

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.

<u>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:</u>

- 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 the14th 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.

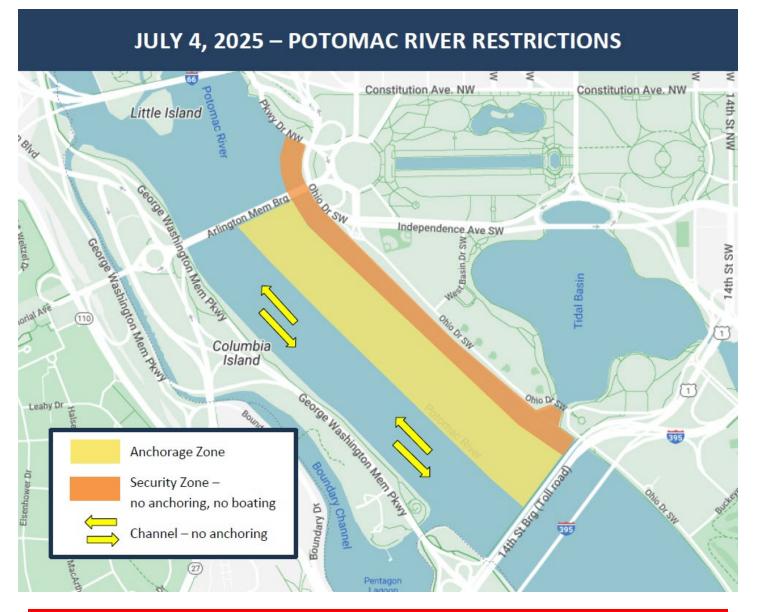
Boaters seeking additional information should contact MPD's Harbor Patrol Unit at 202-727-4582.

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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