

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources proposes to amend/add Regulation .04 under COMAR 08.18.21 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 21 Potomac River

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

.01-.03 (text unchanged)

.04 Potomac River Prohibited Areas.

A. (text unchanged)

(1) – (2) (text unchanged)

B. Adjacent to Caledon [Natural Area (DCR)] *State Park*, King George County, Virginia. Except for boats used in commercial fishing operations pursuant to a commercial fishing license, and operating at a 6-knot or less speed limit, and boats operated under the supervision of the Caledon [Natural Area (DCR)] *State Park*, all boats are prohibited from that portion of the Potomac River within 1,000 feet of the mean low water mark adjacent to Caledon [Natural Area DCR.] *State Park*, King George County, Virginia, as designated by buoys, at or near Lat. 38° 22.180' N., Long. 77° 7.652' W., then running 278° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 22.227' N., Long. 77° 8.063' W., then running 275° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 22.242' N., Long. 77° 8.275' W., then running 244° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 22.168' N., Long. 77° 8.467' W., then running 221° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 21.918' N., Long. 77° 8.745' W., then running 218° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 21.662' N., Long. 77° 9.003' W., then running 213° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 21.392' N., Long. 77° 9.223' W., then running 219° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 21.145' N., Long. 77° 9.475' W., then running 228° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.930' N., Long. 77° 9.775' W., then running 252° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.835' N., Long. 77° 10.153' W., then running 248° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.713' N., Long. 77° 10.532' W., then running 247° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.650' N., Long. 77° 10.720' W. during the boating season.

.05-.06 (text unchanged)

The proposed regulation will appear in the Maryland Register on Friday March 20, 2015, comments concerning this regulation will be accepted through Monday April 20, 2015. The regulation will be adopted on Tuesday May 5, 2015 and become effective on Monday May 25, 2015.

Comments may be sent to Michael Grant, Regulations Coordinator, Boating Services, Clean Waterways, Facilities and Regulations Division, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Avenue, E-4, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-260-8013, or fax to 410-260-8453, or e-mail to Michael.Grant@maryland.gov

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