warnings

The Australian Government has provided funding to roll-out the NexGen Forecast & Warning System (NexGen FWS) to upgrade the operational forecasting systems in each State. The NexGen FWS will enable the Bureau to provide more meaningful and detailed forecast services to the Australian community.

IDV20010

Coastal Waters Wind Warning for Victorian waters between SA-VIC Border and Mallacoota

Issued at 5:10 am EDT on Tuesday 21 October 2008.

Please be aware
Wind gusts can be 40 percent stronger than the averages given here, and maximum waves may be up to twice the height.

Weather Situation
Warning conditions expected from Tuesday afternoon until at least Wednesday morning. Northerly winds ahead of a cold front expected near Cape Otway Tuesday evening, near Wilsons Promontory Wednesday afternoon.

Gale warning for Victorian waters between SA-VIC Border and Mallacoota
Winds: Increasing to 40 knots. Combined sea and swell: Increasing to 5 metres.

This warning refers to conditions expected within the next 24 hours. The next warning will be issued by 11:00 am EDT Tuesday.

More detailed information about local wind speed and direction and wave information is available in the Coastal Waters Forecast.

Wind warnings will now be issued for the area specifically affected by the weather event rather than an entire coastal waters zone

Combined sea & swell included to highlight actual wave conditions

Warnings include details of the highest average wind speeds

IDV20551

Local Waters Wind Warning for Western Port

Issued at 5:10 am EDT on Tuesday 21 October 2008.

Please be aware
Wind gusts can be 40 percent stronger than the averages given here, and maximum waves may be up to twice the height.

Weather Situation
Warning conditions expected from Tuesday afternoon until at least Wednesday morning. Northerly winds ahead of a cold front expected near Cape Otway Tuesday evening, near Wilsons Promontory Wednesday afternoon.

Strong wind warning for Western Port.
Winds: Increasing to 30 knots. Seas: below 1 metre.

This warning refers to conditions expected within the next 24 hours. The next warning will be issued by 11:00 am EDT Tuesday.

More detailed information about local wind speed and direction and wave information is available in the Local Waters Forecast.

Separate warning services for selected local waters areas

Change to consistent terminology from waves to seas

Forecasts provide more detail on wind and wave conditions within the area