

defined by Lat. 38°26.662' N., Long. 75°3.938' W.; then running 226° True to a point defined by Lat. 38°26.637' N., Long. 75°3.971' W., then running 235° True to the point of beginning.

(b) The area described in §B(2)(a) has a minimum wake zone.

C. 94th Street Marsh.

(1) Area. [encompasses all the area] All of the waters enclosed by a line beginning at a point at the northeast corner of the 94th Street Canal, at or near Lat. 38° 24.610'N., Long. 75° 3.750' W., then running 280° [(JTrue)] to a point on the north side of the 94th Street canal, at or near Lat. 38° 24.687'N., Long. 75° 4.310' W., then running 24° [(JTrue)] to a point at the west tip of Devils Island, at or near Lat. 38° 24.768'N., Long. 75° 4.263' W., then running 27° [(JTrue)] to a point on the south side of the Old Landing Road canal, at or near Lat. 38° 24.993'N., Long. 75° 4.120' W., then running 95° [(JTrue)] to a point on the south side of the Old Landing Road canal, at or near Lat. 38° 24.983'N., Long. 75° 3.972' W., then running 103° [(JTrue)] to the south side of Old Landing Road, at or near Lat. 38° 24.977'N., Long. 75° 3.890' W., then running 138° [(JTrue)] to the south side of Old Landing Road, at or near Lat. 38° 24.768'N., Long. 75° 3.6520' W., then running 191° [(JTrue)] to the point of beginning.

(2) Personal watercraft (PWC) may not operate in [this] the area described in §C(1) of this regulation in excess of idle speed [all year].

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Subtitle 18 BOATING—SPEED LIMITS AND OPERATION OF VESSELS

08.18.24 Severn River Vessel Management Area

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

Notice of Proposed Action

[24-192-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulations .01 and .02 under COMAR 08.18.24 Severn River Vessel Management Area.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to correct a minor typographical error in the current Lower Severn River speed zone area described in Regulation .01 and expand the current Cove of Cork speed zone area described in Regulation .02.

The description of the current Lower Severn River regulated area under Regulation .01 includes a point at or near Lat. 38° 7.952'N. However, that point was inaccurately documented and should be Lat 38° 57.952'N. Thus, this action is needed to update the coordinate in the regulation to accurately reflect the regulated area.

Additionally, this action will expand the existing Cove of Cork 6-knot speed zone area described in Regulation .02 by approximately 300 feet towards the Severn River. This expansion will mitigate destructive wake damage and safety concerns to both life and property while promoting safe vessel operations. The expanded area will have a 6-knot speed limit zone effective at all times, consistent with the current Cove of Cork speed zone.

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, Maryland 21401, or call 410-260-8300, or email to boatingregpubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through February 10, 2024. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.01 Severn River Main Stem — Speed Limits; Prohibited Zone.

A. The Severn River main stem areas, with their corresponding speed limits, are set forth below:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) Lower Severn River Area. This encompasses the area north of a line beginning at Greenbury Point, at or near Lat. 38° 58.477' N., Long. 76° 27.268' W., then running 228° (True) to the outer beacon at Back Creek, at or near Lat. [38° 7.952'] 38° 57.952' N., Long. 76° 28.015' W., then running 290° (True) to Chinks Point, at or near Lat. 38° 58.053' N., Long. 76° 28.382' W., then running 350° (True) to Horn Point, at or near Lat. 38° 58.352' N., Long. 76° 28.450' W., then running 350° (True) to Triton Light, at or near Lat. 38° 58.887' N., Long. 76° 28.568' W., and downstream of a line beginning at Severn Narrows, at or near Lat. 39° 4.086' N., Long. 76° 34.543' W., then running 16° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.238' N., Long. 76° 34.489' W., including the areas known as Round Bay and Little Round Bay, and excepting the area around the Old Severn River Fishing Pier at Jonas Green Park beginning at the north shore of the park, at or near Lat. 38° 59.712' N., Long. 76° 29.117' W., then running 236° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 59.657' N., Long. 76° 29.220' W., then running 145° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 59.612' N., Long. 76° 29.180' W., then running 55° (True) to a point on the south shore of the park, at or near Lat. 38° 59.697' N., Long. 76° 29.022' W. Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limits for this area are:

(a)—(b) (text unchanged)

(3)—(7) (text unchanged)

B.—C. (text unchanged)

.02 Severn River South Shore — Speed Limits.

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

A.—G. (text unchanged)

H. Cove of Cork. [This encompasses the area upstream of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 0.228' N., Long. 76° 30.473' W., then running 306° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 0.235' N., Long. 76° 30.485' W. Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limit for this area is 6 knots.]

(1) Area. All of the waters upstream of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 0.205' N., Long. 76° 30.427' W., then running 3° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 0.310' N., Long. 76° 30.420' W.

(2) Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limit for the area described in §H(1) of this regulation is 6 knots.

I.—S. (text unchanged)

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