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Cooper River Open To All Vessel Traffic

The established Security Zone for the waters between the Don Holt I-526 Bridge over the Cooper River to the entrance of Back River near Bushy Park on the Cooper River has been temporarily suspended and the river is now open to all boaters. Please be advised the river is subject to further closures as needed.

Boaters are now authorized to transit through the zone. All vessels are however prohibited from anchoring, loitering, mooring or fishing within this zone. When transiting the zone, vessels shall proceed at normal speed. Photography of any kind is specifically prohibited in the zone.

As a reminder, boaters may not travel within 100 yards of a Navy ship, submarine or other vessel moored, anchored or operating in U.S. waters. Since channel width at some points in the Cooper River make this distance impractical, boaters must maintain the maximum safe distance from Navy vessels. Additionally, boaters must follow the directions of any on-scene Navy, Coast Guard or law enforcement patrol boats.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Marine Safety Office at (843) 296-5532.

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