

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources proposes to amend/add Regulation .01 - .06 under COMAR 08.18.26 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 26 Susquehanna River

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

#### **.01 Susquehanna River.**

The Susquehanna River encompasses all the waters of the Susquehanna River and its tributaries north[erly] of a line [from Lat. 39°32'21.55"N., Long. 76°05'05.36"W., running 060° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°32'50.55"N., Long. 76°04'00.48"W. ] *beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.367' N., Long. 76° 5.0830' W., then running 60° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.850' N., Long. 76° 4.000' W.*

#### **.02 Lower Susquehanna River.**

The Lower Susquehanna River encompasses the area[ from a line beginning at a point Lat. 39°34'18.89"N., Long. 76°04'48.87"W., and running 242° True to Lat. 39°34'14.20"N., Long. 76°05'00.10"W. (Garrett Island), then along shore to Lat. 39°33'29.12"N., Long. 76°05'06.02"W. (southern tip of Garrett Island), then running 170° True to Lat. 39°33'17.79"N., Long. 76°05'03.44"W. (Amtrak bridge), then running 070° True to Lat. 39°33'22.55"N., Long. 76°04'46.54"W.] *south of a line beginning at the east end of the old railroad bridge, at or near Lat. 39° 34.323' N., Long. 76° 4.822' W., then running 242° (True) to the east shore of Garrett Island, at or near Lat. 39° 34.243' N., Long. 76° 5.013' W., east of a line running southerly along the shore to the south end of Garrett Island, at or near Lat. 39° 33.552' N., Long. 76° 5.107' W., then north and east of a line running 178° (True) to the AMTRAK railroad bridge, at or near Lat. 39° 33.285' N., Long. 76° 5.095' W., then running 69° (True) to the east end of the AMTRAK railroad bridge, at or near Lat. 39° 33.382' N., Long. 76° 4.775' W.* This area has a 6-knot[ (6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

#### **.03 Broad Creek.**

Broad Creek encompasses the area[ beginning at a point Lat. 39°41'59.53"N., Long. 76°14'17.40"W., a line running 166° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°41'52.73"N., Long. 76°14'15.21"W.,] *upstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 41.992' N., Long. 76° 14.280' W., then running 164° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 41.877' N., Long. 76° 14.237' W.,* and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot[ (6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

#### **.04 Conowingo Creek.**

Conowingo Creek encompasses the area[ beginning at a point Lat. 39°40'59.08"N., Long. 76°11'53.20"W., a line running 140° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°40'55"N., Long. 76°11'48.77"W.,] *upstream of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 40.987' N., Long. 76° 11.857' W., then running 137° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 40.932' N., Long. 76° 11.790' W.,* and running to the head of the creek. This area has a 6-knot[ (6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

#### **.05 Conowingo Dam — Prohibited Area.**

Conowingo Dam encompasses the area[ 400 yards above and 400 yards below the dam.] *north of a line beginning at point, at or near Lat. 39° 39.762' N., Long. 76° 9.605' W., then running 227° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 39.245' N., Long. 76° 10.320' W., and south of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 40.197' N., Long. 76° 10.483' W., then running 199° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 39.438' N., Long. 76° 10.812' W.* Vessels are prohibited in this area all year.

#### **.06 Havre de Grace.**

[The area beginning at the fishing pier in Frank Hutchins Park and extending to the end of the sea wall at Alliance Street is a designated speed zone. The distance is approximately 700 yards long and 200 yards wide and encompasses the area beginning at Lat. 39°32'31.69"N., Long. 76°05'01.76"W., and a line running 090° True to a point Lat. 39°32'31.69"N., Long. 76°04'54.48"W., and then 355° True to a point Lat. 39°32'44.14"N., Long. 76°04'55.97"W., and then 338° True to a point Lat. 39°32'51.80"N., Long. 76°05'00.00"W., and then a line 273° True to a point Lat.

39°32'52.00"N., Long. 76°05'04.95"W., and back to the origin point.] *Havre de Grace encompasses all of the area enclosed by a line beginning at the Alliance Street sea wall, at or near Lat. 39° 32.502' N., Long. 76° 5.037' W., then running 90° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.502' N., Long. 76° 4.888' W., then running 355° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.742' N., Long. 76° 4.913' W., then running 338° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.870' N., Long. 76° 4.980' W., then running 272° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 32.873' N., Long. 76° 5.128' W.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit on Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays during the boating season [ only, which is April 15 through October 15].

**The proposed regulation will appear in the Maryland Register on Friday May 30, 2014, comments concerning this regulation will be accepted through Monday June 30, 2014. The regulation will be adopted on Tuesday July 15, 2014 and become effective on Monday August 4, 2014.**

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