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MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 11-26 (Update 1)

September 2, 2026

Special Local Regulations; Marine Events within the East Coast Guard District (Bay Bridge Paddle)

Notice is hereby given for the establishment of a regulated area, under the authority provided in Title 46 U.S.C. § 70041, which authorizes the Coast Guard to regulate marine events and provides broad responsibility and authority over events on, in, and under the water. The Commandant has issued regulations on this event in Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 100.

USCG regulated area established during The Bay Bridge Paddle on September 13, 2026



As described in Table 2 to Paragraph (i)(2) in [33 CFR § 100.501](#), a regulated area is established for all navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay between and adjacent to the spans of the William P. Lane Jr. Memorial Bridges from shoreline to shoreline, bounded to the north by a line drawn parallel and 500 yards north of the north bridge span that originates from the western shoreline at latitude 39°01'05.23" N, longitude 076°23'47.93" W; thence eastward to latitude 39°01'02.08" N, longitude 076°22'40.24" W; thence southeastward to eastern shoreline at latitude 38°59'13.70" N, longitude 076°19'58.40" W; and bounded to the south by a line drawn parallel and 500 yards south of the south bridge span that originates from the western shoreline at latitude 39°00'17.08" N, longitude 076°24'28.36" W; thence southward to latitude 38°59'38.36" N, longitude

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076°23'59.67" W; thence eastward to latitude 38°59'26.93" N, longitude 076°23'25.53" W; thence eastward to the eastern shoreline at latitude 38°58'40.32" N, longitude 076°20'10.45" W, located between Sandy Point and Kent Island, MD. The regulated area will be enforced from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on September 13, 2026. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983; please see the diagram above.

The Captain of the Port (COTP) may assign one or more official patrol vessels, as described in [33 CFR § 100.40](#). The patrol vessels and Event Patrol Commander (PATCOM) can be contacted on Marine Band Radio, VHF-FM Channel 16. The Event PATCOM may terminate the event, or the operation of any vessel participating in the marine event, at any time deemed necessary for the protection of life or property. The Event PATCOM or Official Patrol may forbid and control the movement of all vessels and persons in the regulated area. When hailed or signaled by an Official Patrol vessel, the person or vessel being hailed must immediately comply with all directions given. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the area, citation for failure to comply, or both. The operator of a vessel in the regulated area must stop the vessel immediately when directed to do so by an Official Patrol and then proceed only as directed. A person or vessel must comply with all instructions of the Event PATCOM or Official Patrol. A vessel operator may request permission to enter and transit through the regulated area by contacting the Event PATCOM or Official Patrol on VHF-FM Channel 16. When authorized to transit through the regulated area, the vessel must proceed at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course that minimizes wake near the event area.

The Coast Guard will publish a notice in the East Coast Guard District Local Notice to Mariners and issue a marine information broadcast on VHF-FM marine band radio announcing specific event date and times. Questions about the marine event or this bulletin should be addressed to the COTP Maryland-National Capital Region, Waterways Management Division staff, at (410) 576-2596 or 2519, or via email at MDNCRMarineEvents@uscg.mil.

Captain of the Port (COTP) means the Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region or any Coast Guard Commissioned, Warrant or Petty Officer who has been authorized by the COTP to act on his behalf.

Event Patrol Commander (Event PATCOM) means a Commissioned, Warrant or Petty Officer of the U.S. Coast Guard who has been designated by the Commander, Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region.

Official Patrol means any vessel assigned or approved by COTP with a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board and displaying a Coast Guard ensign, or any state or local law enforcement vessel approved by the COTP in accordance with current local agreements.

Participant means any person or vessel registered with the event sponsor as participating in The Great Chesapeake Bay Swim event or otherwise designated by event sponsor as having a function tied to the event.

Non-participant means a person or vessel not registered with the event sponsor either as a participant or an Official Patrol vessel.

PENALTY: Vessels or persons violating this section may be liable pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 70041(d)(1)(B)-(D). Under [33 CFR 27.3](#) (Penalty Adjustment Table), the maximum civil monetary penalty for violation is \$13,295.