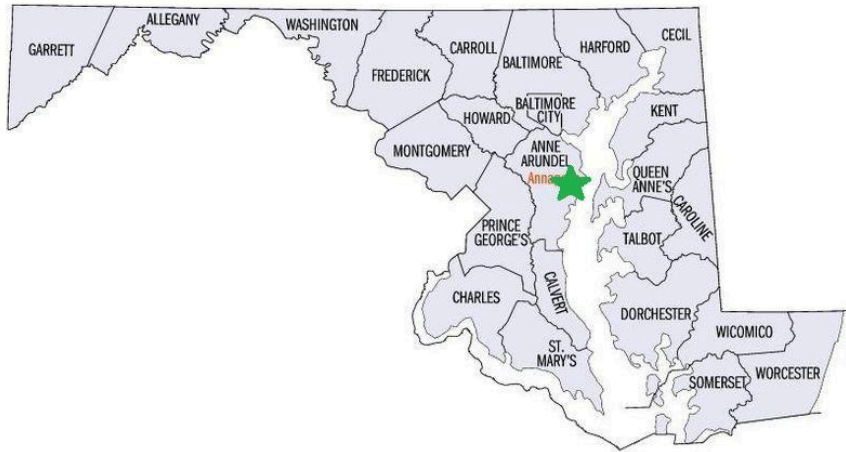


Anne Arundel County - Severn River - Matthews Point



What was requested?

The Department received a request to create a speed zone in the Severn River that would extend 100 yards in each direction from Matthews Point. The request was to create a 6-knot speed limit that would be effective during the boating season.

Why was this change requested?

The Department was provided the following information:

- Boats regularly pass through the narrows on a plane at 20-30 knots.
- This is a very narrow part of the river, with kayakers, swimmers passing through, and stationary fishing skips/boats.
- The shoreline is a beach on one side and riprap on the other.
- The requestor suggested the potential for safety and erosion issues and that a 6-knot speed limit would address this issue.
- There are similar restricted areas in the river.

What is the current regulation for the area?

- 1) The requested area is within the area described in COMAR 08.18.01.01A(4):
Indian Landing — Sunrise Beach Area. This encompasses the area between Severn Narrows and Indian Landing Point, which is upstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.437' N., Long. 76° 35.298' W., then running 216° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.375' N., Long. 76° 35.357' W., and downstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.672' N., Long. 76° 36.450' W., then running 16° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.868' N., Long. 76° 36.378' W. Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limits for this area are:
 - (a) 35 knots from sunrise to sunset;
 - (b) 20 knots from sunset to sunrise; and
 - (c) For a controlled ski course, as set forth in COMAR 08.04.16.

- 2) The requested area is near the Sunrise Beach Ski Area. See the map on page 2.

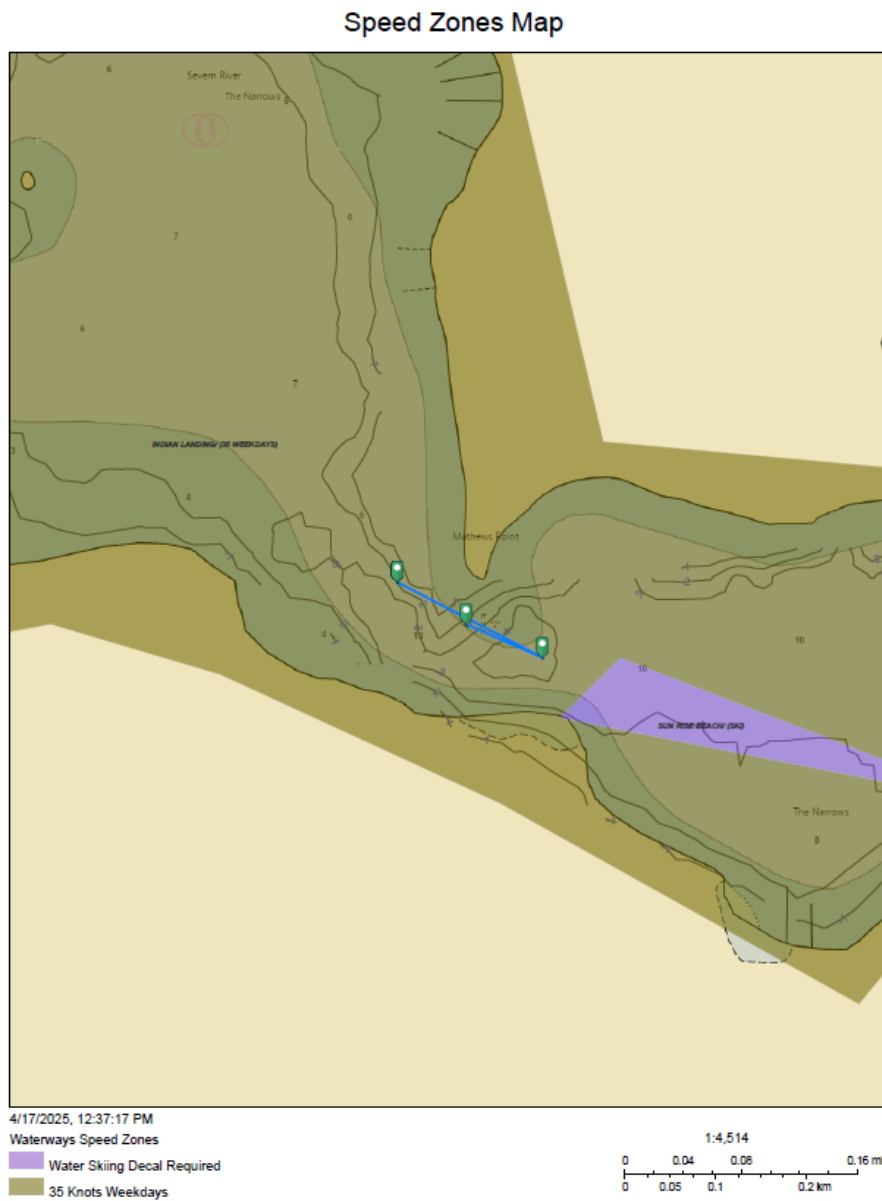
Definitions

“6 knots (6.9 MPH)” means a person may not operate or give permission to operate a vessel:

- (a) At a boat speed in excess of 6 knots (6.9 statute miles per hour, or 11.1 kilometers per hour); or
- (b) To tow an individual on a ski, aquaplane, or similar device.

“Boating season” means the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. each April 15, and ending at 12 midnight each succeeding October 15.

Map of the Area



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