COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D. C. LAW 3-25

"Harbor and Boating Safety Act of 1979"

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 3-61, on first and second readings, June 5, 1979 and June 19, 1979 respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on July 12, 1979, this legislation was assigned Act No. 3-70, published in the July 27, 1979, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 26 page 497) and transmitted to Congress on July 18, 1979 for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D.C. Law 3-25, effective September 28, 1979.

ARRINGTON DIXON Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 30-day Congressional Review Period:

July 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31,

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend Article 29 of the Police Regulations of the District of Columbia (Harbor and Boating Safety Regulation) governing the use and operation of vessels in District of Columbia Waters. and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

That this act may be cited as the "Harbor and Boating Safety

Act of 1979".

Sec. 2. Amendment to Article 29 of the Police
Regulations.

Article 29 of the Police Regulations of the District of Columbia, enacted December 27, 1974 (Harbor and Boating Safety Regulation) is amended to read as follows:

MARTICLE 29

"HARBOR AND BOATING SAFETY REGULATIONS

"Sec. 1. <u>Declaration of Policy</u>. It is the policy of the District of Columbia to promote safety for persons and

property in connection with the use and operation of vessels in District of Columbia Waters.

- "Sec. 2. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Article, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:
 - "(a) The term 'associated equipment' means:
- "(1) any system, part, or component of a boat as originally manufactured or any similar part or component manufactured or sold for replacement, repair, or improvement of such system, part, or component;
- "(2) any accessory or equipment for or appurtanence to a boat; and
- "(3) any marine safety article. accessory. or
 equipment intended for use by a person on board a boat; but
 excluding radio equipment.
 - "(b) The term *boat* means any vessel:
- "(1) manufactured or used primarily for noncommercial use;
- "(2) leased, rented, or chartered to another person for such other person's noncommercial use; or
- "(3) engaged in the carrying of six or fewer
- "(c) The term 'boat livery' means any business which rents, lease, or charters, or offers for rent, lease, or charter, any vessel.

- "(d) The term "channels" means those marked or unmarked waterways commonly used for navigation.
- "(e) The term 'charts' means those official scale maps which designate the anchorage areas, channels, and other areas and matters specified in this Article.
- "(f) The term 'Chief of Police' means the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia or his authorized representatives.
- "(q) The term 'Coast Guard' means the United States

 Coast Guard, under the United States Department of

 Transportation or the federal department under which the

 Coast Guard is operating.
- "(n) The term 'District of Columbia Waters' means the area of all navigable waters within the District of Columbia and the shores and structures adjacent to such waters.
- "(i) The term 'emergency law enforcement or fire vessel' means any vessel which is operated under the authority of a government law enforcement agency or fire department with jurisdiction in District of Columbia Waters and which has its blue emergency lights activated or sirens sounding.
- "(j) The term 'Fire Chief' means the Fire Chief of the District of Columbia or his authorized representatives.

- "(k) The term 'harbor lines' mean those limiting lines within the District of Columbia beyond which no piers. wharves, bulkheads, or other works shall extend or deposits be made as established by the Chief of Engineers. Corps of Engineers. United States Army, and the Mayor; approved by the Secretary of the Department of the Army; and on file with the Mayor.
- "(1) The term 'Harbor Master' means the official of the Metropolitan Police Department wno commands the Harbor Unitor its successor, and his authorized representatives, including any police officer acting for him.
- "(m) The term 'hull identification number' means the number assigned to the hull of a vessel by its manufacturer.

 nome builder. or importer under 33 CFR 181.
- "(n) The term 'identification number' means the number assigned to a vessel by the Coast Guard. by a state or United States territory with a numbering system approved by the Secretary of the federal department in which the Coast Guard is operating. or by the District of Columbia under this Article.
- "()) The term 'Mayor' means the Mayor of the District
 of Columbia or his authorized representatives.
- "(D) The term 'Navigation Rules' means those federal
 . laws and rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary

of the federal department in which the Coast Guard is operating relating to the navigation of vessels in navigable waters of the United States, including the 'Pilot Rules for Inland Waters' 33 CFR 80; and the 'Navigation Rules for Inland Waters, Harbors, and Rivers Generally' 33 U.S.C. 151 et seq.

- "(q) The term 'night' means any time from sunset to sunrise and any other time when, due to insufficient light or unfavorable atmospheric conditions, persons, vessels, or other objects in the water or on the shore are not clearly discernible beyond a distance of five hundred feet. The term 'day' means any time other than night.
- "(r) The term 'operator' means any person who operates, or has charge, command, or control of the navigation or use of a vessel.
- "(s) The term 'owner' means any person who claims lawful possession of a vessel by virtue of legal title. or who has an equitable interest therein which entitles him to such possession.
- "(t) The term 'person' means any individual. firm.

 partnership. corporation. company. association. joint-stock

 association. or governmental entity. and any trustee.

 receiver. assignee. or similar representative thereof.

- "(u) The term "passenger" means any person carried on board a vessel other than:
 - "(1) the owner or his representative;
 - *(2) the operator;
- *(3) bona fide members of the crew engaged in the business of the vessel who have contributed no consideration for their carriage and who are paid for their services; or
- "(4) any guest on board a vessel which is being used exclusively for pleasure purposes who has not contributed any consideration, directly or indirectly, for his carriage.
- "(v) The term 'racing shell'. 'rowing scull'. 'racing kayak'. or 'racing canoe' means any manually propelled boat which is recognized by a national or international racing association for use in competitive racing; in which all occupants row. scull. or paddle with the exception of a coxswain. if one is provided; and which is not designed to carry and does not carry any equipment not solely used for competitive racing.
- "(w) The term 'undocumented vessel' means any vessel which does not have and is not required to have a valid marine document as a vessel of the United States.
- "(x) The term 'use' means to operate, navigate, or employ.

- *(y) The term "vessel" means every description of watercraft, other than amphibian aircraft or seaplanes on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.
 - "Sec. 3. Jurisdiction and Duties of the Harbor Master.

