

Protected Zone Access Permit Application

Heritage (Historic Shipwrecks) Regulations 2007



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For access to the historic shipwreck *William Salthouse* protected zone for recreational diving activities

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name: _____

Private Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

Ph: (Mob) _____ Ph (AH) _____

Email: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

PH (BH): _____

DETAILS OF WRECK

Name: *William Salthouse*

Locality: *Port Phillip Bay*

Nearest land Mark: *Wedge Beacon*

Chart N^o: *AUS 158*

ACCESS DETAILS

Reason access is requested

Recreational diving

SHIP AND PERSONNEL

Ship to be used

Name: _____

Maker/Model: _____

Registration Number: _____

Length _____

Colour _____

Divemaster

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Ship operator

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

VHF Radio

Station Identification _____

Operator certificate No: _____

RISK NOTIFICATION

The *William Salthouse* is a shipwreck site situated in an area of strong tidal currents. Depths vary around the site, underwater visibility may deteriorate following tide changes and there is a risk of injury to divers from marine creatures inhabiting the site and from sharp objects that may be found on the wreck. Heritage Victoria takes no responsibility for incident or injury incurred during Protected Zone entry or diving activities within the Protected Zone.

DECLARATION

I, _____ (APPLICANT) hereby certify that I have read and understood the risks of entering the *William Salthouse* protected zone and undertaking associated diving activities. I certify that I have read and understood the permit conditions (Appendix A) and understand that breaches of the permit conditions may result in prosecution.

I certify that the ship to be used to access the protected zone and listed on this permit application is safe and fit to transport passengers and complies with Marine Safety Victoria laws and regulations.

I hereby certify that the information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge and acknowledge that I will accept full responsibility for the manner in which the activities sought to be authorised in this application are conducted.

Signed:

_____ Date _____

Witnessed:

_____ Date _____

Name and Address of witness

Assistance

If you require assistance to complete this form, please telephone (03) 86448941

This form should be lodged by post or fax with

Maritime Heritage Unit, Heritage Victoria, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne, 3001, VIC.

Facsimile (03) 8644 8951.

It can also be emailed as a PDF to heritage.victoria@dpcd.vic.gov.au.

Privacy Statement

Heritage Victoria is committed to protecting information provided in accordance with the principles of the **Information Privacy Act 2000**. Information contained in Permit applications or in or any other communication relating to this matter, may be stored and used by Heritage Victoria for the purpose of advising the Department of Planning and Community Development and/or the Minister for Planning on matters related to the management of the historic shipwreck, *William Salthouse* and its associated artefacts. This information is required in assess and prepare your application for a permit to enter the *William Salthouse* protected zone. The information you provide may be disclosed to other relevant government agencies or other stakeholders such as enforcement agencies for these purposes, or if required by law. If you do not provide the information requested your application for a permit to enter the *William Salthouse* protected zone may be unsuccessful.

If you wish to access information about you held by Heritage Victoria, please contact the Maritime Heritage Unit, Heritage Victoria, at the address below.

Contact information

Heritage Victoria, Level 4, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000, VIC. Phone 86448800 Facsimile 8644 8951.

NOTES:

1. For the purposes of this permit, 'ship' refers to the vessel/boat/watercraft used to transport divers to the protected zone.
2. Ship operators should be aware of all navigation laws relating to their boating operations whilst undertaking activities relating to this permit. This permit does not override any other legal obligations or controls.
3. The operator and dive master on the ship accept that the safety of persons is of paramount importance.
4. Permit holders are advised to familiarise themselves with the Victoria *Heritage Act* 1995 as it pertains to Historic Shipwrecks, their associated relics and archaeological sites.
5. Permit holders are advised that *Heritage Act* Inspectors may be present during or following diving operations in the protected zone. The boat operator may be required to produce the access permit for an Inspector. Any lawful request by a Historic Shipwrecks Inspector exercising their powers under the *Heritage Act* shall be complied with immediately.

Under Section 153 of the Heritage Act, Inspectors may stop and board ships, stop and search vehicles, open and inspect cabins, cargo holds, compartments or containers and their contents; search parcels, baskets, bags, boxes or other receptacles; and search any premises (that are not a residence) or any tent, land or caravan.

Inspectors may also seize any ships, vehicles, equipment or articles believed to have been used or involved in the commission of an offence related to historic shipwrecks. They may also detain the ship, vehicle, equipment or article for up to 60 days or until a prosecution for an offence is terminated.

If a court convicts a person of an offence relating to historic shipwrecks, the court may order the forfeiture to the Crown of any ship, vehicle, equipment or article used or otherwise involved in the commission of the offence.

ACCESS PERMIT CONDITIONS (Appendix A)

William Salthouse Protected Zone Permit Conditions **Pursuant to Section 113 of the Heritage Act 1995 and Regulation 5 of the Heritage Act (Historic Shipwrecks) (General Regulations) 1996**

The *William Salthouse* is a Historic Shipwreck protected under the Victorian *Heritage Act* 1995. Access to the protected zone is by permit from Heritage Victoria only. Any interference whatsoever with the archaeological site or any other objects located within the protected zone is strictly forbidden and heavy penalties apply – ‘look but don’t touch’

1. The Permit must be carried on board the ship at all times when within the 250 metre radius protected zone.
2. Permit holder must be present during diving operations on the site.
3. The Permit is valid for one hour either side of the published daylight slack water times for Port Phillip Heads on the date specified in the Permit.
4. The Permit allows access for a maximum of 12 divers to undertake recreational diving activities in the protected zone.
5. The ship will not anchor in the prohibited anchorage areas in Port Phillip Bay.
6. The ship will not anchor on the wreck site.
7. The applicant, operator and dive master on the vessel accept that the safety of persons is of paramount importance.
8. Any request by a Historic Shipwrecks Inspector will be complied with immediately.
9. Divers shall not damage, move or otherwise interfere with historic shipwreck or relics within 250 meters of the outer extent of the protected zone.
10. Divers are to be informed that the *William Salthouse* is an historic shipwreck situated within a protected zone accessible by permit from Heritage Victoria only. The site is protected under the Victorian *Heritage Act* 1995 and *Heritage (Historic Shipwreck) General Regulations* 1996 and any interference whatsoever with the archaeological site is strictly forbidden with heavy penalties applying – ‘look but don’t touch’.
11. The imposition of these conditions shall not be construed as imposing any liability on the Department of Planning and Community Development or any employees of the Government of Victoria.