

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Queenstown Creek Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8417, or email to boatingregspubcomment.dnr@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through March 14, 2022. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.06 Queenstown Creek.

A. Area. All of the waters of Queenstown Creek southeast of a line beginning at a point on shore defined by Lat. 39°00.130' N, Long. 76°09.820' W; then running 225° True to a point on shore defined by Lat. 38°59.830' N, Long. 76°10.210' W and southwest of a line beginning at a point on shore defined by Lat. 38°59.820' N, Long. 76°9.510' W; then running 286° True to a point on shore defined by Lat. 38°59.85' N, Long. 76°09.670' W, including all of the waters of Little Queenstown Creek.

B. The speed limit for the area described in §A of this regulation is 6 knots at all times.

JEANNIE HADDAWAY-RICCIO
Secretary of Natural Resources

Subtitle 18 BOATING — SPEED LIMITS AND OPERATION OF VESSELS

08.18.08 Chester River

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§8-703 and 8-704, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[22-049-P]

The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources proposes to adopt new Regulation **.07** under **COMAR 08.18.08 Chester River**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to create a regulated speed area in the upper reach of the Corsica River. The area is that stretch of the Corsica River adjacent to the Centreville Wharf, from the Maryland Route 304 Bridge to the split in the river. Boaters using the wharf have experienced safety issues relating to loading and unloading their boats due to other boats passing by at excessive speeds. By creating a regulated speed area from the bridge to the split, boaters using the wharf will be able to safely load, unload, and get underway. The area will have a 6 knot speed limit on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays during the boating season.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Upper Corsica River Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Road, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8417, or email to boatingregspubcomment.dnr@maryland.gov.

Comments will be accepted through March 14, 2022. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.07 Upper Corsica River.

A. Area. All of the waters of the Corsica River south of a line beginning at a point on shore defined by Lat. 39°03.351' N, Long. 76°04.459' W; then running 103° True to a point on shore defined by Lat. 39°03.336' N, Long. 76°04.376' W and north of the Maryland Route 304 Bridge.

B. The speed limit for the area described in §A of this regulation is 6 knots on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays during the boating season.

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Secretary of Natural Resources

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08.18.13 Magothy River

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§8-703 and 8-704, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

[22-046-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation **.05** under **COMAR 08.18.13 Magothy River**.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to create a new regulated speed area at the entrance to Grays Creek in Anne Arundel County which will be combined with two current existing regulated areas, namely Grays Creek and Sillery Bay. Both Grays Creek and Sillery Bay already have a speed limit of 6 knots at all times during the year. However, due to unsafe vessel activities in the area the department is extending those restrictions to the waters between the two current speed zones. The new area encompasses the waters of the Magothy River between Grays Creek and Little Island, extending to Hickory Point. This will mitigate the safety concerns that have been demonstrated, as well as avoid potential boater confusion and erosion concerns due to having multiple speed zones in close proximity to one another. The combined area will have a 6 knot speed limit at all times during the year, consistent with the rules in the current speed zones.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Magothy River Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8417, or email to boatingregspubcomment.dnr@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through March 14, 2022. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.05 Magothy River North Shore.

A.—D. (text unchanged)

E. Grays Creek [encompasses the area northwest of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.280' N., Long. 76° 27.877' W., then running 20° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.327' N., Long. 76° 27.855' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot speed limit all year.] *and Sillery Bay.*

(1) *Area. All of the waters of the Magothy River, Sillery Bay, and Grays Creek enclosed by a line beginning at a point on the east end of Dobbins Island defined by Lat. 39°04.710' N, Long. 76°27.520' W; then running 7° True to Hickory Point defined by Lat. 39°05.310' N, Long. 76°27.430' W, then running along shore, including all of Grays Creek, to a point defined by Lat. 39°05.090' N, Long. 76°27.920' W, then running 171° True to a point on the west end of Dobbins Island defined by Lat. 39°04.670' N, Long. 76°27.840' W, then running along shore back to the point of beginning.*

(2) *The speed limit for the area described in §E(1) of this regulation is 6 knots at all times.*

F.—H. (text unchanged)

[I. Sillery Bay encompasses the area of Dobbins Island and Little Island beginning at the west end of Dobbins Island, at or near Lat. 39° 4.670' N., Long. 76° 27.835' W., then running 1° (True) to the west end of Little Island, at or near Lat. 39° 5.045' N., Long. 76° 27.828' W., then running easterly along the shoreline to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.0370' N., Long. 76° 27.745' W., then running 152° (True) to the east end of Dobbins Island, at or near Lat. 39° 4.713' N., Long. 76° 27.525' W., then westerly following the shoreline to the point of beginning. This area has a 6-knot speed limit all year.]

[J.] I. (text unchanged)

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Secretary of Natural Resources

Subtitle 18 BOATING—SPEED LIMITS AND OPERATION OF VESSELS

08.18.24 Severn River Vessel Management Area

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§8-703, 8-704, and 8-725.2, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action
[22-047-P]

The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources proposes to adopt amendments to Regulation .03 under **COMAR 08.18.24 Severn River Vessel Management Area.**

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to create a regulated speed area at the entrance to Yantz Creek. Yantz Creek itself already has a speed limit of 6 knots at all times. However, there is a sandbar at the mouth of Yantz Creek, directly on the current regulatory line, that has increasingly been used by a large number of recreators. Safety concerns have been raised about having the speed zone line located where so many people are in the water or rafted up. This action will create a new regulated area outside the mouth of Yantz Creek which will have a speed limit of 6 knots on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays during the boating season. The new line will be roughly 700 feet from the current line. Having the line for this area much in advance of the sandbar will mitigate the safety concerns that have been presented.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Severn River Vessel Management Area Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8417, or email to boatingregspubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through March 14, 2022. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.03 Severn River North Shore — Speed Limits.

The Severn River north shore areas, with their corresponding speed limits, are set forth below:

A. (text unchanged)

B. Yantz Creek.

(1) *Yantz Creek Proper.*

(a) *Area. [This encompasses the area] All of the waters upstream of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 4.097' N., Long. 76° 33.818' W., then running 167° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39°4.022'N., Long. 76°33.796'W.*

(b) Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limit for [this] the area described in §B(1)(a) of this regulation is 6 knots.

(2) *Yantz Creek Entrance.*

(a) *Area. All of the waters east of a line beginning at a point on shore defined by Lat. 39°03.800' N, Long. 76°33.910' W; then running 354° True to a point on shore defined by Lat. 39°04.100' N, Long. 76°33.950' W and west of the area described in §B(1)(a) of this regulation.*

(b) *The speed limit for the area described in §B(2)(a) of this regulation is 6 knots on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays during the boating season.*

C.—K. (text unchanged)

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Secretary of Natural Resources

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08.18.34 Little Choptank River

Authority: Natural Resources Article, §§8-703 and 8-704, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action
[22-045-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to adopt new Regulation .03 under **COMAR 08.18.34 Little Choptank River.**

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to create a regulated speed area in Slaughter Creek, between the Taylors Island Bridge and Slaughter Creek Marina. The Department has previously received complaints about unsafe boating activity in this area. Slowing the speed of boats in this area will decrease unsafe activities in the area. While the department received a request to place a speed restriction on the entirety of Slaughter Creek, the Department believes that restricting vessel speeds in the proposed area will address the large majority of the issues that have incurred the complaints. The area will have a 6 knot speed limit on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays during the boating season.