

§ 3.4 Accidents.

(a) All incidents involving an accident, collision, fire injury or other casualty shall be reported to the superintendent within 24 hours. Filing this report does not satisfy applicable United States Coast Guard, State and county accident report requirements.

(b) Failure to report an incident to the superintendent as soon as possible is prohibited.

§ 3.5 Inspections.

(a) Authorized persons may at any time stop or board a vessel to examine documents, licenses or permits relating to operation of the vessel, and to inspect such vessel to determine compliance with regulations pertaining to safety equipment and operation.

(b) An authorized person who observes a vessel being operated without sufficient lifesaving or firefighting devices, or in an overloaded or unsafe condition, as defined in United States Coast Guard or National Park Service regulations, may direct the operator to take immediate and reasonable steps necessary for the safety of those aboard the vessel, including but not limited to directing the operator to:

(1) Correct the hazardous condition immediately;

(2) Proceed to a mooring, dock, or anchorage; or

(3) Suspend further use of the boat until the hazardous condition is corrected.

(c) Violation of directions issued in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section is prohibited.

§ 3.6 Prohibited operations.

The following are prohibited:

(a) Operating a vessel, or knowingly allowing another person to operate a vessel, in a reckless or negligent manner, or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger a person or property.

(b) Operating a vessel when under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance to a degree that may endanger oneself or another person or damage property or park resources.

(c) Failing to observe restrictions established by a regulatory marker.

(d) Operating a vessel in excess of 5 mph or creating a wake:

(1) In areas so designated; or

(2) Within 100 feet of a diver's marker, downed water skier or swimmer.

(e) Operating a vessel not propelled by hand within 500 feet of a location designated as a swimming beach. This prohibition does not apply in locations such as rivers, channels, or narrow coves where passage is restricted to less than 500 feet. In such restrictive locations, the operation of a vessel in excess of 5 mph or creating a wake is prohibited.

(f) Allowing a person to ride on the gunwales, transom, or on the decking over the bow of a vessel propelled by machinery, operating in excess of 5 mph; *Provided, however,* That this provision shall not apply under the following circumstances:

(1) When that portion of the vessel was designed and constructed for the purpose of carrying passengers safely at all speeds,

(2) When the vessel is being maneuvered for anchoring, mooring or casting off moorings.

(g) Attaching a vessel to or interfering with a marker, navigation buoy or other navigational aid.

(h) Using trailers to launch or recover vessels, except at designated launching sites.

(i) Launching a vessel propelled by machinery at other than designated launch sites.

(j) Operating a vessel propelled by machinery on waters not directly accessible by road.

(k) Launching or operating airboats.

(l) Operating a vessel in excess of designated size, length or width restrictions.

§ 3.7 Noise abatement.

Operating a vessel in or upon inland waters so as to exceed a noise level of 82 decibels measured at a distance of 82 feet (25 meters) from the vessel is prohibited. Testing procedures employed to determine such noise levels shall be in accordance with or equal to the Exterior Sound Level Measurement Procedure for Vessels recommended by the Society of Automotive Engineers SAE-J34a (Revised April, 1977).

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§ 3.20 Water skiing.

(a) The towing of persons by vessels is prohibited, except in designated waters.

(b) Where towing is authorized, the following are prohibited:

(1) Towing between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

(2) Towing without one person (other than the operator) observing the progress of the person being towed.

(3) Towing a person who is not wearing a personal flotation device. If the person being towed is wearing a flotation device not approved by the United States Coast Guard, there must be an approved personal flotation device readily available in the towing vessel.

(4) Towing or being towed in channels or within 500 feet of areas designated as harbors, swimming beaches, or mooring areas, or within 100 feet of a person fishing or swimming, or a diver's marker.

§ 3.21 Swimming and bathing.

(a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Swimming or bathing in locations designated as closed.

(2) Swimming or bathing in violation of designated restrictions.

(3) Swimming from vessels which are underway, except in circumstances where a capable operator is on board and all propulsion machinery is off and/or sails are furled.

(b) The superintendent may prohibit the use of flotation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible sporting activities within locations designated as swimming beaches.

§ 3.22 Surfing.

The use of surfboards and similar rigid devices within locations designated as swimming beaches is prohibited.

§ 3.23 SCUBA and snorkeling.

The following are prohibited:

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling within locations designated as swimming, docking, or mooring areas, except in accordance with conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

(b) Diving in waters open to the use of vessels, other than those propelled

by hand, without displaying a standard diver flag.

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§ 4.1 Applicability and scope.

The applicability of the regulations in this part is described in §1.2 of this chapter. The regulations in this part also apply, regardless of land ownership, on all roadways and parking areas within a park area that are open to public traffic and that are under the legislative jurisdiction of the United States.

§ 4.2 State law applicable.

(a) Unless specifically addressed by regulations in this chapter, traffic and the use of vehicles within a park area are governed by State law. State law that is now or may later be in effect is adopted and made a part of the regulations in this part.

(b) Violating a provision of State law is prohibited.

§ 4.3 Authorized emergency vehicles.

(a) The operator of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency or when pursuing or apprehending an actual or suspected violator of the law, may:

- (1) Disregard traffic control devices;
- (2) Exceed the speed limit; and
- (3) Obstruct traffic.