

Middle 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 14 Middle River

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

.01 Middle River.

Middle River encompasses all of the waters of Middle River and its tributaries beginning at Booby Point, [at or near Lat. 39°17'03"N., Long. 76°22'52"W., then running approximately 353° True to Bowley Bar, at or near Lat. 39°17'53"N., Long. 76°23'00"W.] *at or near Lat. 39° 17.073' N., Long. 76° 22.892' W., then running 352° (True) to Bowley Bar, at or near Lat. 39° 17.888' N., Long. 76° 23.030' W.* This area, unless otherwise regulated, has a speed limit during the boating season [only, which is April 15 through October 15,] of:

- A. 35-knots (daytime); and
- B. 25-knots (nighttime).

.02 Martin Lagoon and Cow Pen Creek.

Martin Lagoon and Cow Pen Creek encompass [the area northerly of a line at or near Lat. 39°19'23"N., Long. 76°25'46"W., running approximately 049° True to the opposite shore at or near Lat. 39°19'27"N., Long. 76°25'39"W.] *all of the waters of Middle River north of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 19.382' N., Long. 76° 25.783' W., then running 48° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.443' N., Long. 76° 25.695' W.*

.03 Upper Middle River.

The Upper Middle River encompasses the area beginning at [a point Lat. 39°18'29.98"N., Long. 76°24'08.5"W. (Galloway Point), a line running 210° True to the opposite shore, Lat. 39°17'59.2"N., Long. 76°24'31.4"W., and running to the head of the river, except Martin Lagoon and Cow Pen Creek.] *a point at or near Lat. 39° 18.507' N., Long. 76° 24.101' W., then running 202° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 17.964' N., Long. 76° 24.386' W.; and downstream of a line beginning at Martin Lagoon and Cow Pen Creek at or near Lat. 39° 19.382' N., Long. 76° 25.783' W., then running 48° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.443' N., Long. 76° 25.695' 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].

.04 Sue Creek.

A. Lower Sue Creek encompasses the area [upstream of a line running across the mouth of Sue Creek at a point at or near Lat. 39°17'23"N., Long. 76°23'41"W., running approximately 335° True to a point at or near Lat. 39°17'41"N., Long. 76°23'52"W., and downstream of a line running approximately 003° True from a point of land at or near Lat. 39°17'09"N., Long. 76°23'59"W., to a point of land at or near Lat. 39°17'21" N., Long. 76°23'58"W.] *south of a line beginning at a point at or near Lat. 39° 17.333' N., Long. 76° 23.710' W., then running 339° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 17.798' N., Long. 76° 23.942' W., and north of a line beginning at a point, at or near Lat. 39° 17.160' N., Long. 76° 24.032' W., then running 12° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 17.348' N., Long. 76° 23.980' W.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit all year.

B. Upper Sue Creek encompasses the area upstream of a line [running approximately 003° True from a point of land at or near Lat. 39°17'09"N., Long. 76°23'59"W., to a point of land at or near Lat. 39°17'21"N., Long. 76°23'58"W.] *beginning at or near Lat. 39° 17.160' N., Long. 76° 24.032' W., then running 12° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 17.348' N., Long. 76° 23.980' W.* and running to the head of the creek, including all tributaries. This area has a:

- (1) 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays, all year; and
- (2) 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit on weekdays from 6 p.m. to midnight during the boating season[only, which is April 15 through October 15].

.05 Frog Mortar Creek and Stansbury Creek.

A. Frog Mortar Creek and Stansbury Creek encompass the area upstream of a line beginning at Wilson Point at or near [Lat. 39°18'30"N., Long. 76°24'37"W., then running approximately 090° True to Galloway Point at or near Lat. 39°18'30"N., Long. 76°24'07"W.] *Lat. 39° 18.485' N., Long. 76° 24.500' W., then running 89° (True) to Galloway Point, at or near Lat. 39° 18.488' N., Long. 76° 24.148' W.* This area has a 6-knot [(6.9 MPH)] speed limit Saturdays, Sundays, and State holidays, all year.

B. Prohibited Area. All of the waters of Frog Mortar Creek north and west (shoreward) of a line beginning at a point on the shore of Martin State Airport, at or near Lat. 39° 19.110' N., Long. 76° 24.208' W., then running 133° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.092' N., Long. 76° 24.183' W., then running 180° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.058' N., Long. 76° 24.183' W., then running 226° (True) to a point on the shore of the airport.

C. Exclusion Area. All masted vessels and/or any obstacle that extends more than 19 feet above mean sea level are prohibited in addition to anchoring or mooring of any kind. All of the waters of Frog Mortar Creek north and west (shoreward) of a line beginning at a point on the shore of Martin State Airport, at or near Lat. 39° 19.188' N., Long. 76° 24.160' W., then running 136° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.162' N., Long. 76° 24.127' W., then running 225° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.112' N., Long. 76° 24.192' W., then running 129° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.085' N., Long. 76° 24.150' W., then running 224° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.058' N., Long. 76° 24.183' W., then running 0° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 19.092' N., Long. 76° 24.183' W., then running 313° (True) to a point on the shore of the airport, at or near Lat. 39° 19.110' N., Long. 76° 24.208' W.

.06 Galloway Creek.

[This area encompasses all the waters of Galloway Creek], *Galloway Creek encompasses all the waters* upstream of a line beginning at Log Point, at or near [Lat. 39°18'13"N., Long. 76°23'39"W., then running approximately 145° True to a point at or near Lat. 39°17'44"N., Long. 76°23'13"W., then running approximately 038° True to the southwest end of Bowley Bar, at or near Lat. 39°17'53"N., Long. 76°23'03"W.] *Lat. 39° 18.218' N., Long. 76° 23.643' W., then running 146° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 17.733' N., Long. 76° 23.217' W., then running 43° (True) to the southwest end of Bowley Bar, at or near Lat. 39° 17.888' N., Long. 76° 23.03' 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].