

# DRONES AND BOATING



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# What is a “Drone”

- Unmanned Aircraft
- UAS or UAV
- FAA Small UAS  
.55 lbs<>55lbs
- Usually Equipped  
with sensor or  
camera
- Rotor or Fixed Wing

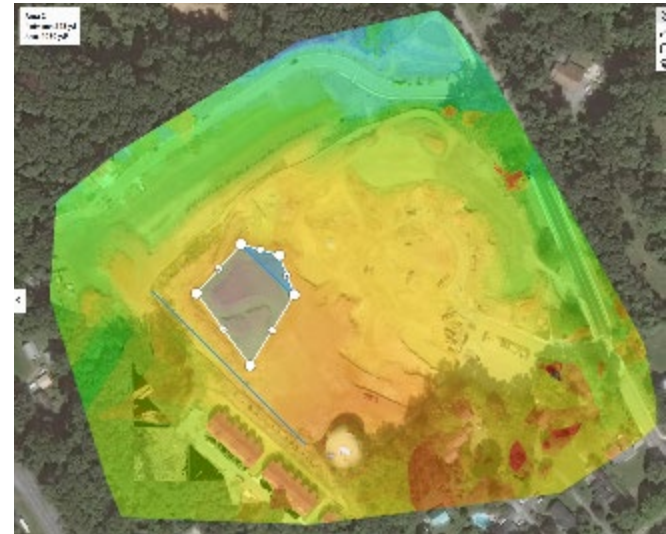


FAA Considers Drones “Aircraft”

As such they are subject to all federal airspace rules and regulations



# New, Fast Growing Industry



- More than 1 Million drones registered in US
- 7 Million registered by 2021
- Compared to Aprox. 230,000 General Aviation Aircraft
- Aprox. 75 percent hobbyist, 25% commercial
- New Technology and Uses Developing Daily



# That's a lot of stuff in the air!



# Hobbyist vs Commercial

## **Hobbyist (Rule 349- Replaces 336)**

Flown strictly for recreational purposes

Examples:

- Taking pretty pictures of your boat for personal use.
- Family vacation videos
- Videos of friend racing regatta or catching fish

## **Commercial (Rule 107)**

Flying for work, business, non-recreational reasons, or commercial gain.

Example:

- Broker taking drone photos of your boat for sales listing
- Yacht Club taking videos of regatta to promote club

# Determined by intent at time of flight



# Different Rules for Hobbyists and Commercial Use

## Fly under rule 336/349 Hobbyist

- Fly strictly for recreational purposes
- Register your ~~model~~ aircraft
- Follow community-based safety guidelines and fly within the programming of nationwide community-based organization (AMA)
- Fly within visual line-of-site
- Never fly near other aircraft
- Notify the airport and air traffic control tower prior to flying within 5 miles of an airport
- Never fly near emergency response efforts
- Aircraft is flown no higher than 400 ft. AGL (new)
- Operator has passed an aeronautical knowledge and safety test (new)

