

Chesapeake Bay – Eastern Shore

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 07 Chesapeake Bay

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

.01 Eastern Shore.

- A. The Eastern Shore areas, with their corresponding speed limits, are set forth in §§B—[I]K of this regulation.
B. Fairlee Creek.

(1) Fairlee Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 39°16'2.4"N., Long. 76°12'21.5"W., a line running 142° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°16'1.7"N., Long. 76°12'20.8"W.,] *at or near Lat. 39° 16.040' N., Long. 76° 12.358' W., then running 142° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 16.028' N., Long. 76° 12.347' W.,* and running upstream to a line beginning at a point [Lat. 39°15'41.1"N., Long. 76°12'40.0"W., and running 87° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°15'42.1"N., Long. 76°12'15.0"W.] *at or near Lat. 39° 15.685' N., Long. 76° 12.667' W., then running 87° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 15.702' N., Long. 76° 12.250' W.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 miles per hour)] speed limit [at all times] during the boating season [which is April 15 through October 15].

(2) Fairlee Creek entrance channel encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 39°16'11.4"N., Long. 76°12'40.1"W., running 61° True to a point 200 feet northeast of U.S. Coast Guard Light "2F", Lat. 39°16'15.9"N., Long. 76°12'29.8"W., running 163° True to a point at Fairlee Creek Entrance Channel Buoy "5", Lat. 39°16'8.9"N., Long. 76°12'27.0"W., running 106° True to a point at the intersection of a jetty and the shore. Lat. 39°16'6.5"N., Long. 76°12'16.1"W.,] *at or near Lat. 39° 16.190' N., Long. 76° 12.668' W., then running 61° (True) to a point 200 feet northeast of U.S. Coast Guard Light "2F", at or near Lat. 39° 16.265' N., Long. 76° 12.497' W., then running 163° (True) to Fairlee Creek Entrance Channel Buoy "5", at or near Lat. 39° 16.148' N., Long. 76° 12.450' W., then running 106° (True) to a point at the intersection of a jetty and the shore, at or near Lat. 39° 16.108' N., Long. 76° 12.268' W.* and north of a line across Fairlee Creek beginning at a point on the west side of the creek, [Lat. 39°16'2.4"N., Long. 76°12'21.5"W., running 142° True on the east side of the creek, Lat. 39°16'1.7"N., Long. 76°12'20.8"W.] *at or near Lat. 39° 16.040' N., Long. 76° 12.358' W., then running 142° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 16.028' N., Long. 76° 12.347' W.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 miles per hour)] speed limit [at all times] during the boating season [which is April 15 through October 15].

C. Kent Island Narrows encompasses all of the waters of Kent Island Narrows south and west of a line [beginning at a point at or near Ferry Point, defined by Lat. 38°58.815'N., Long. 76°14.623'W.; then running approximately 179° True to a point at or near the shore at the south side of Kent Narrows, defined by Lat. 38°58.603'N., Long. 76°14.617'W.;] beginning at Ferry Point, *at or near Lat. 38° 58.815' N., Long. 76° 14.623' W., then running 179° (True) to a point on the shore at the south side of Kent Narrows, at or near Lat. 38° 58.603' N., Long. 76° 14.617' W.,* and north and east of a line beginning at a point at or near the shore at the southeast corner of the Kent Island Yacht Club, [defined by Lat. 38°58.013'N., Long. 76°14.823'W.; then running approximately 173° True to a point at or near the N. end of the N. breakwater at Kent Narrows, defined by Lat. 38°57.963'N., Long. 76°14.815'W.; then running approximately 142° True along the breakwater to a point at or near the south end of the N. breakwater at Kent Narrows, defined by Lat. 38°57.807'N., Long. 76°14.657'W.; then running approximately 138° True to a point at or near marker 5, defined by Lat. 38°57.698'N., Long. 76°14.530'W.; then running approximately 37° True to a point at or near the shore at Wells Point, defined by Lat. 38°57.755'N., Long. 76°14.475'W.] *at or near Lat. 38° 58.013' N., Long. 76° 14.823' W., then running 173° (True) to a point near the N. end of the N. breakwater at Kent Narrows, at or near Lat. 38° 57.963' N., Long. 76° 14.815' W., then running 142° (True) along the breakwater to a point at or near the south end of the N. breakwater at Kent Narrows, at or near Lat. 38° 57.807' N., Long. 76° 14.657' W., then running 138° (True) to a point near DBN 5, at or near Lat. 38° 57.698' N., Long. 76° 14.530' W., then running 37° (True) to a point*

