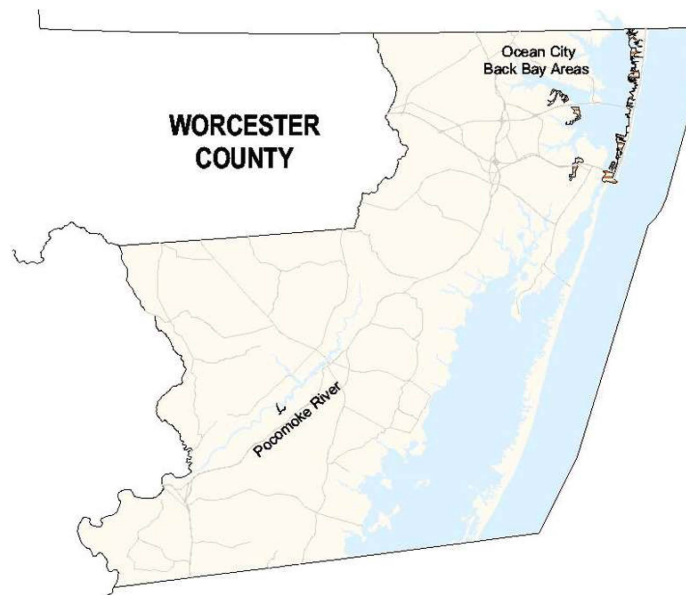


## Worcester County– Sinepuxent Bay, Ocean City



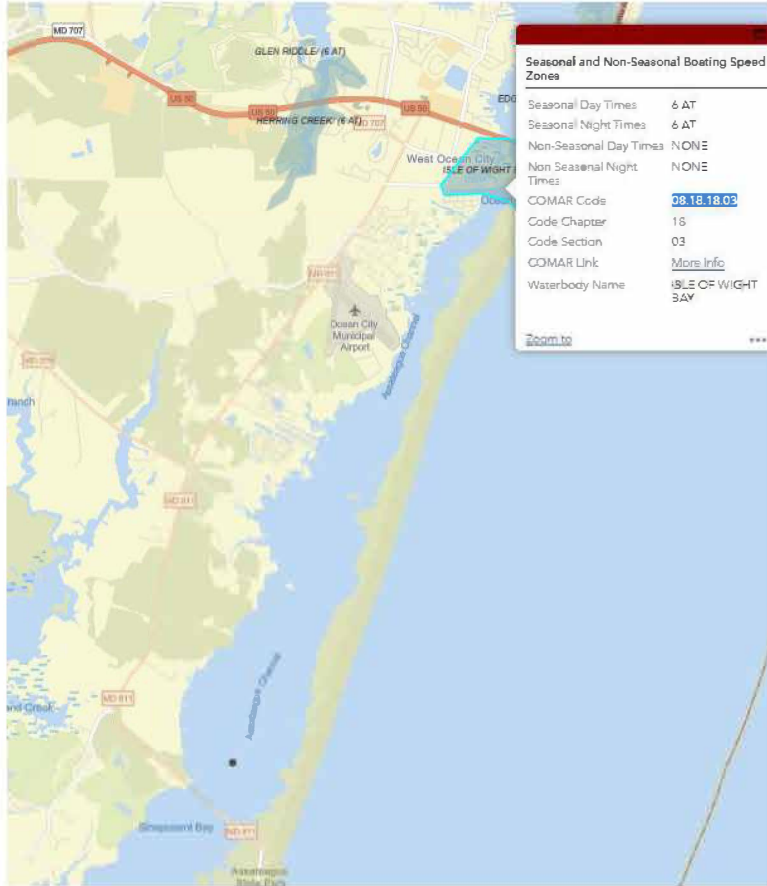
### What is the current regulation for the area?

There is a current 6-knot speed limit, effective at all times during the boating season. The current regulation is as follows:

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#### **.03 Isle of Wight Bay**

Isle of Wight Bay encompasses the area enclosed by a line beginning at the Oceanic Fishing Pier, at or near Lat. 38° 19.572'N., Long. 75° 5.473' W., then running 230° (True) to the north end of Assateague Island, at or near Lat. 38° 19.445'N., Long. 75° 5.668' W., then running westerly along the shore to the west end of a jetty, at or near Lat. 38° 19.550'N., Long. 75° 5.827' W., then running 286° (True) to a point on the shore, at or near Lat. 38° 19.610'N., Long. 75° 6.097' W., then running easterly and northerly along the shore to the west end of the U.S. Route 50 bridge, at or near Lat. 38° 20.050'N., Long. 75° 5.810' W., then running 111° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 19.977'N., Long. 75° 5.573' W., then running 18° (True) to a point, at or near Lat. 38° 20.137'N., Long. 75° 5.507' W., then running 108° (True) to Second Street, at or near Lat. 38° 20.088'N., Long. 75° 5.322' W., then running southerly following the shoreline to the point of beginning, including all tributaries. This area has a 6-knot speed limit, during the boating season.



### **What was requested?**

The Department received a request to expand the existing 6-knot speed limit effective at all times for Isle of Wight Bay. The request is to extend the area South to Sinepuxent Bay Channel Buoy 3. Sinepuxent Bay from the North tip of Assateague Island at Sinepuxent Bay Channel Lighted Wreck Buoy WR2, South to Sinepuxent Bay Channel Buoy 3.

### **Why was this change requested?**

The requestor stated:

“Increased number of boaters navigating through that area during the summer season pushing boats outside the marked channel. Increased amount of boats beached along Assateague along the same channel creating an excessive and dangerous wake/wave action on shore situation. Increased and accelerated amount of erosion to Assateague Island in the same area. Boaters traveling at a higher speed heading North and reducing speed quickly into a very busy intersection starting at Sinepuxent Bay Channel Wreck Buoy WR2 and Sinepuxent Bay Channel Buoy 1.”

### **Who will this affect?**

- All boaters.

**Maps of the Area**

