

Magothy River

. The purpose of this action is to update and clarify existing boating laws and definitions. 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 13 Magothy River

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.01 Magothy River.

The Magothy River encompasses all the waters of the Magothy River and its tributaries northwesterly of a line [from Lat. 39°03'33.67"N., Long. 76°25'58.75"W. (Mountain Point), running 168° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°02'46.56"N., Long. 76°25'45.69"W. (east side Little Magothy River).] *beginning at Mountain Point, at or near Lat. 39° 3.567' N., Long. 76° 25.983' W., then running 168° (True) to a point at the east side of the Little Magothy River, at or near Lat. 39° 2.783' N., Long. 76° 25.767' W.*

.02 Magothy River Entrance Channel.

The Magothy River entrance channel encompasses the area [bounded by the following coordinates: Lat. 39°03'22.80"N., Long. 76°25'46.36"W. (Flashing Red No. 2), Lat. 39°03'27.91"N., Long. 76°26'09.17"W., and Lat. 39°03'21.66"N., Long. 76°26'11.47"W. (Green No. 5), Lat. 39°03'16.55"N., Long. 76°25'48.66"W] *enclosed by a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 3.360' N., Long. 76° 25.782' W., then running 203° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 3.268' N., Long. 76° 25.832' W., then running 293° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 3.382' N., Long. 76° 26.170' W., then running 23° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 3.473' N., Long. 76° 26.120' W., then running 113° (True) to the point of beginning.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit, during the boating season [only, which is April 15 through October 15]. This area is approximately 600 feet wide and 1,874 feet long.

.03 Upper Magothy River.

A. The lower portion of the Upper Magothy River encompasses the area beginning at [a point Lat. 39°04'53.45 N., Long. 76°31'02.91"W. (Windless Point), a line running 335° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°05'05.32"N., Long. 76°31'10.01"W. (Steedmans Point), and running up the river to Magothy Bridge Road, including all tributaries] *Windless Point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.895' N., Long. 76° 31.048' W., then running 333° (True) to Steedman's Point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.093' N., Long. 76° 31.178' W., and downstream of a line beginning at Magothy Bridge Road, at or near Lat. 39° 6.5700' N., Long. 76° 32.477' W., then running 254° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 6.5670' N., Long. 76° 32.492' W.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

B. The upper portion of the Upper Magothy River encompasses the area [above the Magothy Bridge Road] *upstream of a line beginning at Magothy Bridge Road, at or near Lat. 39° 6.5700' N., Long. 76° 32.477' W.* This area has a minimum wake zone all year.

.04 Magothy River South Shore.

A. The Magothy River south shore areas, with their corresponding speed limits, are set forth in §§B—H of this regulation.

B. Cool Spring Cove—Forked Creek, encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 39°03'49.80 N., Long. 76°29'25.18"W., a line running 090° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°03'49.80"N., Long. 76°29'06.83"W.,] *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 [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

C. Cypress Creek.

(1) Lower Cypress Creek encompasses the area beginning at the mouth of the creek[, Lat. 39°04'16.40"N., Long. 76°30'57.86"W. (northeast point of Crystal Beach), a line running 346° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°04'35.40"N., Long. 76°31'03.86"W. (southeast point of Pohlman Point), and running up the creek to a line beginning at a point Lat. 39°04'00.93"N., Long. 76°31'52.21"W., and running 335° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°04'04.25"N., Long. 76°31'54.20"W] *at or near Lat. 39° 4.272' N., Long. 76° 30.978' W., then running 349° (True) to a point, at or near*

Lat. 39° 4.590' N., Long. 76° 31.060' W., and running upstream to a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.010' N., Long. 76° 31.875' W., then running 339° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.073' N., Long. 76° 31.907' W. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

(2) Upper Cypress Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 39°04'04.25"N., Long. 76°31'54.20"W., a line running 155° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°04'00.93"N., Long. 76°31'52.21"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 4.073' N., Long. 76° 31.907' W., then running 159° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.010' N., Long. 76° 31.875' W. and running to the head of the creek. This area has a minimum wake zone all year.

D. Deep Creek encompasses the area beginning at the mouth of the creek, [Lat. 39°03'15.90"N., Long. 76°27'10.07"W., a line running 118° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°03'06.98"N., Long. 76°26'48.55"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 3.265' N., Long. 76° 27.158' W., then running 117° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 3.128' N., Long. 76° 26.810' W. and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

E. Dividing Creek—Mill Creek encompasses the area beginning at a point at the east shore of the mouth of the creeks, at or near [Lat. 39°04'14.5"N., Long. 76°30'44.4"W., then running 270° True to a point at the west shore of the mouth of the creeks, at or near Lat. 39°04'14.5"N., Long. 76°30'58.1"W.,]Lat. 39° 4.242' N., Long. 76° 30.713' W., then running 272° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.247' N., Long. 76° 30.955' W. and running to the head of the creeks, including all tributaries. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

F. Lake Placid encompasses the area beginning at the mouth of Lake Placid, [Lat. 39°03'33.40"N., Long. 76°27'30"W., a line running 112° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°03'33.10"N., Long. 76°27'29.05"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 3.587' N., Long. 76° 27.475' W., then running 165° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 3.567' N., Long. 76° 27.468' W., and running to the head of the lake. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

G. Little Magothy River.

(1) The Little Magothy River entrance channel encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 39°02'46.56"N., Long. 76°25'45.69"W., a line running 272° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°02'46.59"N., Long. 76°25'47.08"W., and running upstream to a line beginning at a point Lat. 39°02'38.98"N., Long. 76°25'45.90"W, and running to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°02'39.59"N., Long. 76°25'50.71"W]at or near Lat. 39° 2.7820' N., Long. 76° 25.765' W., then running 270° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 2.7820' N., Long. 76° 25.778' W., and running upstream to a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 2.680' N., Long. 76° 25.775' W., then running 260° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 2.675' N., Long. 76° 25.810' W. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

