

Anne Arundel County – Chesapeake Bay– Western Shore (Oyster Creek)



What is the current regulation for the area?

Currently, under [COMAR 08.18.07.02F](#) the entrance channel for Oyster Creek has a 6-knot speed limit all year. However, Oyster Creek currently has no speed limit.

What was requested?

The Department received a request to establish a 6-knot at all times during the boating season speed zone for Oyster Creek.

Why was this change requested?

The Requestor stated “A typical day in Oyster Creek. 3-10 SUP's, 4 jetskis, 2 boats with skiers, raft ups, kayakers, people swimming, and 30 - 50 boats transiting or sightseeing. The majority of (if not all) PWC are speeding within 100 ft of shoreline/property, pulling tubes or racing. 2 boats pulling skiers all while there were raft-ups, SUP's and kayaks. I witnessed a tube come within 5 ft of a man kayaking with his dog swimming behind him. There is going to be serious injury and/or death to a person while all this activity is simultaneous The creek is not big enough to support speeds above 6 kts. Oyster Creek is a haven for excessive speed because the majority of other waterways don't allow 6kt+. Safety of the boaters”

Who will this affect?

All boaters.

Maps of the Area:

COMAR: [08.18.07.02F](#) : This area has a 6-knot speed limit all year.