"The Harbor Master of the District of Columbia shall regulate the operation, navigation, mooring, and anchoring of all vessels and amphibian aircraft in District of Columbia Waters and shall enforce all laws and regulations relating to such waters.

- "Sec. 4. Registration and Numbering of Vessels.
- *(a) The owners of all vessels using District of Columbia Waters, unless specifically exempted under paragraph (1) of this subsection, shall register with the Harbor Master in the manner provided in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this subsection.
- "(1) The following vessels small be exempt from registration:
- "(A) vessels which are covered by a

 Certificate of Number, in full force and effect, issued by
 the Coast Guard or by a state or United States territory
 with a federally approved numbering system, and which are
 temporarily using District of Columbia Waters;

- *(B) vessels which are from a country other than the United States and which are temporarily using District of Columbia Waters:
- "(C) military or public vessels of the United States government, other than recreational-type public vessels:
- *(D) vessels owned by a state, or subdivision thereof, which are used principally for governmental purposes and which are clearly identifiable as such;
- "(E) a vessel's lifeboat is
 used solely for lifesaving purposes;
 - "(F) vessels used exclusively for racing;
- *(G) vessels operating during the period. not to exceed 30 days. following the filing of an application for a Certificate of Number: PROVIDED. That visible evidence of such application must be present on such vessels; and
- *(+) vessels documented by the Coast Guard which are temporarily using District of Columbia Waters.
- "(2) Use of a vessel which is covered by a

 Certificate of Number issued by the Secretary of the federal

 department in which the Coast Guard is operating or by a

 state or territory of the United States with a federally

 approved numbering system or which is from a country other

than the United States or which has been documented by the Coast Guard in District of Columbia waters for a period in excess of 50 consecutive days shall create a rebuttable presumption that such use is no longer temporary, and that the vessel should be registered in the District of Columbia. Use of such a vessel in District of Columbia waters for a period of 183 days or more during any calendar year shall be prima facie avidence that such use is no longer temporary and that the vessel should be registered in the District of Columbia.

"(3)(A) The owner(s) of vessels required to be registered under this subsection shall annually file an application for registration with the Harbor Master on forms approved by the Chief of Police. The application shall be signed by the owner(s) and shall be accompanied by the fee specified in paragraph (4) of this subsection.

#(8) Upon the filing of a proper registration application, the Harbor Master shall record such application and issue to the applicant a Certificate of Number, containing the identification number assigned to the vessel (except for a documented vessel), the name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s) and such additional information as the Mayor may prescribe, and two annual validation stickers. Certificates of Number shall be pocket size. In

the case of an application for registration renewal, the
Harbor Master shall issue to the applicant two annual
validation stickers, but not a new Certificate of Number.

Annual validation stickers for undocumented vessels shall
meet the specifications set forth in 33 CFR 174.15. The
annual validation stickers for documented vessels shall be
separate and distinct from the annual validation stickers
for undocumented vessels. The registration year for vessels
shall extend from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Certificates of Number issued pursuant to this Article shall
expire on December 31 of the year of issue unless the owner
renews the vessel's registration for an additional year or
unless the registration is terminated or discontinued prior
to December 31 in accordance with subsection (d) of this
section.

- *(C) Should the ownership of a registered vessel change, a new application form, accompanied by the appropriate registration fee, shall be filed with the Harbor Master by the new owner(s) and a new Certificate of Number shall be issued to the applicant. The identification number assigned to such vessel may be identical to the previously assigned identification number.
- "(4) The owners of all vessels required to be registered under subsection (a) of this section. other than

recreational-type public vessels of the United States
government, shall remit with their applications for
registration or registration renewal the following fees:

- "(A) For each vessel equipped with propulsion machinery of any type, \$10.00 per registration year or fraction thereof.
- *(B) For each vessel not equipped with propulsion machinery of any type. \$2.00 per registration year or fraction thereof.
- "(I) For replacement of a lost or destroyed Certificate of Number or set of validation stickers, \$1.00.
- "(b)(1) Vessels, other than documented vessels, required to be registered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be numbered in accordance with this subsection. No person shall operate or give permission for the operation of any vessel on District of Columbia Waters unless the vessel is numbered in accordance with this subsection, a numbering system administered by the Coast Guard, or a federally approved numbering system of a state or United States territory.
- "(2) The Certificate of Number issued to the owner of a vessel shall be available at all times for inspection on the vessel for which it is issued whenever the vessel is in use. The Certificate of Number for a readily

identifiable liveryboat of less than 26 feet in length leased, rented, or chartered to another person for such other person's noncommercial use for less than seven days may be retained on shore by the vessel owner or his representative at the place from which the vessel departs or returns to the possession of the owner or his representative: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That a copy of the lease or rantal agreement for such vessel signed by the owner or his representative and the person renting, leasing, or chartering the vessel and containing at least the identification number and the beriod of time for which the vessel is rented, leased, or chartered must be in the possession of the operator on board the vessel.

"(3) The identification number contained in the Certificate of Number shall be displayed on each side of the forward nalf of the vessel in such a position as to be distinctly visible and legible. The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters of good proportion not less than 3 inches in height. The number shall be of a color which will contrast with the color of the background, be so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible, and have spaces or hyphans that are equal to the width of a letter other than "I" or a number "I" between

the letter and number grouping (Example: DC 5678 EF or DC-5678-EF).

- "(4) When a vessel is used by a manufacturer or dealer for testing or demonstration, the identification number may be painted on, or attached to, removable plates that are temporarily but firmly attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel.
- "(5) On vessels so configured that a number on the null or superstructure would not be easily visible, the number must be painted on, or attached to, a backing plate that is attached to the forward half of the vessel so that the number is visible from each side of the vessel.
- *(6) Except on documentated vessels. no number other than the current identification number validly assigned to a vessel shall be painted. attached. or otherwise displayed on each side of the forward half of a vessel.
- "(7) The annual validation stickers issued by the Harbor Master for undocumented vessels shall be displayed on each such vessel within 6 inches of the vessel identification number. The annual validation stickers issued by the Harbor Master for documented vessels shall be conspicuously displayed on the forward half of such vessels.

