

The Water Waze

SPRING 2024



Cabin Point

Glebe Harbor

Plumb Point

Tidwells

Access Cards are required by all owners and their guests when using the GHCP facilities... clubhouse, beach, boat ramps, pool, pavilion, playground, tennis courts, etc.

Waterway Reminders



As the boating season gets in full swing, please remember to observe the No Wake signs posted in the channel and creek areas. A "No Wake" zone means that boats must reduce to the slowest speed they can travel at while still maintaining the ability to steer and make forward progress. Excessive speeds contribute to shoreline erosion.



Boating Law Reminders: Law requires a vessel operator to use either a helm or outboard lanyard or wireless ECOS on vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed. In short, a boat engine cutoff switch is required. Minimum age for PWC Operation is 14 (and must have passed the boater safety course). There must be one wearable U.S. Coast guard approved lifejacket for each person on a boat (including canoes, kayaks and SUPs).

Virginia Recreational Crabbing Rules: You are not required to get a license if taking crabs by dip net, hand line, or up to **two commercial-style crab pots per person**. You are permitted to catch as much as one bushel of hard crabs and two-dozen peeler crabs in any one day for personal use. More than 2 crab pots per person requires a recreational crabbing license. Pot season 2024 March 17th - November 30. No commercial crabbing is permitted in any of the GHCP Creeks.



Fishing Guidelines: 2024 Virginia Fishing Regulations can be found at www.mrc.gov/recreational. Fishing licenses are available at Erika Mall.

WHAT ARE RIPARIAN BUFFERS?

Riparian buffers are vegetated areas adjacent to water bodies such as streams, rivers, marshes, ponds and shorelines.

Riparian buffers are included as Resource Protection Areas (RPSs) under the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and protected under state law and local ordinances.

What can you do in your buffer?

1. Plant low growing plants to maintain views, medium height on slopes and tall buffers where views are not an issue.
2. Minimize lawn areas by retaining woods and adding mulched planting beds.
3. Create a zig-zag path to the water.
4. Limb up trees for a view.
5. Remove invasive plants and vines; dead or diseased trees and shrubs, trash and debris.