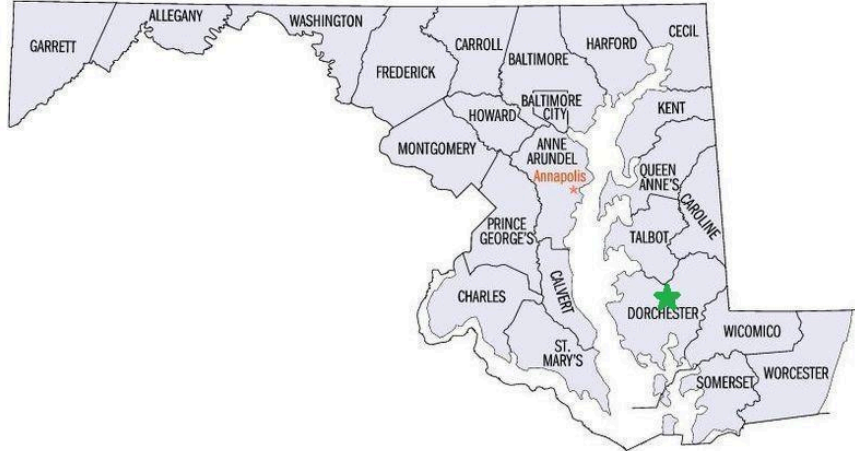


Dorchester County - Nanticoke River - Marshyhope Creek



What was requested?

The Department would like to combine two existing speed zones (a seasonal speed zone and an all times speed zone) in Marshyhope Creek, a tributary of the Nanticoke River, into one continuous speed zone. The Department would like to increase the speed limit for the entire area from a minimum wake zone to 6-knots all year.

Why was this change requested?

The purpose of this change is to simplify and standardize the regulation for the area. The current regulation is confusing for boaters since there are different time periods for required speed limits. This change will also make the rule clearer because, in general, more people understand 6-knots versus the term minimum wake.

What is the current regulation for the area?

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- A. Lower Marshyhope Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 39.680' N., Long. 75° 47.815' W., then running 147° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 39.653' N., Long. 75° 47.793' W., then running 99° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 39.625' N., Long. 75° 47.570' W., then running 180° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 39.577' N., Long. 75° 47.570' W. This area has a minimum wake zone from March 1 through June 15.
- B. Upper Marshyhope Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 39.625' N., Long. 75° 47.570' W., then running 180° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 39.577' N., Long. 75° 47.570' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a minimum wake zone all year.

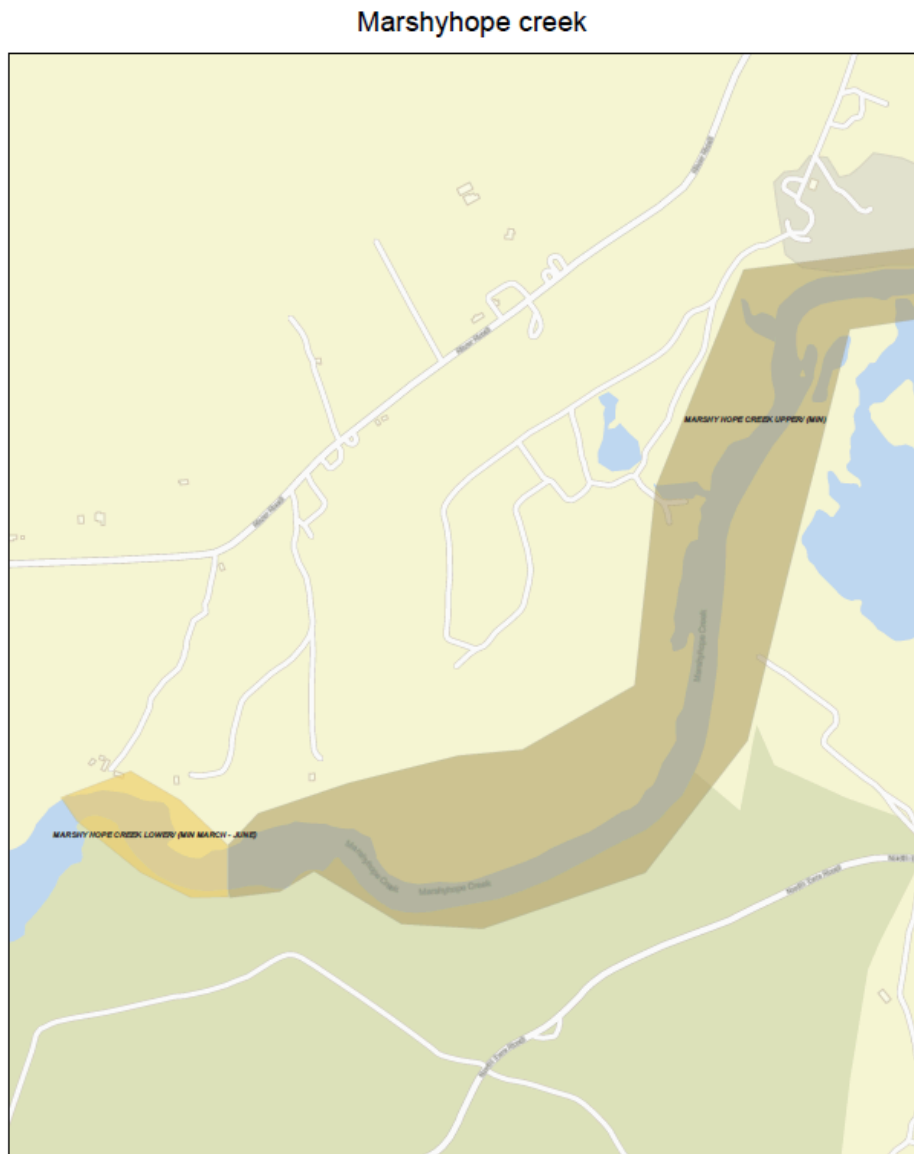
Definitions

“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.
- “All year” means the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. each January 1, and ending at 12 midnight each succeeding December 31.
- “Minimum wake zone” means a person may not operate or give permission to operate a vessel in excess of the slowest possible boat speed necessary to maintain steerage under prevailing wind and sea conditions not to exceed 3 knots (3.5 statute miles per hour or 5.6 kilometers per hour).

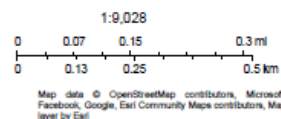
Map of the Area



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Waterways Speed Zones

- Minimum Wake
- Minimum Wake March 1 - June 15



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