- "(8) Nothing in this section promibits the registration of any vessel hereunder upon the request of the owner even though such vessel is exempt from registration under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this section.
- "(9) The Harbor Master is authorized to issue hull identification numbers in accordance with 33 CFR 181.
- "(10) In the event that a department or agency of the United States government shall have in force an overall system of numbering identification for vessels within the United States, the numbering system administered by the Harbor Master pursuant to this Article shall be in conformity therewith.
- "(c) A person whose name appears as the owner of a vessel on a Certificate of Number shall, within 15 days, notify the Harbor Master in writing of:
 - "(1) any change in his address, or name;
 - "(2) the theft or recovery of the vessel;
- "(3) the loss or destruction of a valid Certificate of Number;
- "(4) the transfer of all or part of his interest in the vessel, other than the creation of a security interest in the District of Columbia;
- "(5) the destruction or abandonment of the vessel; and

- "(6) the documentation of the vessel.
- *(d) A person whose name appears as the owner of a vessel on a Certificate of Number shall surrender the Certificate to the Harbor Master within 15 days after such Certificate becomes invalid.
- "(1) A Certificate of Number issued by the Harbor Master is invalid if the application for the Certificate of Number contains a false or fraudulent statement or if the annual fees required by paragraph (4) of subsection (a) have not been paid.
- "(2) A Certificate of Number which has not expired is invalid after the date on which the person whose name appears as the owner of the vessel on such Certificate of Number transfers all of his ownership in the vessel. or the vessel is destroyed or abandoned.
- "(3) A Certificate of Number is invalid 60 days after the date on which the vessel is no longer principally used in District of Columbia Waters.
- *(4) A Cartificate of Number is invalid when the person whose name appears on the Cartificate as the owner involuntarily loses his interest in the vessel by legal process.

- "(5) A Certificate of Number is invalid after the date upon which the vessel is documented or required to be documented under 45 CFR 67.
- "(a) The person whose name appears as the owner of a vessel on the Certificate of Number shall remove the identification number displayed on the vessel and the validation stickers whenever the Certificate of Number expires or becomes invalid. If the vessel is reregistered in the District, the identification number assigned to the vessel may be identical to the previously assigned identification number.
 - "Sec. 5. Speed Limitations.
- "(a) The Mayor is authorized to establish speed limits for vessels using District of Columbia Waters. The speed of all power vessels, except for police and fire vessels responding to an emergency, shall be regulated to avoid danger or injury to persons or to other vessels, whether floating, anchored or underway, or to piers, wharves, bulkheads, bridges or other waterfront construction, either directly or by the effect of the wash or wake raised by such power vessels through its speed or otherwise.
- "(D) Except in the case of an emergency or except as otherwise provided by the Mayor pursuant to subsection (a), no power-driven vessel shall be propelled or operated at a

rate greater than six statute miles per hour in the Potomac River upstream from Arlington Memorial Bridge. in the Washington Channel upstream from Hains Point, in the Anacostia River upstream from Green Leaf Point to the Benning Road Bridge; or at a rate greater than ten statute miles per nour when passing the wharf area of Alexandria, Virginia. The speed limits specified in this subsection shall not apply to vessels of the District of Columbia or United States governments which are responding to or engaging in any emergency condition, or to hydrofoil or air cushion vessels or vahicles which are operated for demonstration or experimentation purposes under the authority of a permit issued by the Chief of Police: PROVIDED. That no hydrofoil or air cushion vessel or vehicle shall exceed a speed of ten statute miles per hour in the area between the westerly shore line of the Potomac River and a line 100 yards east of the parallel to the pierhead line, petween Jones Point and First Street, in the City of Alexandria. Virginia. or exceed a speed of six statute miles per hour in any of the following areas:

- *(1) upstream of the Arlington Memorial Bridge;
- *(2) in the Washington Channel; and
- *(3) within the area of the Potomac River west of a line between Hunter Point and Daingerfield Island.

"Sec. 6. Equipment Standards.

- *(a) No owner, operator, or other person having charge or control of any vessel, except racing shells, racing canoes, rowing sculls and racing kayaks, shall permit or suffer such vessel to be underway in District of Columbia waters unless:
- "(1) Each vessel carrying passengers for hire and all commercial vessels 40 feet and over not carrying passengers for hire shall have at least one type I Coast Guard approved personal floatation device of a suitable size for each person on board.
- "(2) Each commercial vessel not nired for the

 purpose of carrying passengers. less than 40 feet in length.

 shall have at least one type I. II or III Coast Guard

 approved personal floatation device of a suitable size for

 each person on board.
- *(3) All vessels shall have on board, except as specifically provided in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, the requisite number and type of approved personal floatation devices for each person on board for the type of vessel underway, as determined by the Coast Guard.
- "(4) All vessels and associated equipment on all
 vessels shall comply with boat and safety equipment
 standards promulgated pursuant to the Federal Boat Safety

Act of 1971 (46 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.) and the Motorboat Act of 1940 (46 U.S.C. 526 et seq.).

- "(b) The Mayor may promulgate additional regulations.

 not inconsistent with section 10 of the Federal Boating

 Safety Act of 1971 (46 U.S.C. 1459) and the regulations

 promulgated thereunder. relating to requirements for

 associated equipment on vessels.
- "(c) Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices designed to be worn shall be in good and serviceable condition and readily accessible at all times to each person on board a vessel.
- "(d) Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices designed to be thrown shall be in good and serviceable condition and placed on board so as to be immediately available at all times.

"Sac. 7. Boat Liveries.

"(a) The owner of a boat livery shall cause to be kept a record of the name and addresses of each person renting. leasing, or chartering any vessel, the name and addresses of all persons to be carried on such vessel, the identification number of such vessel, the date and time of departure, and the expected date and time of return. The record shall be preserved for at least six months and shall be subject to

inspection by the Harbor Master or his authorized representatives.

