



*Your Council
Your say*

Draft Recreational Boating Strategy

The City of Victor Harbor has developed a Recreational Boating Strategy to guide Council's planning and investment in boating infrastructure.

Boating is one of Victor Harbor's most popular recreational activities, and demand continues to grow as more South Australians take to the water. Existing facilities are under increasing pressure, particularly during peak periods, with congestion, limited car and trailer parking, and safety risks such as shallow approaches, swell, and surge affecting users. The Draft Recreational Boating Strategy will guide planning and investment in boating infrastructure, ensuring facilities remain safe, functional, and sustainable for the future.

The Strategy reviews all current boating sites, identifies key issues, and outlines priorities for upgrades, maintenance, and future improvements. It highlights environmental considerations such as sand movement, seagrass protection, and stormwater management, alongside the need for improved signage, education, and enforcement. One key proposal is investigating a new multipurpose Eastern Boat Ramp, designed to improve safety, provide additional parking and amenities, support Sea Rescue operations, and create opportunities for berths or moorings.

Get Involved and Have Your Say

Your input helps Council understand your support for the Strategy and determine which recreational boating objectives should be prioritised.

Read the draft Recreational Boating Strategy by downloading a copy at yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au/boating, or browse the summary attached. Then have your say before **5pm on Friday, 30 January 2026**.

There are a number of ways you can have your say:

- **Complete a survey:**
Visit yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au/boating or collect a hardcopy from the Civic Centre
- **Make a written submission via:**
 - post to PO Box 11, Victor Harbor SA 5211
 - email to localgov@victor.sa.gov.au
 - in person delivery to 1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor



Scan the QR code to download a copy of the draft Recreational Boating Strategy and have your say!

At a Glance

Vision

“ A functional boating environment for Victor Harbor which achieves a balanced response to seasonal demand, environmental values, community safety and economics. ”

Objectives



Maintain, renew, and build boating facilities



Improve access and navigation



Enhance safety for the boating community



Invest in key boating locations



Promote boating safety and education



Provide better boating data and information

Goals

Improve the safety and usability of boating facilities in Victor Harbor.

Upgrade existing boat ramps and supporting infrastructure to meet growing demand.

Investigate a new Eastern Boat Ramp to provide safer, all-weather access.

Enhance parking, navigation, and access for a wide range of boating users.

Support a sustainable, enjoyable boating experience that benefits the community and local economy.

Summary of Key Priority Actions

Time	Action
Short-Term (2026-2028)	• Cost and establish the terms of reference for an Environmental Impact Study for East Beach. • Establish the Eastern Beach multipurpose boating facility as part of the Victor Harbor ten-year financial plan. • Review of current launching charges • Install one more pontoon at bluff boat ramp on breakwater • Improve garbage facilities at current ramps • Lobby state government to remove the boating exclusion zone on the Northwestern Side of West Island (exclusion zone use now redundant)
Mid-Term (2029-2032)	• Progress with the development of Eastern Beach to reduce demand on Bluff Boat Ramp, improve safety and enhance the blue water economy to victor harbor.
Long-Term (2033+)	• Complete the development of Eastern Beach to reduce demand on Bluff Boat Ramp • Upgrade the Bluff Boat Ramp • Infill the beach area on the northern side of the boat ramp and construct additional boat ramp parking • Removal of Causeway Ramp on completion of the Eastern Beach Boating Facility

Draft Recreational Boating Strategy Feedback Form

We want your feedback!

All feedback must be received by 5pm on Friday, 30 January 2026.

We encourage you to view the full copy of the draft Recreational Boating Strategy (available online at yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au or in hard copy at the Council Office at 1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor).

Complete a survey online at yoursay.victor.sa.gov.au.

Or if you prefer, complete this hard copy form and return it to us in one of the following ways:

- **Email:** Scan and send it to localgov@victor.sa.gov.au
- **In person:** Hand deliver your completed form to the Civic Centre at 1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor
- **By post:** City of Victor Harbor, PO Box 11, Victor Harbor SA 5211

Please note your feedback may be included in public documents but all personal details will remain private.

About You

1. Your Details

First Name:		Surname:	
Organisation (if applicable):			
Residential Address:			
Residential Suburb:			
Email Address:			
Add my email address to the Victor Viewpoint mailing list, Council's monthly e-newsletter:			☐ Yes

2. What best describes you?

- ☐ City of Victor Harbor ratepayer ☐ City of Victor Harbor resident ☐ Business ☐ Visitor
- ☐ Other (please specify:)

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3. Have you read the draft Recreational Boating Strategy?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

4. Do you support the draft Recreational Boating Strategy?

- ☐ Yes ☐ Yes, but with some changes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Why or why not?

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5. How often do you use boating facilities in Victor Harbor?

- ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ A few times a year ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

6. Which facilities do you use? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Bluff Boat Ramp ☐ Kent Reserve Boat Ramp ☐ Causeway Boat Ramp ☐ Yacht Club Boat Ramp
- ☐ Other (please specify:)

7. How satisfied are you with the current boating facilities in Victor Harbor?

- ☐ Very satisfied ☐ Satisfied ☐ Neutral ☐ Unsatisfied ☐ Very unsatisfied

Why?

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8. What issues have you experienced at existing boating facilities? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Parking availability
 ☐ Safety Concerns
 ☐ Sand or weed build-up
☐ Congestion/overcrowding
 ☐ Insufficient Infrastructure
 ☐ Access limitations (tides, weather)
☐ Conflict with pedestrian areas
 ☐ Navigation or waterway conflict
 ☐ Poor signage
☐ Other (please specify:)

Please provide any additional information on the issues you have experienced:

9. How would you rate boating safety in Victor Harbor?

- ☐ Very safe
 ☐ safe
 ☐ Neutral
 ☐ Unsafe
 ☐ Very unsafe

Why?

10. The Strategy identifies key priorities such as safety, maintenance, access, environmental management and education. Rank these priorities in terms of importance (from 1 being the highest priority, to 7 being the lowest priority):

Safety	
Facility upgrades	
Building new facilities	
Parking and access	
Environmental protection	
Signage and education	
Promotion/boating tourism	

11. The Strategy proposes investigating a new Eastern Boat Ramp and marina-style facility. How supportive are you of this proposal?

- ☐ Very supportive
 ☐ Supportive
 ☐ Neutral
 ☐ Unsupportive
 ☐ Very unsupportive

Why?

12. What features would you like to see considered at a new facility? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ All weather ramp
 ☐ Improved Sea Rescue access
 ☐ Breakwater for wave protection
☐ Dedicated car/trailer parking
 ☐ Public amenities (e.g toilets/, wash-down bay)
 ☐ Berths/moornings
☐ Disability access
 ☐ Environmental protections
 ☐ Commercial use facilities
☐ Other (please specify:)

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13. Are there any specific initiatives not currently included in the Strategy that you think should be considered?

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14. Do you have any other comments or feedback?

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Please feel free to attach further pages if you require more space to provide your feedback.