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§20-4A-1. Waters where diving is permitted; exceptions.

- (a) Skin and scuba (self-contained underwater breathing apparatus) diving is permitted in all waters in this state, including natural and artificial lakes, except in the following areas:
- (1) Within one hundred feet of boat ramps, controlled swimming areas, marina areas and fishing piers marked for use by physically disabled persons;
- (2) Designated hazards areas;
- (3) Areas near dams and outlet structures in artificial lakes;
- (4) Heavily traveled boat lanes;
- (5) Narrow channels; and
- (6) Areas where visibility is obscured.
- (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to professional skin or scuba divers engaged in demolition, salvage, construction, rescue or repair work in the regular course of their business.