

Saint Mary's County — Jutland Creek

What is being considered?

The department received a request to create a speed zone in Jutland Creek. Corinthian Yacht Club, LLC: Latitude: 38.11718300 Longitude: -76.39658360. Point Lookout Marina, LLC: Latitude: 38.11510140 Longitude: -76.40138660 (N 38 degrees 06.933 W 76 degrees 24.033). Jutland Creek - area immediately preceding the mouth of Jutland Creek off Smith's creek to the entrance at Fox Harbor. The area would be 6 knots at all times.

What is the current regulation for the area?

The request is to create a new regulated speed area in Jutland Creek. There is no current regulation in the area.

Why was this change requested?

The requestor stated: This application to add a new boating regulation for the waterways surrounding our nearby properties is submitted on behalf of the Corinthian Yacht Club ("CYC") and its neighboring marina, Point Lookout Marina, LLC ("PLM"), to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources ("DNR"). There is no speed restriction at the entrance to Smith Creek and Jutland Creek off the Potomac River approaching the entities requesting this Boating Regulation Change. The purpose of the request is to mitigate hazardous conditions created by the wakes of speeding boats which could severely hurt and/or cause damage to:

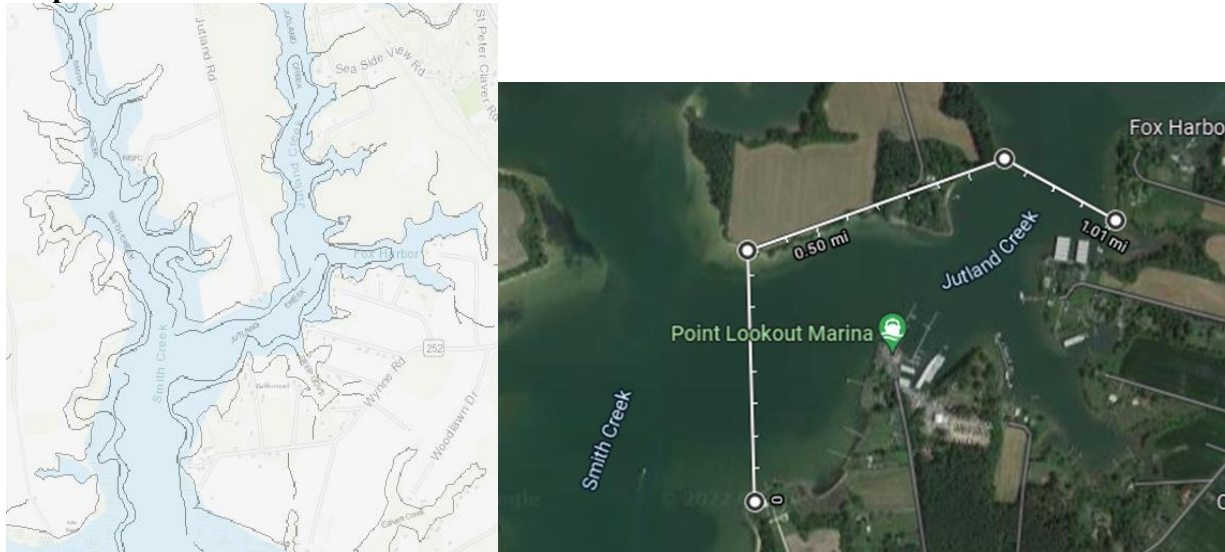
- CYC members, visitors, and slip holders;
- PLM staff, slip holders, and other boaters stopping for fuel or other services at the PLM fuel dock;
- docks, retaining walls and physical properties of both CYC and PLM;
- and individually-owned properties including boats and personal watercraft moored at CYC and PLM.

Large wakes created by unrestricted speed is a public safety and environmental hazard. These wakes cause boats to strain at moorings and rock back and forth with the potential to cause personal injury and property damage. Navigation and fueling in these entities becomes hazardous. Conditions become hazardous for small craft, kayakers and stand-up paddle boarders, and impacts the environment. In addition, the infractions double as boaters return to exit. CYC is in the beginning stages of a revetment project, including the installation of a living shore line. We would like the living shore to thrive at inception, and restricting large wakes in this area would be an environmental and public safety benefit today and for the future.

Who will this affect?

- Commercial vessels, Pleasure boats, Personal watercraft (motorized vessels), Shoreline property owners, Paddle and kayak type vessels
- Corinthian Yacht Club and Point Lookout Marina

Maps of the Area



Has this change been discussed with advisory bodies?

The department and the Boat Act Advisory Committee (BAAC) are gathering information and will meet in September to fully discuss and [evaluate](#) the request. Please [join our mailing list](#) to be notified when this request will be evaluated by the BAAC.

What is the specific regulatory action?

Amend Regulation .03 under COMAR 08.18.21 Potomac River North Shore.

When could this be effective?

This change could be effective in 2023, however, at this time, the department cannot determine if the change will be adopted nor the exact date that it could be effective. The department will follow our normal scoping and proposal procedure. The goal of scoping is to identify issues, potential impacts, and reasonable alternatives associated with the issues so that management actions can be developed.

After the public has had an opportunity to comment on possible management actions during the scoping process, the department considers these comments and develops an appropriate management strategy.

If the action is necessary and appropriate, the rules will be promulgated following the Administrative Procedures Act described in Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article Annotated Code of Maryland.

- The General Assembly's Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review Committee reviews the regulatory proposal for fiscal and legal analysis.
- The proposal is printed by the Division of State Documents in the Maryland Register.
- A 30-day public comment period begins on the day of publication.
- After review of the comments, the department may adopt the changes.
- If the department adopts the changes, they become effective after a notice is published in the Maryland Register that announces approval and the effective date.

Notes Regarding This Summary

This summary is prepared in accordance with the requirements of State Government Article, §10-110, Annotated Code of Maryland. It is intended to help you understand the potential or revised rules. This summary is not intended to replace or supersede these rules, but to facilitate understanding and compliance with the rules. The department will clarify or update the text of the summary as the idea moves through the regulatory process.