



June 30, 2025

WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS: 2025 Fourth of July Celebration

(Washington, D.C.) – The Metropolitan Police Department announces watercraft restrictions on the Potomac River on Friday, July 4, in conjunction with the 2025 Fourth of July Celebration taking place in the District.

The following watercraft restrictions will be in place on the Potomac River from approximately 9 a.m. on July 4 until 9 a.m. on July 5:

- There will be a designated anchorage zone north of the 14th Street Bridge on the east side of the Potomac River (West Potomac Park shore side); this zone will be just north of the 14th Street Bridge complex to south of the Arlington Memorial Bridge. Anchoring will be allowed until 9:00 am on July 5.
- There will be a watercraft security/safety zone north of the 14th Street Bridge on the east side of the Potomac River (Washington, DC side); this zone will be just north of the entrance to the 14th St Bridge Complex to just north of the Arlington Memorial Bridge. This means no boating, no anchoring.
- Watercraft will be allowed to anchor north of the Key Bridge, outside of the navigable channel.
- There may be intermittent travel restrictions between the 14th Street Bridge and the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge between the hours of 8:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

No Wake Restrictions:

- There will be an intermittent **NO WAKE ZONE** between 14th Street Bridge Complex and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge between the hours of 9:00 p.m. on July 4th – 1:00 a.m. on July 5th.

Watercraft operators will be expected to follow the restrictions and remain alert for posted signage and buoys. MPD recommends that all watercraft operators and passengers not only have a life jacket or a personal floatation device but **wear it at all times** while boating.

As always, do not drink alcohol or use substances that alter your mental status while operating a watercraft.

Boaters seeking additional information should contact MPD's **Harbor Patrol Unit** at **202-727-4582**.

Residents and visitors are urged to be vigilant and follow the motto, *if you see something, say something*. To report immediate threats or emergencies, call **911**.

To report suspicious activity or behavior, call **202-727-9099** or text **50411**.

VHF Radio: The Maritime Joint Operations Center at Pier in the Washington Channel will be activated for this event and will be monitoring **VHF 16** for calls for assistance.

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