near the shore at Wells Point, at or near Lat. 38° 57.755' N., Long. 76° 14.475' W. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 miles per hour)] speed limit [at all times, year round] *all year.*

D. Kent Island Narrows North—All the navigation channel at the northerly approach to Kent Island Narrows enclosed by a line beginning at a point at or near marker ["1K" (1K), defined by Lat. 38°59.225'N., Long. 76°14.748'W.; then running approximately 150° True to a point at or near marker "3" (3K), defined by Lat. 38°59.028'N., Long. 76°14.603'W.; then running approximately 150° True to a point at or near marker "5" (5K), defined by Lat. 38°58.830'N., Long. 76°14.455'W.; then running approximately 198° True to a point at or near marker "9" (9K), defined by Lat. 38°58.738'N., Long. 76°14.493'W.; then running approximately 243° True to a point at or near marker "11" (11K), defined by Lat. 38°58.707'N., Long. 76°14.573'W.; then running approximately 229° True to a point south of marker "12" (12K), defined by Lat. 38°58.676'N., Long. 76°14.619'W.; then running approximately 358° True to a point at or near marker "12" (12K), defined by Lat. 38°58.705'N., Long. 76°14.620'W.; then running approximately 60° True to a point at or near marker "8" (8K), defined by Lat. 38°58.753'N., Long. 76°14.513'W.; then running approximately 15° True to a point at or near marker "6" (6K), defined by Lat. 38°58.828'N., Long. 76°14.488'W.; then running approximately 330° True to a point at or near marker "4" (4K), defined by Lat. 38°59.017'N., Long. 76°14.625'W.; then running approximately 329° True to a point at or near marker "2K" (2K), defined by Lat. 38°59.211'N., Long. 76°14.775'W.; then running approximately 57° True to the point of beginning.] *12, at or near Lat. 38° 58.705' N., Long. 76° 14.620' W., then running 60° (True) to marker 8, at or near Lat. 38° 58.753' N., Long. 76° 14.513' W., then running 15° (True) to marker 6, at or near Lat. 38° 58.828' N., Long. 76° 14.488' W., then running 330° (True) to marker 4, at or near Lat. 38° 59.017' N., Long. 76° 14.625' W., then running 329° (True) to marker 2K, at or near Lat. 38° 59.212' N., Long. 76° 14.775' W., then running 57° (True) to marker 1K, at or near Lat. 38° 59.225' N., Long. 76° 14.748' W., then running 150° (True) to marker 3, at or near Lat. 38° 59.028' N., Long. 76° 14.603' W., then running 150° (True) to marker 5, at or near Lat. 38° 8.830' N., Long. 76° 14.455' W., then running 198° (True) to marker 9, at or near Lat. 38° 58.738' N., Long. 76° 4.493' W., then running 243° (True) to marker 11, 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 [(6.9 miles per hour)] speed limit [at all times, year round] *all year.*

E. Knapps Narrows encompasses the area [beginning at a point Lat. 38°43'16.50" N., Long. 76°20'20.22" W., a line running 242° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°43'13.98" N., Long. 76°20'26.31" W., to a line from a point Lat. 38°43'00.18" N., Long. 76°19'38.50" W., a line running 208° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°42'54.74" N., Long. 76°19'42.19" W.] *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 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 [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit *all year.*

F. Rock Hall Harbor encompasses the area [beginning at a point Lat. 39°07'51.85" N., Long. 76°14'52.29" W., a line running 223° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°07'49.65" N., Long. 76°14'54.93" W.,] *upstream (northeasterly) of a line beginning at a point at the south end of the west jetty at or near Lat. 39° 7.868' N., Long. 76° 14.862' W., then running 226° (True) to a point on the west end of the east jetty, at or near Lat. 39° 7.830' N., Long. 76° 14.913' W., and running to the head of the harbor.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit *all year.*

