

# Marine Wind Warnings Service Changes for Victoria



The Bureau of Meteorology is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the marine wind warning service.

## Feedback

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Information about complex wind direction and timing detail is available in the forecast

## Changes to Marine Wind Warnings

The Bureau of Meteorology is responding to feedback from the marine community, and is proposing the following changes to the coastal and local waters wind warning service.

### Benefits of the changes

- Clear and simple information will assist boat users listening to wind warnings on marine radio systems.
- Clear emphasis on the worst conditions will help warn mariners of potentially dangerous conditions.

### Coastal Waters Wind Warning for Victorian waters between Portland and Cape Paterson, between Lakes Entrance and 60nm east of Gabo Island.

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

A low pressure trough will move over Victoria from the west over the next 24 hours, resulting in northwesterly winds increasing in strength in western Bass Strait this afternoon and Eastern Bass Strait tonight.

**Gale warning** for Victorian waters between Point Hicks and 60 nm east of Gabo Island  
Winds: Increasing to 40 knots. Combined sea and swell: Increasing to 5 metres.

**Strong wind warning** for Victorian waters between Portland and Cape Paterson  
Winds: Up to 30 knots. Combined sea and swell: Up to 3 metres.

**Strong wind warning** for Victorian waters between Lakes Entrance and Point Hicks  
Winds: Increasing to 30 knots. Combined sea and swell: Increasing to 3 metres.

**Cancelled strong wind warning** for Victorian waters between SA-VI C Border and Portland  
Winds no longer expected to exceed 25 knots.

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

Please note: coastal wind warnings now contain details of the highest average wind speeds and highest combined sea and swell heights expected during the warning period. More detailed sea and swell information will continue to be provided within the Coastal Waters Forecast. See the Bureau's marine site [www.bom.gov.au/marine](http://www.bom.gov.au/marine) for more information.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

[www.bom.gov.au/nextgen](http://www.bom.gov.au/nextgen)

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Advice about the time period that the warning refers to