

Choptank River

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 09 Choptank River

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.01 Choptank River.

The Choptank River encompasses all the waters of the Choptank River and its tributaries[, except the Tred Avon and Tuckahoe Rivers, easterly of a line from Lat. 38°40'12.43"N., Long. 76°20'20.96"W., and running 134° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°37'51.59"N., Long. 76°17'13.40"W.] *upstream of a line beginning at Blackwalnut Point, at or near Lat. 38° 40.200' N., Long. 76° 20.350' W., then running 134° (True) to Cooks Point, at or near Lat. 38° 37.867' N., Long. 76° 17.217' W.,; excluding the Tred Avon River, beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 40.250' N., Long. 76° 11.867' W., then running 73° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 40.550' N., Long. 76° 10.617' W., and Tuckahoe River, beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 48.828' N., Long. 75° 53.887' W., then running 42° (True) to a point at or near Lat. 38° 48.927' N., Long. 75° 53.772' W.*

.02 Bolingbroke Creek.

Bolingbroke Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point[Lat. 38°36'08.62"N., Long. 76°01'44.20"W., a line running 043° True to a point on the opposite shore, Lat. 38°36'14"N., Long. 76°01'37.85"W.,] *at or near Lat. 38° 36.132' N., Long. 76° 1.735' W., then running 41° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 36.233' N., Long. 76° 1.623' W.,* and running to the head of the creek. 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].

.03 Cambridge Creek and Municipal Yacht Basin.

All of the waters of the Choptank River and Cambridge Creek south of a line beginning at a point on shore on the west side of the Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin at or near Lat. 38°34.681"N., Long. 76°4.395"W., then running 48° (True) following the Basin bulkhead and floating pier system, to a point, at or near Lat. 38°34.72"N., Long. 76°4.338' W., then running 137° (True) following the Basin bulkhead and floating pier system, to a point, at or near Lat. 38°34.714' N., Long. 76°4.33' W., then running 137° (True) following the Basin bulkhead and floating pier system, to a point, at or near Lat. 38°34.667' N., Long. 76°4.275' W., then running 94° (True) following the Basin bulkhead and floating pier system, to a point, at or near Lat. 38°34.666"N., Long. 76°4.245'W., then running 138° (True) to a point at the east end of the floating pier system, at the north side of the entrance of the Municipal Yacht Basin at or near Lat. 38°34.642"N., Long. 76°4.219'W., then running 143° (True) to a point at the end of the bulkhead at the east side of the entrance of the Franklin Street Boat ramp, at or near Lat. 38°34.436' N., Long. 76° 4.021'W., then running 143° (True) to a point on the bulkhead, at or near Lat. 38°34.431'N., Long. 76°4.016'W. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

[.04 Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin.

The Cambridge municipal yacht basin encompasses the area beginning at a point Lat. 38°34'37.41"N., Long. 76°04'21.07"W., a line running 158° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°34'36.25"N., Long. 76°04'20.35"W., and running to the head of the basin. This area has a 6-knot (6.9 MPH) speed limit all year]

[.05] .04 Ferry Boat Marina.

The Ferry Boat Marina encompasses the area beginning at a point[Lat. 38°35'32.57"N., Long. 76°03'00.25"W., a line running 116° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°35'30.51"N., Long. 76°02'54.93"W.,] *at or near Lat. 38° 35.547' N., Long. 76° 2.987' W., then running 99° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 35.545' N., Long. 76° 2.973' W.,* and running to the head of the marina. This area has a 6-knot[(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

[.06] .05 Choptank Marina Boat Basin.

The Choptank Marina boat basin encompasses the area within the confines of the Choptank Marina at Choptank, Maryland beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 40.835' N., Long. 75° 57.073' W., then running 123° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 40.830' N., Long. 75° 57.063' W., and running to the head of the marina. This area has a 6-knot[(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

[.07].06 Dogwood Harbor — Tilghman Island.

Dogwood Harbor encompasses the area beginning at [a point Lat. 38°42'33.43"N., Long. 76°19'45.81"W. (northeast point of Avalon Island), then to a point Lat. 38°42'36.43"N., Long. 76°19'44.81"W. (Dogwood Harbor Light No. 2), then to a point Lat. 38°42'47.22"N., Long. 76°19'54.52"W. (east shore of Tilghman Island near Wharf Road),]the northeast corner of Avalon Island at or near Lat. 38° 42.555' N., Long. 76° 19.778' W., then running 29° (True) to Dogwood Harbor LT 2, at or near Lat. 38° 42.588' N., Long. 76° 19.755' W., then running 327° (True) to the shore near Wharf Road at or near Lat. 38° 42.790' N., Long. 76° 19.920' W., and running to the head of the harbor. This area has a 6-knot[(6.9 MPH)] speed limit during the boating season only[, which is April 15 through October 15].

[.08].07 San Domingo Creek.

San Domingo Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point[Lat. 38°46'36.1"N., Long. 76°13'58.9"W., a line running 090° True to Lat. 38°46'36.1"N., Long. 76°13'51.2"W.,] at or near Lat. 38° 46.578' N., Long. 76° 13.845' W., then running 271° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 46.580' N., Long. 76° 13.987' W., and running to the head of the Creek. This area has a minimum wake zone all year.

[.09].08 Upper Choptank River.

The Upper Choptank River encompasses all of the waters of the Choptank River and its tributaries upstream of a line beginning at a point at the east shore of the Choptank River at the MD Route 404 (Business) Bridge[, Lat. 38°53'17.3"N., Long. 75°50'18.0"W.; and running 307° True to a point at the west shore of the Choptank River at the MD Route 404 (Business) Bridge, Lat. 38°53'18.9"N., Long. 75°50'20.8"W.] at or near Lat. 38° 53.345' N., Long. 75° 50.115' W., then running 357° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 53.422' N., Long. 75° 50.120' W. This area, unless otherwise regulated, has a speed limit all year of:
A. 35-knots [(40.25 mph)] daytime; and
B. 25-knots[(28.8 mph)] nighttime.

[.10].09 Choptank River — Denton.

For the purpose of this regulation, the Choptank River encompasses all the waters of the Choptank River upstream of a line beginning at a point at the east shore of the Choptank River, [Lat. 38°53'4.3"N., Long. 75°50'20.0"W., and running 240° True to a point near Coast Guard DBN 80, Lat. 38°53'3.8"N., Long. 75°50'20.9"W. then running 237° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°53'2.3"N., Long. 75°50'24.0"W.,] at or near Lat. 38° 53.072' N., Long. 75° 50.333' W., then running 235° (True) to USCG Daymarker 80, at or near Lat. 38° 53.063' N., Long. 75° 50.348' W., then running 238° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 53.038' N., Long. 75° 50.400' W., and downstream of a line beginning at a point on the south shore of the Choptank River, [Lat. 38°53'20.7"N., Long. 75°50'6.9"W., and running 357° True to the opposite shore Lat. 38°53'25.3"N., Long. 75°50'7.2"W.]at or near Lat. 38° 53.345' N., Long. 75° 50.115' W., then running 357° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 53.422' N., Long. 75° 50.120' W. This area has a 6-knot[(6.9 MPH)] speed limit at all times during the boating season[only, which is April 15 through October 15].

[.11].10 Warwick River.

The Warwick River encompasses all the waters of the Warwick River and its tributaries upstream of a [point Lat. 38°36'38.9"N., Long. 75°57'17.3"W., and running 4° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 38°36'43.1"N., Long. 75°57'16.9"W.] line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 38° 36.647' N., Long. 75° 57.288' W., then running 4° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 36.718' N., Long. 75° 57.282' W. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.