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NEW BOATING TRAILS LAUNCHED ACROSS VICTORIA

Victorians can look forward to planning their next boating trip, thanks to a set of new boating trails officially launched by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Fishing and Boating Sonya Kilkenny and Member for Geelong Christine Couzens today announced Geelong is one of four areas to feature the new trails and takes boaters on a journey to popular Queenscliff.

The other trails include from Docklands through the heart of the city along the Yarra, around Western Port and along the Port Phillip coastline to Mornington.

The trails have been developed in conjunction with Visit Victoria, Boating Industry Association of Victoria, Sailing Australia and other agencies.

They're tailored toward being accessible for a range of boats and cruisers with a variety of activities on offer throughout the trail, including restaurants, cafes and entertainment.

Boaters can also access information about various venues while on the trail through the Better Boating website – including beaches and fishing spots to visit, as well as details on how and where to securely moor vessels in safe harbours or marina facilities.

The trails complement an extension to the Public Berthing Trial – which was offered earlier this year by Better Boating Victoria in conjunction with three Port Phillip marinas. Until the end of August, Sandringham Yacht Club, Royal Geelong Yacht Club and Wyndham Harbour will provide free overnight berths for boaters who book direct with them and mention the trial.

To check out the boating trails and to plan your next boating trip, visit <u>https://betterboating.vic.gov.au/boating-trails/</u>

Quotes attributable to Minister for Fishing and Boating Sonya Kilkenny

"We've launched these new boating trails to give boaters and families more opportunities to get outdoors and spend together time on the water, while supporting some of our terrific local businesses across the state."

"Whether it's heading to Geelong, around the bay or Western Port, these trails will make a great go-to guide for your next boating trip, with some of Victoria's very best scenery and experiences on offer."

Quote attributable to Member for Geelong Christine Couzens

"This is a great way for boaters to see what Geelong has to offer – with a trail taking them on a journey from the beautiful Geelong waterfront to Queenscliff."