- "(b) Neither the owner of a boat livery nor his agent or employee shall permit any vessel to depart from his possession unless it has been provided, either by the owner or the lessee, with the equipment required by section 5 of this Article and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.
- "(c) No person engaged or employed in the business of renting canoes in the District of Columbia shall rent any canoe without first instructing the person or persons renting the canoe in its operation and in the use of the personal floatation devices with which it is equipped. Such instructions may be either oral or written, and shall include instructions substantially equivalent to those prescribed by the Mayor pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.
- *(d) The Mayor is authorized to prescribe minimum
 standards for cance safety instructions, including standards
 relating to the need for warning persons renting cances to
 avoid standing up in them while underway, and an explanation
 of basic cance strokes, rules of the road for vessels, the
 meaning of channel marker buoys, and the meaning of distress
 signals for small boats.

- "Sec. 8. Anchoring and Mooring Procedures.
- *(a) The Mayor is authorized to abolish existing anchorage areas in District of Columbia Waters, whether established by law in the D.C. Code or by local regulation. and establish new anchorage areas in such locations as he shall determine pursuant to section 895 of An Act to astablish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1331; D.C. Code, sec. 22-1701). No vessel or amphibian aircraft shall be anchored in such a manner or location as to obstruct channels in District of Columbia Waters, nor shall any vessel or amphibian aircraft be anchored in District of Columbia waters, other than in established anchorage areas, for in excess of twenty-four hours without the prior approval of the Harbor Master, or in portions of District of Columbia waters designated by the Harbor Master as areas where anchorage is prohibited. In applishing or establishing anchorage and mooring areas. the Mayor small comply with section 105 of the District of Columnia Administrative Procedure Act (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1505).
- "(b) Vessels coming to anchor within District of Columbia Waters shall comply with applicable federal laws and regulations requiring anchor lights on vessels at anchor on navigable waters of the United States.

- M(c) No person other than the Harbor Master shall place mooring buoys in District of Columbia Waters: PROVIDED.

 That nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as pronibiting the continued use and maintenance of mooring buoys placed prior to the effective date of the 'Harbor and Boating Safety Emergency Act of 1979' subject to such regulations as the Mayor may prescribe. The Harbor Master is authorized to remove any mooring buoy placed. or used and maintained. in violation of this subsection or the regulations promulgated hereunder.
- "(d) The Mayor is authorized to promulgate regulations relating to the proper use of anchorage areas in District of Columbia Waters.
 - "Sac. 9. Entering Designated Areas.
- m(a) Except with the permission of the Harbor Master.

 no owner, operator, or person otherwise in charge or control

 of any vessel shall allow such vessel to enter into or

 remain in any area in District of Columbia Waters designated

 by the Mayor or other proper authority as a restricted area

 for use for a regatta, race, marine parade, marine

 tournament, marine exhibition, or similar organized aquatic

 event or designated by the Harbor Master or other proper

 authority as a restricted area in the vicinity of an

 emergency. The Harbor Master shall remove, or cause to be

removed, and may impound any vessel entering into or remaining in any restricted area without his permission. Any owner, operator, or person otherwise in charge or control of a vessel who enters into a restricted area, or fails or refuses to remove such vessel from a restricted area, shall be in violation of this Article. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting the passage through restricted areas of vessels operated by the governments of the United States or District of Columbia. This subsection and other applicable provisions of this Article shall be controlling as to any aquatic event held in District of Columbia Waters except to the extent that they are inconsistent or in conflict with any laws or regulations administered by the Coast Guard relating to a particular aquatic event held under the supervision of the Coast Guard.

"(b) Persons diving (whether self-contained diving or surface-supplied air or mixed gas diving within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910-402) in District of Columbia waters shall display, in the manner provided by the Mayor by regulation, a diving flag of a type approved by the Mayor. Such flag shall be red in color with a white diagonal stripe. No vessel, except for the vessel or vessels attending the diver, shall operate within 150 feet of any flag so

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displayed. Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as amending, superseding, or in any way changing the prohibition against diving contained in section 8-2:808(b) of the Health Regulations of the District of Columbia.

"Sec. 10. <u>Sale: Handling and Transportation of</u>

<u>Explosives: Trude Petroleum: Petroleum Products: Gaspline:</u>

<u>and other Similar Volatile Liquids:</u>

- M(a) No vessel without a power unit permanently installed within its hull shall dispense gaspline, fuel, pil, or any other flammable bils or betroleum products in District of Columbia Waters without a special permit issued by the District of Columbia. Nothing contained in this subsection shall apply to an oil company licensed to do business in the District of Columbia which is transferring pasoline, fuel oil, or other flammable oils or petroleum broducts to a bublic utility or government agency.
- "(b) No gasoline or other similar volatile liquid shall be kapt for sale on board any vessel in District of Columbia waters without a permit or license issued by the District of Columbia Fire Chief. Prior to issuing a permit or license under this subsection, the Fire Chief shall require an applicant to furnish a valid certificate of inspection

issued by the Coast Guard as evidence that the vessel is suitable for its intended use.

- "(c) All rules and regulations promulgated by the Coast Guard relating to tank vessels shall be observed.
- "(d) No fuel vessel having gasoline or bils aboard for sale shall. While tied to any wharf or pier within the District of Columbia. dispense gasoline or bils for use in any motor vehicle. All such vessels shall be equipped with and use anchor and tie lines of metal chain or cable.
- "(e) All vessels carrying storage tanks equipped with facilities for dispensing gasoline snall empty and thoroughly purge all such storage tanks before such vessel is laid up for storage or repairs within the District of Columbia.
- "(f) Fuel vessels shall be open to inspection by the Harbor Master and the Fire Chief of the District of Columbia.
 - "Sec. 11. Pollution of waters of the District of Columbia.

"Discharging, depositing, throwing, or spilling any crude petroleum, gasoline, or other similar volatile liquids, or any waste, whether solid or liquid, in District of Columbia waters from a vessel is prohibited. No person shall pump or empty the bilgs water or any bilge residue

from the bilges of any steamship, tugboat, tanker, oil parge, or other wessel that burns or conveys oil or distillates while such vessel is in District of Columbia waters.

