

**Title 08  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES**

**Subtitle 18 BOATING — SPEED LIMITS  
AND OPERATION OF VESSELS**

**08.18.13 Magothy River**

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

**Notice of Proposed Action**

[21-112-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation **.04** under **COMAR 08.18.13 Magothy River**.

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this action is to expand the current demarcation line for the speed zone on Cool Springs Cove and Forked Creek. The proposed action relocates the demarcation line for the 6 knot speed limit that is in place at all times during the year approximately 400 feet north (downstream) of the current line. This will help account for large wakes being experienced by local residents and the marina due to newer styles of watercraft being used in this area over the last several years. The proposed action also reorganizes the section so that the regulation complies with formatting rules. This action will increase safety for all waterway users, community marinas, and privately owned waterfront properties within the waterway area.

**Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

**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 Magothy River Regulations, Regulatory Staff, Department of Natural Resources Fishing and Boating Services, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8417, or email to boatingregpubliccomment.dnr@maryland.gov. Comments will be accepted through September 27, 2021. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

**.04 Magothy River South Shore.**

A. (text unchanged)

B. Cool Spring Cove — Forked Creek[, encompasses the area beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 3.828' N., Long. 76° 29.428' W., then running 90° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 3.828' N., Long. 76° 29.118' W., and running to the head of the cove and creek. This area has a 6-knot speed limit all year].

(1) *Area.* All of the waters upstream of a line beginning at a point defined by Lat. 39°3.892' N, Long. 76°29.472' W; then running 90° True to a point defined by Lat. 39°3.890' N, Long. 76°29.058' W.

(2) *The speed limit for the area described in §B(1) of this regulation is 6 knots at all times.*

C.—H. (text unchanged)

JEANNIE HADDAWAY-RICCIO  
Secretary of Natural Resources

**Subtitle 18 BOATING — SPEED LIMITS  
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**08.18.25 South River**

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

**Notice of Proposed Action**

[21-111-P]

The Secretary of Natural Resources proposes to amend Regulation **.02** under **COMAR 08.18.25 South River**.

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this action is to change the speed limit in the area near the Riva Bridge to be consistent with the speed limit in the Route 2 bridge area. The proposed action changes the speed limit for the Riva Bridge area from 6 knots on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays during the boating season to 6 knots at all times. The proposed action also reorganizes the section so that the regulation complies with formatting rules.

As noted by Natural Resources Police (NRP), the area leading under the bridge is a confusing point to waterway users. NRP has received many complaints from the boating public because of high wake caused by other boats. Creating a full-time 6 knot speed zone, as opposed to the part-time speed zone that exists now, will reduce potential injuries and property damage.

**Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

**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**

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**.02 South River Proper.**

A.—C. (text unchanged)

D. Riva Bridge Area.

(1) *Area.* [This encompasses the area] All of the waters upstream of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38°57.229' N[.], Long. 76°34.330' W[.]; then running 30° [(True)] to a point, at or near Lat. 38°57.451' N[.], Long. 76°34.166' W[.]; and downstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 38°57.211' N[.], Long. 76°34.545' W[.]; then running 20° [(True)] to Addison Point, at or near Lat. 38°57.495' N[.], Long. 76°34.412' W.

(2) [Except as otherwise restricted, the] *The speed limit for [this] the area described in §D(1) of this regulation is 6 knots [on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays during the boating season] at all times.*

E.—G. (text unchanged)

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