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BOATING SAFETY REGULATIONS

Definitions

Sec. 15-121-A1. Definitions.

As used in [sections 15-121-A2](#) to 15-140j-3, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Marker" means either a floating or a fixed object to be used to aid or regulate waterway traffic. There shall be three types of markers: regulatory, navigational and special purpose.
- (b) "Steerage speed" means the minimum speed necessary to allow a vessel to be steered while making forward progress.
- (c) "Bow" means the forward half of a vessel.
- (d) "Hull" means the outside body of a vessel exclusive of the deck or any superstructure, masts, or rigging.
- (e) "Emergency" means a situation in which life, limb, or property are at imminent and serious risk.
- (f) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Environmental Protection.
- (g) "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation or other entity.
- (h) "Town" includes city, town, borough or any other political subdivision of the state.
- (i) "PFD" means personal flotation device bearing a United States Coast Guard approval number which indicates the performance type of the device.

(j) "Slow-No-Wake" means that a vessel shall not produce more than a minimum wake and shall not attain speeds greater than 6 miles per hour over the ground unless a higher minimum speed is necessary to maintain steerageway when traveling with a strong current. In no case shall the wake produced by the vessel be such that it creates a danger of injury to persons, or will damage vessels or structures of any kind.

(k) "Federal waters" means the navigable waters of the United States, as defined by [33 CFR 2.36\(a\)](#), within the territorial limits of the state.

(l) "State waters" means all waters within the territorial limits of the state except federal waters.

(m) "Waters of the state" means all waters, including federal waters, within the territorial limits of the state.

(n) "marine dealer" means a person engaged in the business of manufacturing, selling or repairing new or used vessels.

(o) "marine engine manufacturer" means a person engaged in the business of manufacturing, selling or repairing marine engines.

(p) "marine surveyor" means a person who is certified by the National Association of Marine Surveyors or accredited by the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors and who is engaged in the business of inspection, survey or examination of vessels or associated equipment to assess, monitor and report on the condition of the vessel or associated equipment.

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