

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources proposes to amend/add Regulation .01 - .04 under COMAR 08.18.37 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 37 Department Managed Lakes

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

.01 Smithville Lake.

A. Smithville Lake means the area of pooled water at the headwaters of Smithville Ditch, a tributary of Marshyhope Creek [(north of the dam at Opossum Hill Road)] *north of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 38° 46.428' N., Long. 75° 43.852' W., then running 89° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 46.430' N., Long. 75° 43.742' W.,* in Caroline County, formed by the dam and the lake bottom.

B. Smithville Lake has a 6-knot [(6.9 mph)] speed limit all year.

.02 Unicorn Mill Pond.

A. Unicorn Mill Pond means the area of pooled water at the headwaters of Unicorn Branch [(south of the dam at MD 313)]*east of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 14.863' N., Long. 75° 51.572' W., then running 90° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 14.863' N., Long. 75° 51.552' W.,* in Queen Anne's County, formed by the dam and lake bottom.

B. Unicorn Mill Pond has a 6-knot [(6.9 mph)] speed limit all year.

.03 Urieville Community Lake.

A. Urieville Community Lake means the area of pooled water at the headwaters of Morgan Creek [(north of the dam at MD 213)]*northwest of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 16.740' N., Long. 76° 1.4700' W., then running 57° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 16.745' N., Long. 76° 1.460' W.,* in Kent County, formed by the dam and lake bottom.

B. Urieville Community Lake has a 6-knot [(6.9 mph)] speed limit all year.

.04 Wye Mills Community Lake.

A. Wye Mills Community Lake means the area of pooled water at the headwaters of the Wye East River [(east of the dam at MD 213)]*east of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 38° 56.585' N., Long. 76° 4.795' W., then running 223° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 56.567' N., Long. 76° 4.817' W., then running 189° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 56.515' N., Long. 76° 4.827' W., then running 142° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 56.495' N., Long. 76° 4.807' W.,* formed by the dam and lake bottom.

B. Wye Mills Community Lake has a 6-knot [(6.9 mph)] speed limit all year.

The proposed regulation will appear in the Maryland Register on Thursday December 12, 2014, comments concerning this regulation will be accepted through Monday January 12, 2015. The regulation will be adopted on Tuesday January 27, 2015 and become effective on Monday February 16, 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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