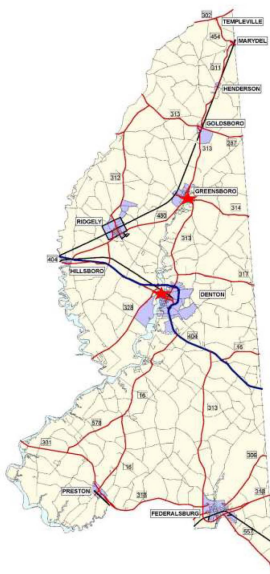


Caroline County– Choptank River (Greensboro to Denton)



What is the current regulation for the area?

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.08 Upper Choptank River.

The Upper Choptank River encompasses all of the waters of the Choptank River and its tributaries upstream of a line beginning at a point at the east shore of the Choptank River at the MD Route 404 (Business) Bridge at or near Lat. 38° 53.345' N., Long. 75° 50.115' W., then running 357° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 53.422' N., Long. 75° 50.120' W. This area, unless otherwise regulated, has a speed limit all year of:

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

And:

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09. Choptank River – Denton.

For the purpose of this regulation, the Choptank River encompasses all the waters of the Choptank River upstream of a line beginning at a point at the east shore of the Choptank River, at or near Lat. 38° 53.072' N., Long. 75° 50.333' W., then running 235° (True) to USCG Day marker 80, at or near Lat. 38° 53.063' N., Long. 75° 50.348' W., then running 238° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 53.038' N., Long. 75° 50.400' W., and downstream of a line beginning at a point on the south shore of the Choptank River, at or near Lat. 38° 53.345' N., Long. 75°

50.115' W., then running 357° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 53.422' N., Long. 75° 50.120' W. This area has a 6-knot speed limit at all times during the boating season.



What was requested?

The Department received a request to modify the current boating regulation(s) in the Choptank River from Greensboro to Denton Rd. The request is to make the area a 6-knot speed limit.

Why was this change requested?

The requestor stated:

“The narrow parts of the Choptank River. Primarily the Greensboro area until the river opens up near the Denton area. It seems ridiculously lazy to me, to just have the speed limit of the river be the same from the super narrow areas near Greensboro to the super open areas i.e. Denton. The road from Greensboro to Denton has different speed limits at different areas, why doesn't the river...”

And

“Because people are speeding alot [sic] more than they used to on the river it seems to me. I'm sure the shorelines are suffering more from it as well as things like docks and seawalls I have seen damaged while on my boat rides on the river. If changing the speed limit isn't an option, at least have some DNR officers patrol the water ways [sic] up around the Greensboro area on weekends and holidays like this past Memorial day. We had drunk people partying on boats speeding by our property, who flipped us off when asked to slow down, and then did laps past our dock as fast as they could to do more damage as well. I don't really want to tell anyone how to do their job, but I fish out on my dock almost every day, and it has probably been as long ago as the early 2000s since I have seen a DNR boat go by patrolling the area.”

Who will this affect?

- All boaters.

Maps of the Area

