

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**Title of Rule:** Requirements and Standards for Vessels and Associated Equipment (250-RICR-80-00-1)

**Rule Identifier:** 250-RICR-80-00-1

**Rulemaking Action:** Proposed Amendment

**Important Dates:**

Date of Public Notice: January 30, 2023

Hearing Date: February 9, 2023

End of Public Comment: March 1, 2023

**Rulemaking Authority:**

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-17.1 and § 46-22-5(k)

**Summary of Rulemaking Action:**

To revise the existing regulation to acknowledge the federal requirement for certain recreational vehicles to include an engine cut off switch, to prohibit bow riding, and to require operators to reduce speed in the vicinity of emergency vehicles. The Definitions section was also revised to include additional definitions to support the new regulatory requirements, and some additional housekeeping changes were made to the regulation.

**Additional Information and Public Comments:**

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until March 1, 2023 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Division of Law Enforcement  
235 Promenade Street  
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**Public Hearing:**

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.5, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. This hearing is subject to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-46, Open Meetings.

**Public Hearing Information:**

Date: February 9, 2023

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Location: Department of Environmental Management  
Room 300, 3rd Floor  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI, 02908

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-423-1927 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting. For questions regarding available parking, please contact the agency staffperson listed above.

**Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:**

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) the benefits and costs of a reasonable range of regulatory alternatives reflecting the scope of discretion; (2) alternative approaches; (3) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (4) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.