

and correspondence involving joint effort or responsibility shall emanate from the Department of Tidewater Fisheries, but be based upon such material as the Department has obtained from the Department of Game and Inland Fish as to matters which are within the jurisdiction of the latter department.

(b) The Department of Tidewater Fisheries and the Department of Game and Inland Fish shall jointly, and to the fullest extent practicable:

(1) make and develop plans, within the limits of available income, for the improvement and promotion of all the waters of Maryland for recreational purposes;

(2) promote the safety of life and property through an educational program directed to boat owners, boat operators and others, as to the inherent hazards of the water, precautions to be observed, and emergency action;

(3) promulgate regulations for the numbering of vessels for identification, the reporting of boating accidents, and governing the safety equipment except those required to be inspected by the federal government, and governing the operation of all vessels;

(4) plan a regulatory program and its related cooperation with the officials of other States and the federal government, and with local agencies;

(5) plan the improvement of the waterways of Maryland through the deepening of channels, the acquisition and development of access areas, the removal of obstructions, the building of docks and clearing waters of aquatic vegetation.

5. UNNUMBERED ~~MOTORBOATS~~ VESSELS PROHIBITED

(a) Every vessel, except those manually propelled, found upon the waters of Maryland shall be numbered for identification in accordance with this Article and any regulations supplementary thereto except:

(1) a vessel which has a valid document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States or any federal agency successor thereto;

(2) a vessel with a valid number awarded to it pursuant to federal law or a federally-approved numbering system of another State, provided that such boat shall not have been in Maryland in excess of ninety days and the number so awarded is displayed in accordance with the requirements of that system and the certificate of number is available for inspection whenever the vessel is in use;

(3) a vessel from a country other than the United States temporarily using the waters of Maryland;

(4) a vessel which is owned by the United States government, another state, or any political subdivision thereof, used in service of the public;

(5) a ship's lifeboat, OR A DINGHY WHICH MUST CARRY THE SAME NUMBER AS THE VESSEL TO WHICH IT IS ATTACHED;

(6) A VESSEL UNDER TWENTY-FIVE (25) FEET IN LENGTH PROPELLED ONLY BY SAIL.