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 “Director” means “Secretary of Natural Resources”
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3.

It is hereby declared to be the intent of this article to [achieve, so far as practicable, uniformity of regulations, requirements, procedures and methods with respect to the numbering, operation, and equipment for the safety of life and property of all vessels subject to this article and which may be within the jurisdiction of either the Department of Tidewater Fisheries or the Department of Game and Inland Fish; that the highest degree of cooperation shall exist between these two agencies; and that, to the fullest extent practicable, these agencies shall] foster the development, use and enjoyment of all the waters of Maryland. It is further declared to be the intent of this article that there shall be the fullest possible cooperation with neighboring states and the federal government in connection with assistance and rescue operations and in the enforcement of laws and regulations relating to recreational boating safety.

4.

[(a) For the purposes of orderly administration, especially in official contacts with other states and the federal government, all reports 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)] (a) 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)] (b) 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)] (c) 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;