- "Sec. 12. Operation of Vessels.
- *(a) All vessels shall be operated in compliance with the Navigation Rules.
- "(b) No person shall operate or use any vessel in a negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person, nor shall any person operate or use any vessel, or use any water skis, aquaplane, surfboard, or similar device, while under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or any narcotic drug, barbituate or hallucinogen.
- "(c) No person owning, leasing, or controlling any wharves, piers, bulkheads, or structures thereon, or waters adjacent thereto, or any basins, slips, docks, waterfronts, land under water, or structures on any such places, nor any agent or employee of such person, shall rent, lease, or hire any vessel to a person who is under 18 years of age, unless such person has successfully completed a boating safety course approved by the Harbor Mastar or will be under the constant supervision of a person at least 18 years of age who has successfully completed such a course.

- "(d) No person under 18 years of age shall operate or navigate any vessel of any kind in District of Columbia Waters unless such person has successfully completed a boating safety course approved by the Harbor Master, or unless the person under 18 years of age is under the supervision of a person who has reached 18 years of age and who has successfully completed such a course. Any person under 18 years of age, or any person supervising such person who is operating or navigating any vessel, shall have satisfactory evidence of having completed an approved boating safety course in his/her possession, or make evidence thereof available to the Harbor Master at the vessel's launching or berthing point ashore adjacent to District of Columbia Waters.
- "(e)(1) When the operator of a vessel is under 18 years of age, the operator and all other persons aboard the vessel who are under 18 years of age shall wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device of the proper size.
- "(2) No person shall use, operate, or permit to be operated any vessel on District of Columbia Waters, nor shall any person loan, rent, lease, chart, hire, or offer for such purposes any vessel owned by him or subject to his control, unless such vessel is of sound construction and in good seaworthy condition.

- "(f) All persons aboard any vessel in the area from the southernmost point of the cove commonly known as Fletcher's Cove in the Georgetown Channel of the Potomac River upstream to the District of Columbia boundary line at Little Falls shall wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device at all times.
- "Sec. 13. Water Skis. Aquaplanes. Surfboards. and other Similar Devices: Saimming.
- M(a) When water contact sports are allowed under

 District of Columbia laws and regulations, no person shall operate a vessel on any District of Columbia Waters for towing a person or persons on water skis, aquaplanes, surfboards, or similar devices, nor shall any person engage in water skiing, aquaplaning, surfboarding, or other similar activities, unless there is in such vessel a person not less than 12 years of age, in addition to the operator, in a position to observe the progress of the person or persons being towed.
- "(b) No person shall operate a vessel on any District

 of Columbia waters for towing a person or persons on water

 skis. aquaplanes. surfboards. or similar devices. nor shall

 any person engage in water skiing. aquaplaning.

 surfboarding. or other similar activities. at any time

 during the night.

- *(c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not apply to a performer engaged in a professional exhibition authorized under a permit issued by the Mayor pursuant to section 15 of this Article.
- "(d) No person shall swim or dive from any vessel which is turning into or from, or docking or getting underway from any anchorage; or in the marked channels of the harbor; or from any bridge, wharves, or piers in or adjacent thereto; or within 100 yards of any vessel which is loading or discharging bassengers or freight.
- "(a) Except as otherwise permitted by the Harbor Master under safe conditions, no person shall engage in any recreational activities which include, or may result in, direct physical contact with ice on District of Columbia waters. Such activities shall include, but not be limited to, walking on the ice, ice skating, ice sledding, ice boating, ice fishing, and the use of a vehicle or other device on the ice. Such activities shall not include the use of vessels, diving for non-recreational purposes as governed by Chapter IX of Title 11B of the District of Columbia Rules and Regulations, and fishing from the shore or any structurally sound piers, wharves, bulkheads, or other works located in District of Columbia waters. No person shall throw, bush, or drop any vehicle, animal,

device. debris. waste. or matter onto the ice on District of Columbia Waters; nor shall any person permit or cause the same to come into contact with the ice on District of Columbia Waters.

"(f) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as amending, superseding, or in any way changing the prohibition against water contact, recreational activity, or animal contact with the Potomac River, the Anacostia River, the Washington Ship Channel, Rock Creek, or Oxon Run as specified in section 8-2:808(b) of the Health Regulations of the District of Columbia.

"Sac. 14. Collisions. Accidents, and Casualties.

"(a) The operator of a vessel involved in a collision.

accident. or other casualty. to the extent he can do so

without serious danger to his own vessel or persons aboard.

shall render all practical and necessary assistance to

persons affected by the collision. accident. or casualty to

save them from or minimize any danger caused by the

collision. accident. or casualty. An operator of a vessel

involved in a collision. accident. or other casualty shall

qive his name. address. and the identification of his

vessel. in writing. to any person injured and to the owner

of any property damaged. The duties imposed by this

subsection shall be in addition to any duties otherwise imposed by law or regulation.

- "(b) The operator, or the owner if the operator is incapable or unavailable, of a vessel shall file a written accident or casualty report with the Metropolitan Police Department on such form as the Chief of Police may prescribe when as a result of an occurrence that involves the vessel or its equipment:
 - "(1) a person dies;
- "(2) a person is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid;
- "(3) damage to the vessel and other property totals more than \$200 or there is a complete loss of a vessel; or
- "(4) a person disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury.
- "(c) Accident or casualty reports required by subsection (b) of this section shall be filed:
- "(1) within 48 hours of the occurrence, if a person dies within 24 hours of the occurrence;
- "(2) within 48 hours of the occurrence. if a person is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid or disappears from a vessel; and

- "(3) Within 10 days of the occurrence or death+ if an earlier report is not required under this subsection.
- "(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (c) of this section, if a person dies or disappears from a vessel, as a result of an occurrence that involves the vessel or its equipment, the operator, or the owner if the operator is incapable, of the vessel shall immediately notify the Harbor Master.
- *(a) Accident or casualty reports filed under

 subsection (b) of this section shall not be open to public

 inspection or release: PROVIDED. That nothing contained

 herein shall be construed as pronibiting the inspection of

 such reports by any person named therein or his designated

 representative. or the furnishing of copies of such reports

 to such persons upon the payment of the costs of furnishing

 such copies: PROVIDED. FURTHER. That nothing contained

 herein shall be construed as pronibiting the disclosure of

 such reports to officials of the governments of the United

 States. the District of Columbia or any state. or

 subdivision thereof. for official purposes or the use of

 such reports by such officials in any administrative or

 judicial proceeding in which such governments are

 interested.

