

**§ 334.170 Chesapeake Bay, in the vicinity of Chesapeake Beach, Md.; firing range, Naval Research Laboratory.**

(a) *The danger zone*—(1) *Area A.* A roughly rectangular area bounded on the north by latitude 38°39'55"; on the south by latitude 38°39'09"; on the east by longitude 76°31'03"; and on the west by the shore of Chesapeake Bay.

(2) *Area B.* The sector of a circle bounded by radii of 9,600 yards bearing 31° (to Bloody Point Bar Light) and 137°30' (to Choptank River Approach Buoy 2), respectively, from the center at the southeast corner of building No. 3; excluding Area A.

(3) *Area C.* The segment of a circle inclosed by the arcs of two circles having radii of 9,600 yards and 13,200 yards, respectively, and bounded by the extended radii marking the north and south limits of Area B.

NOTE: All bearings referred to true meridian.

(4) *Area D.* A roughly rectangular area bounded on the north by an east-west line through Chesapeake Beach Light 2 at the entrance channel to Fishing Creek; on the south by an east-west line through Plum Point Shoal Buoy 1 northeast from Breezy Point; on the east by the established fishing structure limit line; and on the west by the shore of Chesapeake Bay.

(b) *The regulations.* (1) No person or vessel shall enter or remain in Area A at any time.

(2) No person or vessel shall enter or remain in Area B or Area C between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily except Sundays, except that through navigation of commercial craft will be permitted in Area C at all times, but such vessels shall proceed on their normal course and shall not delay their progress.

(3) No fishing structures, other than those presently in established locations, which may be maintained, will be permitted to be established in Area D without specific permission from the Commanding Officer, Naval Research Laboratory.

(4) The areas will be in use throughout the year, and no further notice is contemplated that firing is continuing.

(5) Prior to the conduct of each firing practice a patrol vessel will patrol the range to warn navigation. "Baker" will

be flown from a conspicuous point on the patrol vessel and from a prominent position on shore.

(6) This section shall be enforced by the Commander, Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia, and such agencies as he/she may designate.

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**§ 334.180 Patuxent River, Md.; restricted areas, U.S. Naval Air Test Center, Patuxent River, Md.**

(a) Except in the gut off the tip of Point Patience, no person in the water and no craft shall approach closer than 75 yards to the beaches, shoreline, or piers of the area formerly occupied by the U.S. Naval Mine Warfare Test Station, or of U.S. Naval Air Station property. A person in the water or a civilian craft shall not approach rafts, barges, or platforms closer than 100 yards.

(b) Diving tenders will exhibit a square red flag with white X when underwater diving takes place from naval small craft. At such times, persons in the water and civilian craft shall stay at least 200 yards clear of these vessels and the civilian craft shall proceed at a speed not greater than five knots when within 1,000 yards thereof.

(c) On occasions, seaplane landings and takeoffs will be practiced in the seadrome area north of the U.S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River. This area includes those waters of the Patuxent River between Town Point and Hog Point shoreward of a line described as follows: Beginning at a point on the shore just west of Lewis Creek, bearing 161°30' true, 2,000 yards from Patuxent River Light 8; thence to a point bearing 130° true, 1,850 yards from Patuxent River Light 8; thence to a point bearing 247°30' true, 3,650 yards from Drum Point Light 2; thence to point bearing 235° true, 2,060 yards from Drum Point Light 2; thence to a point bearing 129° true, 700 yards from Drum Point Light 2; thence to a point bearing 137° true, 1,060 yards from Drum Point Light 2; and thence to a point on the shore west of Harper Creek entrance, bearing 158°30' true, 1,900 yards from Drum Point Light 2.

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(d) The regulations in this section shall be enforced by the Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md., and such agencies as he may designate.

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**§ 334.190 Chesapeake Bay, in vicinity of Bloodsworth Island, Md.; shore bombardment, air bombing, air strafing, and rocket firing area, U.S. Navy.**

(a) *The areas*—(1) *Prohibited area.* All waters within a circle 0.5-mile in radius with its center at latitude 38°10'00", longitude 76°06'00".

(2) *The danger zone.* All waters of Chesapeake Bay and Tangier Sound within an area bounded as follows: Beginning at latitude 38°08'15", longitude 76°10'00"; thence to latitude 38°12'00", longitude 76°10'00"; thence to latitude 38°12'00", longitude 76°07'00"; thence to latitude 38°13'00", longitude 76°06'00"; thence to latitude 38°13'00", longitude 76°04'00"; thence to latitude 38°12'00", longitude 76°02'00"; thence to latitude 38°12'00", longitude 76°00'00"; thence to latitude 38°08'15", longitude 76°00'00"; thence to the point of beginning, excluding the prohibited area described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) *The regulations.* (1) Persons, vessels or other craft shall not enter or remain in the prohibited area at any time unless authorized to do so by the enforcing agency.

(2) No person, vessel or other craft shall enter or remain in the danger zone when notified by the enforcing authority to keep clear or when firing is or will soon be in progress, except as provided in paragraph (b)(5) of this section.

(3) Advance notice will be given of the dates and times of all firings in the danger zone and such notice will be published in the local "Notice to Mariners." The area will be in use intermittently throughout the year. On days when firing is conducted, firing will take place normally between sunrise and 12 midnight.

(4) Prior to the commencement of firing each day in the danger zone, surface or air search of the entire area will be made for the purpose of locating

and warning all craft and persons not connected with the firing, and a patrol will be maintained throughout the duration of firing.

(5) Warning that ships are firing or soon will be firing in the danger zone will be indicated during daylight by a red flag prominently displayed from a control tower on Adams Island at latitude 38°09'06", longitude 76°05'22", and at night by a white light on top of the control tower. Warning that aircraft are firing or soon will be firing will be indicated by the aircraft patrolling the area. All persons, vessels, or other craft shall clear the area when these signals are displayed or when warned by patrol vessels or by aircraft employing the method of warning known as "buzzing" which consists of low flight by the airplane and repeated opening and closing of the throttle. As an additional warning to crabbing, fishing, and other small craft, and vessels, the control tower on Adams Island will broadcast firing intentions on citizens band radio using channels 11 and 12.

(6) During hours when firing is in progress or is about to commence, no fishing or oystering vessels or other craft not directly connected with the firing shall navigate within the danger zone, except that deep-draft vessels proceeding in established navigation lanes and propelled by mechanical power at a speed greater than 5 knots normally will be permitted to traverse the area. When ships are firing or soon will be firing in the danger zone, permission for such deep-draft vessels to enter and traverse the area will be indicated during daylight by dipping the red warning flag to half-mast, and at night flashing the warning searchlight. When aircraft are firing or soon will be firing in the danger zone, such deep-draft vessels may proceed unless warned to stay clear of the area by the method of warning known as "buzzing."

(7) When firing is not in progress or is not about to commence, oystering and fishing boats and other craft may operate within the danger zone.

(8) All projectiles, bombs, and rockets will be fired to land on Bloodsworth Island or Pone Island, but Naval authorities will not be responsible for damage by such projectiles, bombs, or