

## CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

---

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section § 42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement:

**AGENCY:** Department of Environmental Management

**DIVISION:** Law Enforcement

**RULE IDENTIFIER:** 250-RICR-80-00-1

**RULE TITLE:** REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR VESSELS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

**REASON FOR RULEMAKING:**

: The purpose of this regulation is to provide maximum safety for the operators of recreational vessels operation on the state waters of Rhode Island. A summary of changes between current and proposed regulation by section is as follows:

- Part 1- removal of table of contents, changes in section numbering, and addition of incorporated materials throughout part 1
- Section 1.4-addition of Incorporated Materials.
- Section 1.5 addition of new definitions and updates and numbering changes to others
- Section 1.6-addition of PFD requirement for paddlecraft operators, changes to numbering for exemptions to section.
- Section 1.7- changes in serviceability requirements for fire extinguishers
- Section 1.20- creation of regulation requiring use of engine cut off switches on vessels
- Section 1.21- creation of prohibition on bow riding
- Section 1.22-creation of a slowdown/move over law relating to police, fire, and marine assistance vessels.

**ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE:**

*(if any)*

**TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS:** The Commission received no comments.

**CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE:** No changes were made from the rule that was sent out to public notice.

**REGULATORY ANALYSIS:** Substantive changes include the creation PFD requirements for paddlecrafter operators, creation of regulation requiring the use of engine cutoff switches, creation of a

regulation prohibiting bow ridding, and creation of a slowdown/mover over law relating to police, fire, and marine assistance vessels.

**DATE THE FINAL RULE WAS SIGNED BY THE AGENCY HEAD: 3/2/2023**