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ACTIVITY a (6)  
Mooring Buoys**

**The authorized Mooring Buoys activities must comply with the following applicable activity specific conditions, all general conditions of this permit, and any project-specific special conditions.**

This activity authorizes placement of mooring buoys (Section 10) (Navigable waters of the United States, including nontidal navigable waters of the United States.).

**Category A Impact Limits and Requirements:**

- (i) No application is required for Corps authorization. However, all mooring buoys must adhere to the MD DNR restrictions on where mooring buoys may be placed See MD DNRs website at: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Pages/srmbuoys.aspx>.
- (ii) No mooring buoy(s) will be placed in, or within 25 feet of, areas mapped by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science to contain SAV (documented to exist in the last five years as specified in Section III).

**Category B Impact Limits and Requirements:**

- (i) An application must be submitted to MDE for Corps authorization. See Section II.D for when an application is required to be submitted for Corps review.

**Requirements Applicable to Both Category A and Category B Activities:**

- (i) Only non-commercial, single boat mooring buoys are authorized by the activity. Commercial (i.e., buoy is intended to be used by multiple parties – such as at a marina or restaurant) mooring buoys are not authorized under this activity and are instead subject to alternative Corps permit review procedures.
- (ii) Water depths in the mooring areas shall be sufficient that moored vessels float at all stages of the tide. Boats should not hit bottom during low water conditions.
- (iii) The mooring buoy(s) and vessels attached thereto must not be placed in a marked navigation channel, or unmarked channel (area normally traversed by boats or areas of water commonly used for navigation) or within 150 feet of the horizontal limits of a federal navigation channel, or block ingress to or egress from adjacent properties. An alternate Corps permit review procedure is required for moorings

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proposed to be located within federal navigation channel horizontal setback limits.  
Mooring buoys are not authorized within federal channel limits.

See verification letter for any special conditions that may apply to your specific project.