

Subtitle 18 BOATING—SPEED LIMITS AND OPERATION OF VESSELS

08.18.07 Chesapeake Bay

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources proposes to amend/add Regulation .01-.02 under COMAR 08.18.07. 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

.01 Eastern Shore.

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. Kent Island Narrows *Channel North Area*. [—All the navigation channel at the northerly approach to Kent Island Narrows enclosed by a line beginning at a point at or near marker 12,] *This area is enclosed by a line beginning* at or near Lat. 38° 58.705'N., Long. 76° 14.620' W., then running 60° (True) to [marker 8,] *a point* at or near Lat. 38° 58.753'N., Long. 76° 14.513' W., then running 15° (True) to [marker 6,] *a point* at or near Lat. 38° 58.828'N., Long. 76° 14.488' W., then running 330° (True) to [marker 4,] *a point* at or near Lat. 38° 59.017'N., Long. 76° 14.625' W., then running 329° (True) to [marker, 2K,] *a point* at or near Lat. 38° 59.212'N., Long. 76° 14.775' W., then running 57° (True) to [marker, 1K,] *a point* at or near Lat. 38° 59.225'N., Long. 76° 14.748' W., then running 150° (True) to [marker 3,] *a point* at or near Lat. 38° 59.028'N., Long. 76° 14.603' W., then running 150° (True) to [marker 5,] *a point* at or near [Lat. 38° 8.830'N.,] *Lat. 38°58.830'N.*, Long. 76° 14.455' W., then running 198° (True) to [marker 9,] *a point* at or near Lat. 38° 58.738'N., [Long. 76° 4.493' W.,] *Long. 76°14.493'W.*, then running 243° (True) to [marker 11,] *a point* at or near Lat. 38° 58.707'N., Long. 76° 14.573' W., then running 231° (True) to a point[,] at or near Lat. 38° 58.677'N., Long. 76° 14.620' W., then running approximately 358° (True) to the point of beginning. In the event of shoaling in the channel the regulated area will shift to encompass the channel marked by the United States Coast Guard or its agent(s). [This area has a 6-knot speed limit all year.] *Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limit for this area is 6 knots.*

E. Knapps Narrows Area. *This area is enclosed by a line beginning* [encompasses the area west of a line beginning at a point on shore at the east end of Knapps Narrows,] at or near Lat. 38° 43.030'N., Long. 76° 19.623' W., then running 218° (True) to a point on shore at the southeast end of Knapps Narrows, at or near Lat. 38° 42.950'N., Long. 76° 19.703' W., and [west] *east* of a line beginning at the west end of Knapps Narrows, at or near Lat. 38° 43.232'N., Long. 76° 20.398' W., then running 44° (True) to a point on shore, at or near Lat. 38° 43.293'N., Long. 76° 20.323' W. [This area has a 6-knot speed limit all year.] *Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limit for this area is 6 knots.*

F.—K. (text unchanged)

.02 Western Shore.

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. Flag Harbor area. *This area is enclosed by a line beginning* [encompasses the area beginning at a point] at or near [Lat. 38° 7.875'N.,] *Lat. 38°27.875'N.*, Long. 76° 28.278' W., then running 149° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 27.855'N., Long. 76° 28.263' W., and running to the head of the harbor. [This area has a 6-knot speed limit all year.] *Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limit for this area is 6 knots.*

E.—N. (text unchanged)

The proposed regulation will appear in the Maryland Register on January 6, 2017, comments concerning this regulation will be accepted through February 6, 2017. The regulation may be adopted on February 21, 2017 and become effective on Monday March 13, 2017.

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