"Sec. 15. Regattas. Races. and Marine Parades. Tournaments. and Exhibitions.

- "(a) The Mayor is authorized to regulate the holding of regattas, races, marine parades, marine tournaments, marine exhibitions, and similar aquatic events which by their nature, circumstance, or location will introduce extra or unusual hazards to the safety of life on any District of Columbia Waters and to promulgate regulations relating to the safety of vessels, any persons thereon, either participating in or observing such activities. No regatta, race, marine parade, marine tournament, marine exhibition, or similar aquatic event shall be held in District of Columbia Waters without a permit issued by the Mayor. An application for a permit shall be filed at least 30 days prior to the proposed aquatic event and shall include the date, time, and location of the proposed aquatic event, and such other information as the Mayor may require.
- "(b) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as exempting any person from complying with any other applicable federal or District of Columbia law or regulation. Securing a permit from a United States government agency shall not exempt a person from obtaining the permit required by subsection (a) of this section.

"Sec. 16. <u>Obstructing Other Vessels</u>. No person snall operate, or cause to be operated, any vessel in such a manner as to obstruct, hinder, or impede the movement or progress of any other vessel when such other vessel is turning, docking, or getting underway from or to any dock or anchorage.

"Sec. 17. Snow Boats and Floating Night Clubs; Use of Vessels for Housing.

- *(a) No vessel which is used, or is intended for use, as a snow boat, restaurant, floating night club, or other place of amusement may anchor or operate in District of Columbia Waters, or tie up to any wharf or other place therein, without the prior approval of the Mayor. Such vessels shall comply with all applicable federal and District of Columbia laws and regulations. In making decisions governing the operation or anchoring of vessels described in this subsection the Mayor shall comply with the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act.
- "(b) Except as otherwise provided by the Mayor by regulation. no vessel or floating construction that is anchored or moored in District of Columbia waters or that is docked or berthed at any of the wharves. piers. bulkneads. or other works on any part of the waterfront properties adjacent to any waters under the jurisdiction of the

District of Columbia shall be used for multi-family dwelling purposes.

"Sec. 18. Amphibian Aircraft.

*Except in the case of an emergency or except as otherwise provided by the Mayor by regulation, no amphibian aircraft shall land upon, takeoff from, operate on, or anchor in District of Columbia Waters without the prior written approval of the Mayor. In issuing regulations to govern the operation of amphibian aircraft on District of Columbia Waters, the Mayor shall comply with section 105 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1505).

"Sec. 19. Unnecessary Noises: Use of Mufflers.

*(a) Vessels which are propelled by internal combustion engines shall be equipped with mufflers so constructed and maintained as to prevent any unnecessary. Intense, or prolonged noise in the operation or management of such vessels. Such mufflers shall not be removed or rendered insperative for any purpose whatsoever: PROVIDED. That during regattas, races, or similar events subject to regulation under section 15, vessels which are entered in such events shall be exempt from the requirements contained in this section. Nothing contained in this section shall apply to vessels equipped with underwater exhaust systems or

to vessels discharging water through open exhaust pipes so long as these methods of silencing the exhaust are affective.

- "(D) It shall be unlawful for any person to use any horn, pell, siren, or compression or exhaust whistle upon any vessel in District of Columbia Waters, except when such uses are required or permitted by the Navigation Rules or except during public ceremonies or similar festive occasions.
- "(c) Owners or operators of vessels using District of Columbia Waters shall not operate generators, pumps, or other noisemaking devices so as to create a nuisance.

"Sec. 20. Advertising.

- "(a) No words, letters or characters advertising, in any manner, any activity, event, location, business, commodity, or product not existing, maintained, located, conducted, or sold on a vessel shall be placed on, attached to, or maintained on the exterior of such vessel, or any part or appurtenance thereof, without a permit issued by the Mayor.
- "(D) No sign+ banner, or flag advertising a business conducted on+ or commodities or oroducts sold on+ any vessel of a size greater than 10 square feet in area shall be painted on+ printed on+ placed on+ attached to+ or

maintained on the exterior of such vessel. No more than two such signs, 10 square feet or less in area, may be used on any vessel; one on the port side and one on the starboard side of the vessel.

"(c) No electric sign may be displayed on any vessel during the night: PROVIDED. That nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting electrical display or decoration on vessels during night pageants.

"Sec. 21. Dock or Channel Obstruction.

charge or control of any vessel occupying any dock or slip at any wharf or pier under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia shall place, or cause to be placed, or allow to remain, on such wharf or pier adjacent to such dock or slip any box, bag, parrel, metal container, lumber, crate, pasket, bucket, tub, keg, carton, bottle, garbage, paper, rubbish, or any other material of any kind whatspever.

Nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed as prohibiting the use of any wharf or pier for a period not to exceed two hours during business hours for the customary and necessary handling of goods, wares, and merchandise in transit from a vessel to a location elsewhere than on such wharf or pier: PROVIDED, That such permissible use shall not be construed as authorizing the use of space on such

wharf or pier for storage purposes or for the crating or uncrating, boxing or unboxing, or backing or unpacking of goods and materials being shipped or received. The owner. operator, or other person in charge or control of a vessel may place one well-constructed and well-maintained box on that portion of the wharf or pier immediately adjacent to the dock or slip occupied by such vessel for the purpose of storing non-flammable gear and other non-flammable property pertaining to the vessel: PROVIDED. That such box shall occupy not more than twelve square feet of space on such wharf or pier, be no more than thirty-six inches in width, not be placed on or over the outside edge of the wharf or pier. not extend toward the center of the wharf or pier more than one-fourth of the full width of such wharf or pier so as to leave a clear passageway of at least two feet in width, be equipped with an adequate locking device, and be placed at a height of two inches above the floor lavel of such wharf or pier.

