



START ACTION NOTICE (SAN)

SAN # 2025-05

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1. TYPE OF ACTION AND THE REGULATION NUMBER AND NAME:

DNREC, NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE PROPOSES ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING REGULATIONS (7 **DE ADMIN CODE** 3100).

2. PURPOSE OF ACTION:

This action is needed to amend 7 **DE Admin Code** 3100 to modernize Delaware's boating safety measures in accordance with the safety procedures outlined by the United States Coast Guard and present federal law. The anticipated changes include increased thresholds for reportable accidents, updated administrative criteria for boating registration filing/processing, addition of required engine cut-off switches and changes to reflect modern terminology and conventions. The amendments should result in efficiencies to both the agency and regulated community. The amendments are not anticipated to have a detectable impact on the environment nor result in costs to the affected entities.

3. STATUTORY BASIS:

Statutory basis for these changes is authorized under Title 23, Delaware Code, Chapter 2114.

4. IS THIS PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF FEDERAL STATUTE OR REGULATION? IF SO, PROVIDE LINK TO FEDERAL MANDATE.

Yes. [eCFR :: 33 CFR Part 173 -- Vessel Numbering and Casualty and Accident Reporting](#)
[eCFR :: 33 CFR Part 174 -- State Numbering and Casualty Reporting Systems](#)
[eCFR :: 33 CFR Part 175 -- Equipment Requirements](#)
[46 USC 4312 - Engine cut-off switches](#)

5. DATE OF MOST RECENT AMENDMENT/REVIEW (indicate if review was pursuant to 29 **Del.C.** §10407):

- I. Most recent review April 1, 2022.
- II. Reviewed on November 4, 2016, pursuant to HB 147 (29 Del.C. § 10407).
- III. Most recent amendment on May 1, 1998.

6. LIKELY AFFECTED PUBLIC:

Those likely affected are registered boat owners and operators.

7. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Initiate SAN – Spring 2025
Prepare draft proposed regulation – Spring/Summer 2025
Register Notice Publication – Summer 2025
Public Hearing - Fall/Winter 2025
Effective date – January/February 2026

8. REVIEW COMMITTEE:

None. No known advisory council or organized 'outsiders' group/committee currently exists related to boating. Tidal Finfish Advisory Council may have interest as some of the proposed regulations could indirectly impact the fishing community.

9. RESPONSIBLE STAFF MEMBER (name, physical address, phone number and e-mail address):

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10. APPROVALS:

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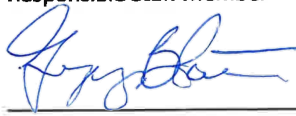
Date

Drew T. Aydelotte
Responsible Staff Member

 4/3/2025

Date

Wayne Kline
Chief, Delaware Natural Resources Police

 May 11, 2025

Date

Gregory Patterson
Secretary