

Anne Arundel County – Magothy River North Shore – Broad Creek



What is the current regulation for the area?

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C. Broad Creek encompasses the area north of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 5.157' N., Long. 76° 28.795' W., then running 266° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.147' N., Long. 76° 28.993' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot speed limit all year.

What was requested?

The Department received a request to expand the current speed zone in Broad Creek by approximately 0.3 nautical miles towards entrance of Broad Creek.

Why was this change requested?

The Requestor stated a change was needed based on the following,

"It's an active weekend anchorage, glass house anchorage on NOAA charts. Boats steam through the anchorage at high speeds including Jet/Water skiers creating a danger. Several of us have piers with boats in the water that can and do get damaged by large wakes. Boats including commercial fisherman throttle down in front of our piers throwing wakes of 1.5 feet. Our shore and our neighbors are sandy wetlands that get damaged by the large wakes. Because this is a popular place on the weekend, reducing speed earlier as you enter the creek would keep kayakers and paddlers safe, I myself have been knocked off by large wakes. In addition, we have experienced problems with getting boats on and off the lifts and working on our boats/docks because of the large wakes."

Who will this affect?

All boaters.

Maps of the Area:

Requested Area: Expand 6-knot speed limit all year by approximately 0.3 nautical miles.

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