"(b) No person owning, operating, or otherwise in charge or control of any vessel shall sink, beach, or abandon such vessel in District of Columbia waters or upon any shore adjacent thereto, except in case of an emergency. In the case of an emergency, such person shall notify the Harbor Master immediately, and shall remove such vessel

within five days unless the Harbor Master grants such person. in writing, an extension of time to remove the vessel. When no emergency exists or when the Harbor Master is not notified immediately each day that a vessel remains sunken, beached, or abandoned in District of Columbia Waters or upon any shore adjacent thereto shall constitute a separate offense. In the case of an emergency, each day that a vessel remains sunken, beached, or abandoned in District of Columbia Waters, or upon any shore adjacent thereto, after the fifth day following such sinking, beaching, or abandonment, or after the expiration of any extension of time pursuant to this subsection shall constitute a separate offense. The Harbor Master is authorized to remove any sunken+ beached, or abandoned vessel which is not removed by the owner+ operator+ or person otherwise in charge or control of the vessel within the time specified by this subsection or which creates an obstruction or other hazardous condition irrespective of the time allowed for the removal of such vessel in this subsection: PROVIDED. That the Harbor Master's exercise of, or failure to exercise, such authority snall not constitute a waiver of any violation of this Article: PROVIDED. FURTHER, That in the event that the Harbor Master exercises such authority, the owner, operator, or other person in

charge or control of the vessel shall be liable. in addition to any other penalties imposed by this Article. for the costs of removing such vessel.

- "(c) No operator or person otherwise in charge or control of any vessel shall tie such vessel up to any seawall or bridge in District of Columbia waters, except in case of an emergency; nor shall any vessel be tied up to any buoy, structure, or aid to navigation maintained by the Coast Guard, or the District of Columbia, or privately maintained.
- "(d) No person owning or in charge or control of a vessel moored at any dock or in any slip at any wharf or pier under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia shall moor such vessel or extend a line or lines from such vessel in such a manner as to interfere with the use of or obstruct the passage to any dock or slip of any wharf or pier.
- "(a) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as applying to that part of the water frontage of the District of Columbia lying south of Maine Avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, S.W., including the buildings and wharves thereon.
- "(f) Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as amending, superseding, or in any way changing

sections 3. 4. and 5 of Article 5 of the Police Regulations of the District of Columbia.

"(g) Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as amending, superseding, or in any way changing section 8-2:810 (entitled 'Spray Onto Land Prohibited') of the Health Regulations of the District of Columbia.

"Sac. 22. Boating Safety and Education Program.

"The Mayor is authorized to conduct a boating safety and education program.

"Sec. 23. Civil Liability.

"Whenever any vessel is operated on District of Columbia waters by any person other than the owner, with the consent of the owner, expressed or implied, the operator thereof shall, in case of a collision, accident, or other casualty, be deemed to be the agent of the owner of such vessel and the proof of ownership of such vessel shall be prima facie evidence that such person operated such vessel with the, consent of the owner.

"Sac. 24. Enforcement.

"(a) The Harbor Master is authorized to stop and poard any vessel subject to this Article or to any of the regulations promulgated under the authority of this Article for the purpose of inspection or determining compliance with this Article and such regulations and is empowered to make a

for all violations of this Article or regulations

promulgated pursuant thereto. Law enforcement vessels shall

be so marked as to identify them as law enforcement vessels.

- "(b) Every vessel subject to this Article or to the regulations promulgated thereunder small, while underway and upon being hailed by the Harbor Master or Fire Chief, stop immediately and lay to, or small maneuver in such a way as to permit the Harbor Master or Fire Chief to come aboard. Further, all vessels shall yield and lay to any emergency law enforcement or fire vessel.
- *(c) The Harbor Master (with respect to paragraphs (1) through (9)) or Fire Chief (with respect to paragraphs (4) through (9)), upon observing any vessel being used:
 - "(1) without sufficient life saving equipment;
 - *(2) with improper navigation light display;
 - "(3) in an overloaded condition;
- "(4) with an accumulation of fuel in the bilge compartment;
 - "(5) with leaky fuel lines;
 - "(6) without sufficient firefighting equipment;
- "(7) without a Coast Guard approved backflame arrester:
 - "(8) with inadequate ventilation; or

and when, in his judgment, such use creates a hazardous condition, may order the operator to take such immediate reasonable steps as may be necessary for the safety of those aboard the vessel, including ordering the operator to proceed to a location designated by nim and to remain there until the situation creating the hazard is remedied or ended.

"Sec. 25. Impoundment of Vessels.

- "(a) Any unattended vessel found in District of
 Columbia waters at any time under the following
 circumstances may, by or under the direction of the Harbor
 Master, either by towing or otherwise, be removed or
 conveyed to and impounded at any place designated by the
 Chief of Police:
- "(1) any unattended vessel which is not properly registered or numbered in compliance with section 4 of this Article;
- "(2) any unattended vessel against which there are two or more outstanding or otherwise unsettled violation notices, or against which there have been issued two or more warrants:
- *(3) any unattended vessel which is anchored.
 moored, or tied up in violation of sections 8, 17, 21(c), or

21(d) of this Article or the rules and regulations
promulgated thereunder;

- #(4) any unattended vessel which is sunken.
 beached, or abandoned, and which is not removed within the time specified by section 21(b) of this Article or which creates an obstruction or other hazardous condition;
- "(5) any unattended vessel which has been wilfully cast adrift:
- "(6) any unattended vessel which remains in a restricted area in violation of section 9(a) of this Article:
- "(7) any vessel which becomes unattended as a result of the arrest of the operator thereof; and
- "(8) any other unattended vessel which, in the judgment of the Harbor Master, poses an immediate hazard to life or property.
- M(D) The Harbor Master shall inform, as soon as practicable, the owner or other person in charge or control of an impounded vessel of the circumstances under which, or on account of which, such vessel was impounded.
- "(c) The owner of such impounded vessel. or his duly authorized representative, shall be permitted to repossess or secure the release of the vessel upon:

- "(1) the posting of the collateral required for his appearance in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to answer for the violations or violations on account of which the vessel was impounded; and
- "(2) the payment of the fees required by subsection (d) of this section.
- M(d) The owner of an impounded vessel shall be subject to a towing or removal fee of fifty dollars plus a reasonable fee, established by the Mayor, for the cost of storing such impounded vessel. In lieu of the towing or removal fee, the owner of a sunken, beached, or abandoned vessel which is removed and conveyed by or under the direction of the Harbor Master pursuant to section 21(b) shall be subject to a fee equivalent to the costs of removing and conveying such vessel: PROVIDED, That such fee shall not be less than \$50.
- "(e) Impounded vessels which are not repossessed as provided in subsection (c) shall be sold or disposed of in accordance with section 417 of the Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia (D.C. Code, sec. 4-160) as it relates to the sale or disposition of motor venicles.

