

Title 08 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 04 BOATING

Chapter 06 [Safety Equipment – Recodified to COMAR 08.18.04] Marine Gathering Permits

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08.04.06.01 Definitions

A. In this chapter, the following terms have the meaning indicated.

B. Terms Defined.

(1) (a) “Marine gathering” means an intentional congregation of at least 100 vessels in the waters of the State that, by its nature, circumstances, or location, creates extra or unusual hazards to life or property.

(b) “Marine gathering” does not include:

(i) A race, a regatta, a parade, an exhibition, or other marine event for which a permit is required by the United States Coast Guard;

(ii) A docking competition; or

(iii) Vessels docked or moored at a marina.

(2) “Marina” means a facility for the mooring, docking, or storing of more than ten vessels on tidal navigable waters, including a commercial, noncommercial, or community facility.

(3) “Permit” means a marine gathering permit issued in accordance with this chapter.

08.04.06.02 Marine Gathering Permit

A. Permit Required.

(1) Except as provided in § A(2) of this regulation, an individual shall obtain a permit from the Natural Resources Police prior to sponsoring or holding a marine gathering.

(2) A permit is not required if the marine gathering will last less than 3 hours.

B. Permit Application. Prior to sponsoring or holding a marine gathering, an individual shall:

(1) Apply for a permit by submitting a completed application on a form provided by the Department; and

(2) Submit a non-refundable application fee of \$100.

C. Timing of Application. An application for a permit shall be submitted to the Department not later than 45 days before the event.

D. Possession of Permit. A permit holder shall have the permit in possession for the duration of the event.

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