The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources proposes to amend/add Regulation .01 - .04 under COMAR 08.18.23 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 23 Sassafras River

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

.01 Sassafras River.

The Sassafras River encompasses all the waters of the Sassafras River and its tributaries east[erly] of a line [from Lat. 39°23'25.86"N., Long. 76°02'27.20"W., running 180° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°22'07.11"N., Long. 76°02'27.20"W.]beginning at Grove Point, at or near Lat. 39°23.433' N., Long. 76°2.450' W., then running 251° (True) to Howell Point, at or near Lat. 39°22.287' N., Long. 76°6.662' W.

.02 Middle Sassafras River.

The Middle Sassafras River encompasses the area beginning at a point, [Lat. 39°21'46.06"N., Long. 75°54'43.87"W., a line running 000° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°22'03.06"N., Long. 76°54'43.87"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 21.758' N., Long. 75° 54.733' W.,then running 3° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 22.048' N., Long. 75° 54.715' W., and running upriver to a line beginning at a point, [Lat. 39°21'50.03" N., Long. 75°52'45.73"W., and running 000° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°22'00.53"N., Long. 75°45'45.73"W]at or near Lat. 39° 21.857' N., Long. 75° 52.803' W., then running 345° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 21.983' N., Long. 75° 52.847' W. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays, all year.

.03 Dyer Creek.

Dyer Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point, [Lat. 39°21'46.0"N., Long. 75°53'33.5"W., a line running 137° True to Lat. 39°21'38.9"N., Long. 75°53'24.9"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 21.780' N., Long. 75° 53.547' W., then running 145° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 21.655' N., Long. 75° 53.435' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a minimum wake zone, all year.

.04 Woodland Creek.

Woodland Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point, [Lat. 39°21'23.0"N., Long. 75°55'27.3"W., a line running 024° True to Lat. 39°21'26.8"N., Long. 75°55'25.1"W., thence northeasterly along the shore of Daffodil Island to a point Lat. 39°21'30.2"N., Long. 75°55'20.0"W., a line running 154° True to Lat. 39°21'21.2"N., Long. 75°55'14.4"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 21.387' N., Long. 75° 55.455' W., then running 25° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 21.447' N., Long. 75° 55.418' W., then running northeasterly along the east shore of Daffodil Island to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 21.502' N., Long. 75° 55.337' W., then running 152° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 21.363' N., Long. 75° 55.242' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a minimum wake zone, all year.

The proposed regulation will appear in the Maryland Register on Friday May 2, 2014, comments concerning this regulation will be accepted through Monday June 2, 2014. The regulation will be adopted on Tuesday June 17, 2014 and become effective on Monday July 7, 2014.

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