G. Swan Creek encompasses the area [beginning at a point Lat. 39°08'49.81" N., Long. 76°15'44.81" W., a line running 135° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°08'45.56" N., Long. 76°15'38.69" W., and running upstream to a line beginning at a point Lat. 39°09'21.40" N., Long. 76°15'17.83" W., and running 270° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°09'21.40" N., Long. 76°15'28.58" W.,] *upstream (east) of a line beginning at a point on shore, at or near Lat. 39° 8.832' N., Long. 76° 15.740' W., then running 137° (True) to a point on the north shore of Swan Creek, at or near Lat. 39° 8.762' N., Long. 76° 15.655' W., and downstream (south) of a line beginning on the east side of Swan Creek, at or near Lat. 39° 9.342' N., Long. 76° 15.303' W., then running 270° (True) to a point on the west side of Swan Creek, at or near Lat. 39° 9.342' N., Long. 76° 15.468' W., including The Haven, and Denby Creek and all tributaries.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays, during the boating season[only, which is April 15 through October 15].

H. Worton Creek encompasses the area [beginning at a point Lat. 39°17'03.50" N., Long. 76°10'05.05" W., a line running 075° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°17'04.55" N., Long. 76°10'00" W.,] *south of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 17.045' N., Long. 76° 10.092' W., then running 68° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 17.078' N., Long. 76° 9.9850' W., and running to the head of the creek, including all tributaries.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays, *all year.*

I. Churn Creek is located in Kent County off Still Pond, [encompassing a line beginning at Lat. 39°19'10.75" N., Long. 76°07'56.25" W., and running 066° True to Lat. 39°19'13.56" W., Long. 76°07'49.43" W.,] *and encompasses the area upstream (southeast) of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 19.178' N., Long. 76° 7.942' W., then running 65° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.223' N., Long. 76° 7.820' W., to the head of the creek.* This area has a minimum wake zone *all year.*

J. Kent Island Narrows South. All of the navigation channel at the southerly approach to Kent Island Narrows enclosed by a line beginning at a point at or near the south end of the north breakwater at Kent Narrows, [defined by

Lat. 38°57.807'N., Long. 76°14.657'W.; then running approximately 138° True to a point at or near marker "5", defined by Lat. 38°57.698'N., Long. 76°14.530'W.; then running approximately 37° True to a point at or near the shore at Wells Point, defined by Lat. 38°57.755'N., Long. 76°14.475'W.; then running approximately 170° True to a point at or near marker "4", defined by Lat. 38°57.618'N., Long. 76°14.443'W.; then running approximately 250° True to a point at or near marker "3", defined by Lat. 38°57.607'N., Long. 76°14.481'W.; then running approximately 325° True] *at or near Lat. 38° 57.807' N., Long. 76° 14.657' W., then running 138° (True) to marker 5, at or near Lat. 38° 57.698' N., Long. 76° 14.530' W., then running 37° (True) to the shore at Wells Point, at or near Lat. 38° 57.755' N., Long. 76° 14.475' W., then running 170° (True) to marker 4, at or near Lat. 38° 57.618' N., Long. 76° 14.443' W., then running 249° (True) to marker 3, at or near Lat. 38° 57.607' N., Long. 76° 14.482' W., then running 326° (True) to the point of beginning.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 miles per hour)] speed limit [at all times, year round] *all year*.

K. Big Thoroughfare encompasses all of the waters of Deale Island Harbor and Scott's Cove east of a line beginning at a point at the west end of the north jetty at or near Lat. 38°10.181'N., Long. 75°56.866'W., then running 218° (True) to a point at the west end of the south jetty, at or near Lat. 38°10.158'N., Long. 75°56.888'W., and west of a line beginning at a point on the southwest abutment of the [Maryland Route] MD 363 bridge at or near Lat. 38°9.991'N., Long. 75°56.749'W., then running 34° (True) to a point on the northwest abutment of the [Maryland Route] MD 363 bridge, at or near Lat. 38°10.197'N., Long. 75°56.573'W. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 miles per hour)] speed limit [at all times, year round] *all year*.