(2) The Upper Little Magothy River encompasses the area from a point [Lat. 39°02'16.09"N., Long. 76°25'57.59"W., a line running 122° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°02'13.31"N., Long. 76°25'51.88"W.,] at or near Lat. 39° 2.268' N., Long. 76° 25.965' W., then running 122° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 2.220' N., Long. 76° 25.865' W., and running to the head of the river. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

H. Spriggs Pond encompasses the area beginning at the mouth of the pond, [Lat. 39°03'58.30"N., Long. 76°29'50.06"W., a line running 147° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°03'57.46"N., Long. 76°29'49.36"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 3.9680' N., Long. 76° 29.832' W., then running 193° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 3.9570' N., Long. 76° 29.835' W., and running to the head of the pond. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

.05 Magothy River North Shore.

A. The Magothy River north shore areas, with their corresponding speed limits, are set forth in §§B—J of this regulation.

B. Blackhole Creek encompasses the area [beginning at the mouth of the creek, Lat. 39°04'51.15"N., Long. 76°29'49.96"W., a line running 080° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°04'52.05"N., Long. 76°29'43.39"W.,]north of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 4.862' N., Long. 76° 29.838' W., then running 84° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.870' N., Long. 76° 29.740' W., and running to the head of the creek, including all tributaries. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

C. Broad Creek encompasses the area [beginning at a point Lat. 39°05'09.40"N., Long. 76°28'46.19"W., a line running 270° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°05'09.40"N., Long. 76°28'59.86"W.,]north of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 5.157' N., Long. 76° 28.795' W., then running 266° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.147' N., Long. 76° 28.993' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

D. Cornfield Creek encompasses the area [beginning at the mouth of the creek, Lat. 39°05'34.35"N., Long. 76°26'24.65"W., a line running 063° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°05'37.26"N., Long. 76°26'17.33"W.,]north of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 5.573' N., Long. 76° 26.392' W., then running 64° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.622' N., Long. 76° 26.267' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

E. Grays Creek encompasses the area [beginning at the mouth of the creek, Lat. 39°05'17.20"N., Long. 76°27'52.20"W., a line running 037° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°05'19"N., Long. 76°27'50.46"W.,] northwest of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.280' N., Long. 76° 27.877' W., then running 20° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.327' N., Long. 76° 27.855' W., and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

F. The inner harbor of Gibson Island encompasses the area beginning at a point [Lat. 39°05'23.09"N., Long. 76°25'47.13"W. (Purdy Point), a line running 050° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°05'28.16"N., Long.

76°25'39.40"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 5.373' N., Long. 76° 25.780' W., then running 41°(True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.470' N., Long. 76° 25.672' W., and running upstream to the head of the harbor, including Redhouse Cove. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

G. Magothy Narrows, except James Pond and Cornfield Creek encompasses the area [beginning at a point Lat. 39°05'13.78"N., Long. 76°26'39.52"W., a line running 000° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°05'40.98"N., Long. 76°26'39.52"W., and running upstream to a line beginning at a point Lat. 39°05'23.09"N., Long. 76°25'47.13"W. (Purdy Point), and running 050° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°05'28.16"N., Long. 76°25'39.40"W]west of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 5.223' N., Long. 76° 26.658' W., then running 0° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.687' N., Long. 76° 26.657' W., and east of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.373' N., Long. 76° 25.780' W., then running 41° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.470' N., Long. 76° 25.672' W., and south of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.600' N., Long. 76° 26.203' W., then running 104° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.585' N., Long. 76° 26.127' W., and south of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.573' N., Long. 76° 26.392' W., then running 64° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.622' N., Long. 76° 26.267' W..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. Ross Cove encompasses the area beginning at the mouth of the creek, [Lat. 39°05'14.15"N., Long. 76°30'55.19"W., a line running 090° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°05'14.15"N., Long. 76°30'53.86"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 5.238' N., Long. 76° 30.913' W., then running 90° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.238' N., Long. 76° 30.902' W., and running to the head of the cove. This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

I. Sillery Bay[,] encompasses the area of Dobbins Island and Little Island beginning at [a point Lat. 39°04'41.95"N., Long. 76°27'50.51"W. (west end of Dobbins Island), a line running northerly 003° True to Lat. 39°05'00.65"N., Long. 76°27'49.06"W. (west end of Little Island), then easterly following the shoreline to Lat. 39°05'02.93"N., Long. 76°27'43.70"W. (east end of Little Island), then southerly 152° True to Lat. 39°04'43.80"N., Long. 76°27'30.87"W. (east end of Dobbins Island),]the west end of Dobbins Island, at or near Lat. 39° 4.670' N., Long. 76° 27.835' W., then running 1° (True) to the west end of Little Island, at or near Lat. 39° 5.045' N., Long. 76° 27.828' W., then running easterly along the shoreline to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.0370' N., Long. 76° 27.745' W., then running 152° (True) to the east end of Dobbins Island, at or near Lat. 39° 4.713' N., Long. 76° 27.525' W., then westerly following the shoreline to the point of beginning. This area has a 6-knot[(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

J. James Pond encompasses the area beginning at the mouth of the pond,[Lat. 39°05'35.73"N., Long. 76°26'11.96"W., a line running 106° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°05'34.83"N., Long. 76°26'07.85"W.,]at or near Lat. 39° 5.600' N., Long. 76° 26.203' W., then running 104° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 5.585' N., Long. 76° 26.127' W., and running to the head of the pond. This area has a 6-knot[(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.