

Anne Arundel County –

Severn River: Naval Academy YP Pier Construction Project



What was requested?

The Department received a request to establish a 6-knot effective at all times speed limit surrounding the YP Pier - Naval Academy Construction Project in Annapolis, Maryland which is scheduled to continue through the summer of 2025. The original request was for approximately 2,000 feet of waterway. The Department has worked with the construction company to reduce the size of the speed zone as much as possible to mitigate the impact to boaters. Boaters will still be able to transit the Severn under the current speed limits by navigating around the construction zone.

Why was this change requested?

The requestor noted that due to the size and speed of vessels transiting this section of the Severn River, construction activities are subject to unpredictable hazards from large marine vessel wakes, that if present at the correct time can cause serious injury or harm to personnel and/or equipment.

Who will this affect?

- All boaters.

What is the current regulation for the area?

08.18.24.

.01 Severn River Main Stem — Speed Limits; Prohibited Zone.

A. The Severn River main stem areas, with their corresponding speed limits, are set forth below:

(2) Lower Severn River Area. This encompasses the area north of a line beginning at Greenbury Point, at or near Lat. 38° 58.477' N., Long. 76° 27.268' W., then running 228° (True) to the outer beacon at Back Creek, at or near Lat. 38° 7.952' N., Long. 76° 28.015' W., then running 290° (True) to Chinks Point, at or near Lat. 38° 58.053' N., Long. 76° 28.382' W., then running 350° (True) to Horn Point, at or near Lat. 38° 58.352' N., Long. 76° 28.450' W., then running 350° (True) to Triton Light, at or near Lat. 38° 58.887' N., Long. 76° 28.568' W., and downstream of a line beginning at Severn Narrows, at or near Lat. 39° 4.086' N., Long. 76° 34.543' W., then running 16° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 39° 4.238' N., Long. 76° 34.489' W., including the areas known as Round Bay and Little Round Bay, and excepting the area around the Old Severn River Fishing Pier at Jonas Green Park beginning at the north shore of the park, at or near Lat. 38° 59.712' N., Long. 76° 29.117' W., then running 236° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 59.657' N., Long. 76° 29.220' W., then running 145° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 59.612' N., Long. 76° 29.180' W., then running 55° (True) to a point on the south shore of the park, at or near Lat. 38° 59.697' N., Long. 76° 29.022' W. Except as otherwise restricted, the speed limits for this area are:

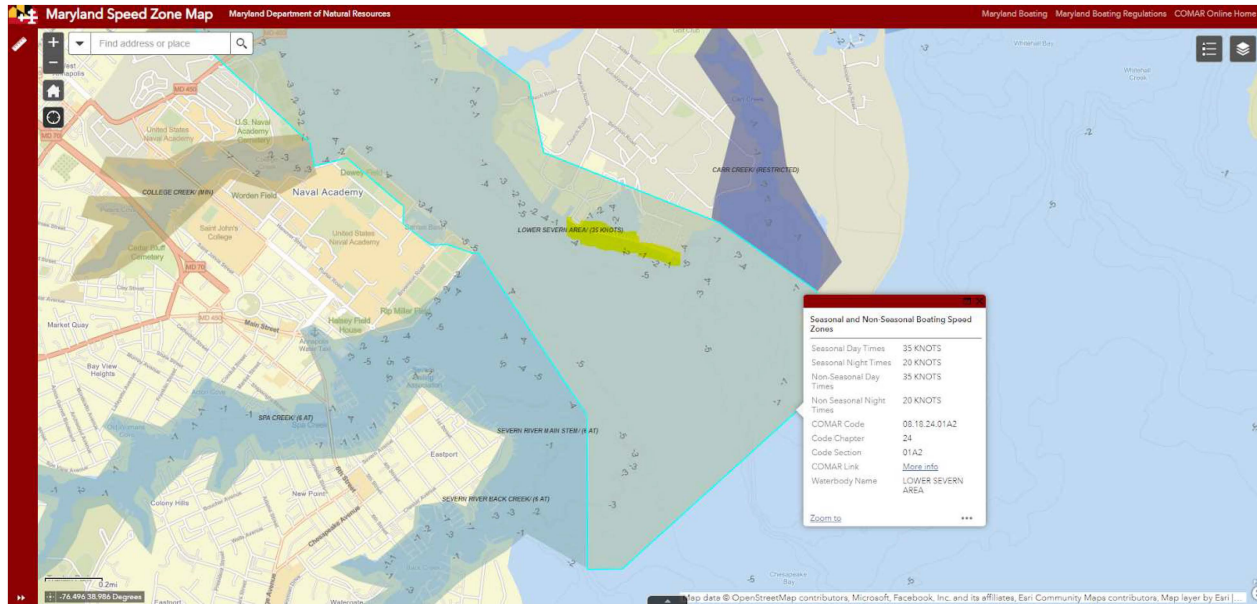
(a) 35 knots from sunrise to sunset; and

(b) 20 knots from sunset to sunrise.

What is being considered?

After surveying the area, The Department is considering establishing a 6-knot effective at all times speed limit for an area extending for approximately 175 yards into the river from each side of the YP Pier - Naval Academy Construction Project. This regulation would be in effect through October 15, 2025.

Approximate map of the area under consideration:



*Highlighted area on map (above) is the approximate requested area.



*Area enclosed by the dark-blue line on map (above) is the approximate requested area.