

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources proposes to amend/add Regulation .01 - .03 under COMAR 08.18.27 The purpose of this action is to update and clarify existing boating laws and coordinates of certain boundaries. This will ensure safe boating on Maryland's waterways.

Items in [parenthesis] are being deleted; items in *italics* are being added.

Title 08

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Subtitle 18 BOATING — SPEED LIMITS AND OPERATION OF VESSELS

Chapter 27 Tred Avon River

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

.01 Tred Avon River.

The Tred Avon River encompasses all the waters of the Tred Avon River and its tributaries northeasterly of a line [from Lat. 38°40'15.09"N., Long. 76°11'51.62"W., running 073° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°40'32.92"N., Long. 76°10'37.21"W.] *beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 38° 40.250' N., Long. 76° 11.867' W., then running 73° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 40.550' N., Long. 76° 10.617' W.*

.02 Tred Avon River at Oxford.

The Tred Avon River at Oxford encompasses the area beginning at a point, [Lat. 38°41'35.5"N., Long. 76°10'36.5"W., a line running 279° True to Lat. 38°41'36.4"N., Long. 76°10'43.4"W., then running 64° True to USCG DBN 4 at Lat. 38°41'52.1"N., Long. 76°10'3.2"W., then 178° True to the shore at the east side of Town Creek, Lat. 38°41'47.4"N., Long. 76°10'3.0"W.] *at or near Lat. 38° 41.592' N., Long. 76° 10.608' W., then running 279° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 41.607' N., Long. 76° 10.723' W., then running 64° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 41.868' N., Long. 76° 10.053' W., then running 178° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 41.790' N., Long. 76° 10.050' W.* This area has a 6-knot speed limit [(6.9 MPH)] at all times during the boating season[, April 15 —October 15].

.03 Town Creek.

Town Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point, [Lat. 38°41'51.4"N., Long. 76°09'54.6"W., a line running 276° True to Lat. 38°41'52.1"N., Long. 76°10'03.2"W. (USCG DBN 4), then 178° True to a point Lat. 38°41'47.4"N., Long. 76°10'03.0"W.,] *at or near Lat. 38° 41.857' N., Long. 76° 9.910' W., then running 276° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 41.868' N., Long. 76° 10.053' W., then running 178° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 41.790' N., Long. 76° 10.050' W.,* and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

The proposed regulation will appear in the Maryland Register on Friday May 30, 2014, comments concerning this regulation will be accepted through Monday June 30, 2014. The regulation will be adopted on Tuesday July 15, 2014 and become effective on Monday August 4, 2014.

Comments may be sent to Michael Grant, Regulations Coordinator, Boating Services, Clean Waterways, Facilities and Regulations Division, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8013, or fax to 410-260-8453, or e-mail to Michael.Grant@maryland.gov

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