

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources proposes to amend/add Regulation .01 - .04 under COMAR 08.18.30 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 30 Wicomico River

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

.01 Wicomico River.

The Wicomico River encompasses all the waters of the Wicomico River and its tributaries [easterly of a line from Lat. 38°14'34.40"N., Long. 75°52'20.60"W., running 140° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°13'58.44"N., Long. 75°51'42.96"W.]*upstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 38° 14.567' N., Long. 75° 52.350' W., then running 140° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 13.967' N., Long. 75° 51.717' W.*

.02 Lower Ferry.

Lower Ferry encompasses all of the waters of the Wicomico River upstream of a line beginning at a point on the south shore of the Wicomico River, at or near [Lat. 38°15.967'N., Long. 75°47.526'W., then running 358° (True) to a point on the north shore of the Wicomico River, at or near Lat. 38°16.086'N., Long. 75°47.532'W. and downstream of a line beginning at a point on the south shore of the Wicomico River at or near Lat. 38°15.962'N., Long. 75°47.148'W., then running 351° (True) to a point on the north shore of the Wicomico River, at or near Lat. 38°16.111'N., Long. 75°47.179'W.] *Lat. 38° 15.967' N., Long. 75° 47.527' W., then running 358° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 16.086' N., Long. 75° 47.532' W., and downstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 38° 15.962' N., Long. 75° 47.148' W., then running 351° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 16.112' N., Long. 75° 47.178' W.* This area has a 6 knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

.03 Upper Ferry.

Upper Ferry encompasses the area [beginning at a point Lat. 38°20'25.96"N., Long. 75°41'56.10"W., a line running 170° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°20'22.02"N., Long. 75°41'55.22"W., and running upriver to a line beginning at a point Lat. 38°20'34.08"N., Long. 75°41'31.47"W., and running 180° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°20'30.58"N., Long. 75°41'31.47"W.] *upstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.440' N., Long. 75° 41.935' W., then running 172° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.363' N., Long. 75° 41.922' W., and downstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.563' N., Long. 75° 41.522' W., then running 180° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.488' N., Long. 75° 41.522' W.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

.04 Upper Wicomico River.

The Upper Wicomico River encompasses the area [beginning at a point Lat. 38°21'01.75"N., Long. 75°37'16.23"W., a line running 160° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°20'55.49"N., Long. 75°37'13.34"W.,] *upstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 38° 21.028' N., Long. 75° 37.282' W., then running 145° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.958' N., Long. 75° 37.220' W., and running to the head of the river, including all tributaries.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

The proposed regulation will appeared in the Maryland Register on Thursday July 3, 2014, comments concerning this regulation will be accepted through Monday September 8, 2014. The regulation will be adopted on Tuesday September 23, 2014 and become effective on Monday October 13, 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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