"Sec. 26. Panalties.

Many person who violates any provision of this Article for which no specific penalty is otherwise provided or who

violates any provision of the regulations promulgated

pursuant to this Article shall, upon conviction, be punished

by a fine of not more than \$300 or by imprisonment for not

more than 10 days, or both. The penalties imposed by this

Article shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any

penalties imposed by any other law or regulation.

"Sac. 27. Severability.

"If any provision of this Article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Article which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Article are declared to be severable.".

Sec. 3. Conforming Amendments to the Fire Prevention

Code.

The Fire Department Fire Prevention Code (Title 7. DCRR) is amended as follows:

- (a) by adding at the end of section 1.6 of Part 1 of Chapter I the following new subsection:
- "(c) The Fire Chief, upon observing any vessel being used:
- "(1) with an accumulation of fuel in the bilge compartment;

- *(2) with leaky fuel lines;
- *(3) without sufficient firefighting equipment;
- "(4) without a Coast Guard approved backflame arrester;
 - "(5) with inadequate ventilation; or
- "(6) with any other unsafe condition.
 and when, in his judgment, such use creates a hazardous
 condition, may order the operator to take whatever immediate
 reasonable steps may be necessary for the safety of those
 aboard the vessel, including ordering the operator to
 proceed to a location designated by nim and to remain there
 until the situation creating the hazard is remedied or
 ended. Every vessel while underway in District of Columbia
 waters and upon being hailed by the fire Chief shall stop
 immediately and lay to, or shall maneuver in such a way as
 to permit the fire Chief to come aboard.";
- (b) by adding at the end of section 41.2 of Part 41 of Chapter IV the following new paragraph:

"Vessel means every description of watercraft, other than amphibian aircraft or seaplanes on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.":

- (c) by redesignating sections 53.6 through 53.10 of Part 53 of Chapter IV as sections 53.7 through 53.11. respectively; and
- (d) by adding immediately after section 53.5 of Part 53 of Chapter IV the following new section:

"Sec. 53.6 SALE. HANDLING AND TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES. CRUDE PETROLEUM. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. GASOLINE.

AND OTHER SIMILAR VOLATILE LIQUIDS.

- "(a) No vessel without a power unit permanently installed within its hull shall dispense gaspline, fuel, pil, or any other flammable pils or petroleum products in District of Columbia Waters without a special permit issued by the District of Columbia. Nothing contained in this subsection shall apply to an oil company licensed to do business in the District of Columbia which is transferring gaspline, fuel oil, or other flammable pils or petroleum products to a public utility or government agency.
- "(b) No gaspline or other similar volatile liquid shall be kept for sale on board any vessel in District of Columbia waters without a parmit or license issued by the Fire Chief. Prior to issuing a permit or license under this subsection. the Fire Chief shall require an applicant to furnish a valid certificate of inspection issued by the Coast Guard as evidence that the vessel is suitable for its intended use.

- "(c) All rules and regulations promulgated by the Coast Guard relating to tank vessels shall be observed.
- "(d) No fuel vessel having gasoline or bils aboard for sale shall- while tied to any wharf or pier within the District of Columbia- dispense gasoline or oils for use in any motor venicle. All such vessels shall be equipped with and use anchor and tie lines of metal chain or cable-
- *(a) All vessels carrying storage tanks equipped with facilities for dispensing gasoline snall empty and thoroughly purge all such storage tanks before such vessel is laid up for storage or repairs within the District of Columbia.
- "(f) Fuel vessels shall be open to inspection by the Fire Chief.".

Sec. 4. Amendments to Other Law.

Section 895 of An Act to establish a code of law for the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1901 (31 Stat. 1335; D.C. Code, sec. 22-1701) is amended as follows:

- (a) Strike the first three paragraphs thereof.
- (b) In the last paragraph. strike the last two proviso clauses and insert in lieu thereof: "PROVIDED. That nothing in this section shall be construed or applied to require or excuse noncompliance with any provision of any federal law or regulation. This section shall not supersede but shall

supplement all statutes and regulations of the District of Columbia and the United States in which similar conduct is prohibited or regulated.**.

Sec. 5. Rules and Regulations.

- (a) The Mayor is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this act pursuant to the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1505 et seq.).
- (b) The Mayor is authorized, by regulation, to amend or repeal any provision of Article 29 of the Police Regulations of the District of Columbia or section 53.6 of part 53 of Chapter IV of the Fire Department Fire Prevention Code (Title 7, DCRR), as amended by this act, whenever such amendment or repeal is mandated by the Federal Boating Safety Act of 1971 (85 State 213; 46 U.S.C. 1451 through 1489). any other federal law. or the rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. The Mayor is also authorized. by regulation, to amend or repeal any such provision, whenever such amendment or repeal is required as a condition for federal approval of the District of Columbia's vessel numbering system. Casualty reporting system. or boating safety program under sections 18(a) and 25 of the Federal Boating Safety Act of 1971 (85 State 220 and 222; 46 U.S.C. 1467(a) and 1474).

Sec. 6. Repealer.

The provisions of Regulation No. 74-51, enacted December 27, 1974 (Harbor and Boating Safety Regulation), and all prior regulations classified to Article 29 of the Police Regulations of the District of Columbia are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. Effective Date.

This act shall take effect as provided for acts of the Council of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 502(c)(1) the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

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