

Opposition to SB 321

A Bill to Limit Public Water Ski Course Access to Benefit a Handful of Homeowners

I am writing in OPPOSITION to SB 321 which aims to limit water skier access to Maynadier Creek, one of only three PUBLIC ski courses in the State of Maryland.

I've been skiing on the Severn River since moving to MD in 2004. I lived in AA County 2004-2015 and now live in Baltimore City. I continue to ski the Maynadier course throughout spring, summer and fall.

The public waterski courses are a huge asset to residents of Maryland and beyond. Here's a slice of those who ski Maynadier and Sunrise Controlled Water Ski Courses...

- US Naval Academy Mids, current and former, from across the country come out to ski with their sponsors or with members of the Severn River Ski Club.
- High School students training for ski clubs, some preparing for university ski teams.
- Residents of Harford, Montgomery, Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties and beyond.
- Professionals - women and men - traveling long distances to pursue a sport they love.
- Young professionals from DC, Columbia, etc. who find the course through Severn River Ski Club

Limiting Maynadier Course access will exclude many of those above, especially the younger skiers.

In the fall of 2016 the Boat Act Advisory Committee (BAAC) and DNR held a public hearing regarding skier hours on the three Maryland Public ski courses. After testimony from both sides the BAAC UNANIMOUSLY decided to maintain the current regulations regarding the three Maryland Public ski courses.

SB 321 attempts to revise those regulations. This represents yet another attempt by Senator Reilly, backed by several waterfront property owners, to circumvent the DNR and BAAC regulations through legislation.

I am requesting that you heed the DNR and BAAC decisions and oppose this bill.

Sincerely,



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(Please see photo below)



Typical Day...
Chris Y. just dropped at south end, ready for return pass.
Heron is unruffled.