

Waterways Management

IV.H Excessive Speed/Wake Damage:

The Coast Guard has not established speed limits on any waterway within this MSO zone. Speed restrictions enforceable by the Coast Guard on the waterways are found in:

- Ports and Waterways Safety Act
- 33 CFR 161
- 33 CFR 162.75

Speed restrictions are performance standards and makes no difference if a vessel is proceeding at 2 knots or 20 knots.

- Under the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, if damage results due to negligence, a penalty can be assessed for as much as \$25,000.
- 46 USC 2302 prohibits the operation of any vessel in a negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person jeopardized.
- A civil penalty of up to \$1000 may be assessed for a violation of the statute.
- Gross negligence is subject to criminal action that could result in a fine up to \$5000 of one year imprisonment.

Excessive Speed/Wake Damage Checkoff Sheet

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COMPLETED
1	Obtain the following information *Name, phone of person reporting the incident *Names of people involved *Name of vessel(s) involved *Complete description of situation and damage	_____
2	Ask if anyone was hurt and if assistance is necessary. If so, notify Group or closest station for SAR assistance	_____
3	Ask if there is any pollution involved. If so, contact Duty Team to investigate.	_____
4	Notify Duty I/O, who should recontact the reporting party and take over the investigation.	_____