.02 Western Shore.

A. The Western Shore areas, with their corresponding speed limits, are set forth in §§B—M of this regulation.

B. Deep Cove Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 38°48'17.66" N., Long. 76°30'31.16" W., a line running 250° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°48'17.05" N., Long. 76°30'33.33" W.,] *at or near Lat. 38° 48.317' N., Long. 76° 30.542' W., then running 265° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 48.315' N., Long. 76° 30.565' W.,* and running to the head of the creek, including all tributaries. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays, all year.

C. Fishing Creek—Chesapeake Beach encompasses the area [from a line]beginning at a point [Lat. 38°41'27.21" N., Long. 76°31'57.78" W., and running 303° True to a point Lat. 38°41'27.94" N., Long. 76°31'59.18" W.,] *at the east end of the north jetty at or near Lat. 38° 41.517' N., Long. 76° 31.768' W., then running 185° (True) to the east end of the south jetty, at or near Lat. 38° 41.448' N., Long. 76° 31.775' W.,* and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

D. Flag Harbor encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 38°27'55.77" N., Long. 76°28'13.06" W., a line running 202° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°27'51.05" N., Long. 76°28'15.48" W.,] *at or near Lat. 38° 7.875' 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 [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

E. Hawk Cove; Brown's Creek.

(1) Hawk Cove encompasses the area of Hart-Miller Island beginning at a point [Lat. 39°15'53.33" N., Long. 76°21'11.45" W., (northeast point of Hart-Miller Island) a line running 326° True to a point Lat. 39°15'59.47" N., Long. 76°21'16.77" W., then 236° True to a point Lat. 39°14'56.98" N., Long. 76°23'13.97" W. (Drum Point).] *at or near Lat. 39° 15.710' N., Long. 76° 21.380' W., (northeast point of Hart-Miller Island) then running 287° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 15.758' N., Long. 76° 21.585' W., then running 237° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 14.953' N., Long. 76° 23.183' W (Drum Point).* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

(2) Brown's Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point on the west side of the entrance to the creek [Lat. 39°16.531' N., Long. 76° 23.893' W., a line running 88° True to a point on the east side of the entrance of the creek, Lat. 39°16.534' N., Long. 76°23.755' W.,] *at or near Lat. 39° 16.532' N., Long. 76° 23.893' W., then running 89° (True) to a point on the east side of the entrance of the creek, at or near Lat. 39° 16.533' N., Long. 76° 23.755' W.,* and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

F. Oyster Creek entrance channel which lies between the Severn and South rivers encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 38°55'38.38" N., Long. 76°27'48.58" W., a line running 339° True to the opposite shore Lat. 38°55'38.81" N., Long. 76°27'48.89" W. and running upstream to a line beginning at a point Lat. 38°55'37.36" N., Long. 76°27'51.65" W., and running 339° True to the opposite shore Lat. 38°55'38.81" N., Long. 76°27'52.35" W.] *at or near Lat. 38° 55.643' N., Long. 76° 27.795' W., then running 224° (True) to a point on the opposite shore, at or near Lat. 38° 55.637' N., Long. 76° 27.803' W., and running upstream to a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 55.632' N., Long. 76° 27.887' W., then running 142° (True) to a point on the opposite shore, at or near Lat. 38° 55.627' N., Long. 76° 27.882' W.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

G. Pleasure Island channel encompasses the area *south of a line* beginning at a point [Lat. 39°14'17.96" N., Long. 76°23'56.25" W., a line running 101° True to a point Lat. 39°14'12.30" N., Long. 76°23'18.83" W. (northern tip of Pleasure Island), to a line from a point Lat. 39°13'44.50" N., Long. 76°23'56.53" W., a line running 151° True to a point Lat. 39°13'33.58" N., Long. 76°23'46.85" W., then 018° True to a point Lat. 39°13'50.86" N., Long. 76°23'39.71" W. (southern end of Pleasure Island).] *at or near Lat. 39° 14.292' N., Long. 76° 23.908' W., then running 112° (True) to the northern tip of Pleasure Island, at or near Lat. 39° 14.123' N., Long. 76° 23.377' W., and north of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 13.762' N., Long. 76° 23.895' W., then running 154° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 13.558' N., Long. 76° 23.770' W., then running 19° (True) to the south tip of Pleasure Island, at or near*

Lat. 39° 13.915' N., Long. 76° 23.608' W. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays, all year.

H. Pleasure Cove yacht basin encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 39°01'59.33" N., Long. 76°24'13.82" W., a line running 174° True to a point Lat. 39°01'58.44" N., Long. 76°24'13.70" W.,] *at or near* Lat. 39° 1.980' N., Long. 76° 24.233' W., then running 142° (True) to a point, *at or near* Lat. 39° 1.9680' N., Long. 76° 24.222' W., and running to the head of the basin. This area has a 6- knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays, all year.

I. Rockhold Creek—Deale Area encompasses the area upstream (northwest) of a line beginning at a point [at or near the shore] at the north end of the Rockhold Creek jetty near Owings Beach, [defined by Lat. 38°46'11.2" N., Long. 76°33'17.1" W., then running approximately 151° True to a point approximately 250 feet northeast of Rockhold Creek Channel Light 1, defined by Lat. 38°45'57.8" N., Long. 76°33'7.6" W., then running approximately 201° True to a point at or near Rockhold Creek Channel Light 1, defined by Lat. 38°45'55.4" N., Long. 76°33'8.8" W., then running approximately 289° True to a point at or near the shore at Leitch defined by Lat. 38°46'2.4" N., Long. 76°33'34.9" W.,] *at or near* Lat. 38° 46.187' N., Long. 76° 33.285' W., then running 151° (True) to a point approximately 250 feet northeast of Rockhold Creek Channel Light 1, *at or near* Lat. 38° 45.963' N., Long. 76° 33.127' W., then running 201° (True) to USCG Light 1, *at or near* Lat. 38° 45.923' N., Long. 76° 33.147' W., then running 289° True) to a point on shore at Leitch, *at or near* Lat. 38° 46.040' N., Long. 76° 33.582' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

J. Seneca Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 39°19'14" N., Long. 76°22'15.25" W., a line running 180° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°19'06.67" N., Long. 76°22'18.25" W.,] *at or near* Lat. 39° 19.063' N., Long. 76° 22.142' W., then running 17° (True) to a point, *at or near* Lat. 39° 19.321' N., Long. 76° 22.040' W., and running to the head of the creek, including all tributaries. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays, all year.

K. Blackwalnut Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 38°55'50.3" N., Long. 76°27'45.0" W.,] *at or near* Lat. 38° 55.835' N., Long. 76° 27.773' W., then running 0° (True) to a point, *at or near* Lat. 38° 55.838' N., Long. 76° 27.773' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a minimum wake zone all year.

L. Mezick Pond encompasses the area beginning at a point *at the south end of the east jetty* [Lat. 39°00'24.0" N., Long. 76°24'06.8" W., a line running 245° True to a point Lat. 39°00'23.5" N., Long. 76°24'08.2" W.,] *at or near* Lat. 39° 0.387' N., Long. 76° 24.108' W., then running 239° (True) to pier 7A of the westbound Lane Memorial Bridge, *at or near* Lat. 39° 0.375' N., Long. 76° 24.133' W., then running 333° (True) to the shore near the east side of the westbound Lane Memorial Bridge, *at or near* Lat. 39° 0.508' N., Long. 76° 24.220' W., and running to the head of the pond. This area has a minimum wake zone all year.

M. Parker Creek encompasses the area [westward of] beginning at a point [at Lat. 38°32'14.3" N., Long. 76°31'04.1" W.,] *at or near* Lat. 38° 32.228' N., Long. 76° 31.067' W., then running 15° (True) to a point, *at or near* Lat. 38° 32.238' N., Long. 76° 31.063' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a minimum wake zone all year.