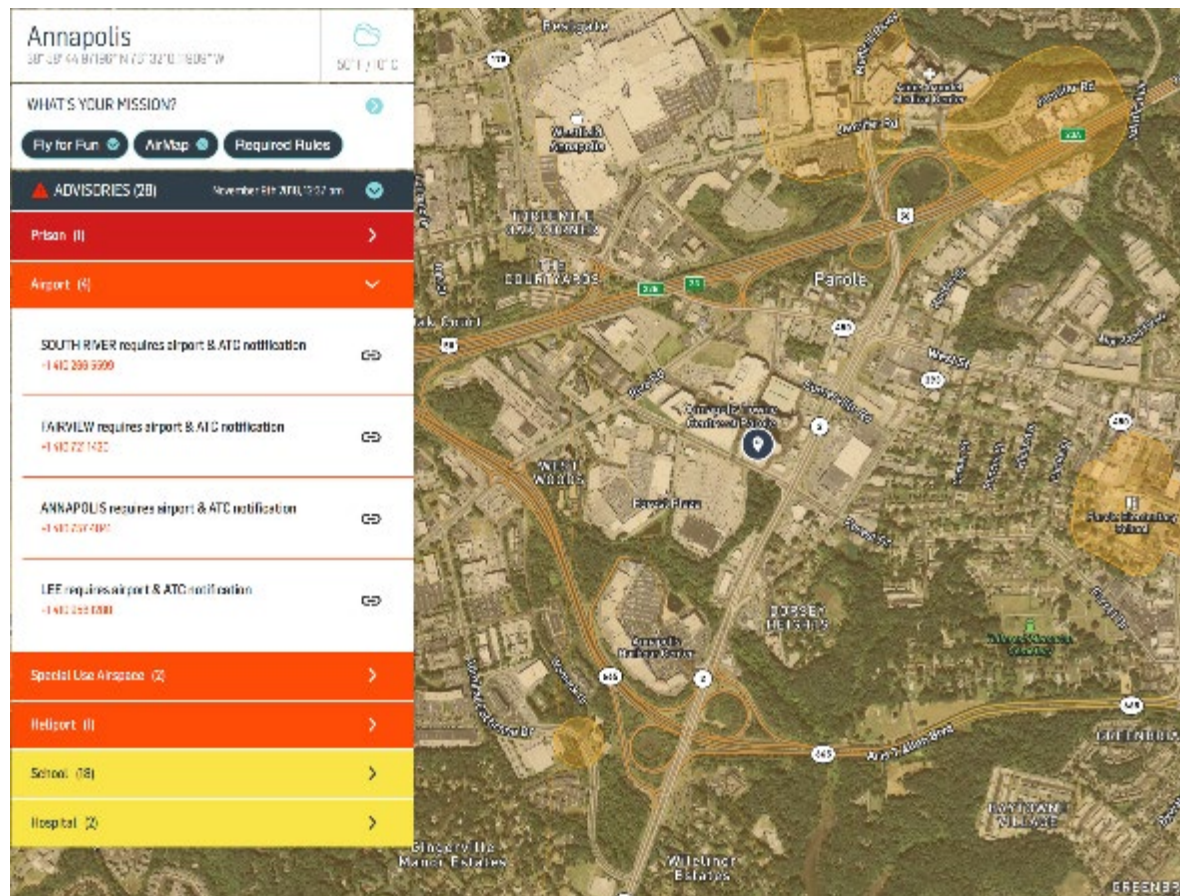
## Fly under rule 107 – Commercial

- Fly for recreational or commercial use
- Register your aircraft
- Get a Remote Pilot Certificate from FAA (107 test)
- Fly within visual-line-of-site
- Don't' fly near other aircraft or over people
- Don't' fly in controlled airspace near airports without permission
- Fly only during daylight or civil twilight, at or below 400'

# Know airspace before you fly

- Airmap (one of many aps)

3 Airports  
1 Heliport





# Uses for Drones and Boating



# A new way to watch sailing

America's Cup

- <https://youtu.be/RAalpwXia0Y>

# College and Junior Sailing

Chubb: [https://www.facebook.com/USSAILING/videos/10155957342933871/?\\_tn\\_=%2CdkC-R&eid=ARAhVjdYEWRh09wK-IISAU3QP\\_a1eWw0z5fZ971zFSQLwxxVQkguHRZuOAWXAr1oDNvZZo1tbJ1FzC-U&hc\\_ref=ARQZwTyTFJE-bK6yLC65LGKYI5roMQjlzwY9COULk2\\_nB-NhmEb6kG6Vc-O82jv-TM4](https://www.facebook.com/USSAILING/videos/10155957342933871/?_tn_=%2CdkC-R&eid=ARAhVjdYEWRh09wK-IISAU3QP_a1eWw0z5fZ971zFSQLwxxVQkguHRZuOAWXAr1oDNvZZo1tbJ1FzC-U&hc_ref=ARQZwTyTFJE-bK6yLC65LGKYI5roMQjlzwY9COULk2_nB-NhmEb6kG6Vc-O82jv-TM4)



# Race Management/Judging



# Recreational maritime turning to drones

- Raymarine Axiom UAV
- Integrates drone with marine multifunction display
- Directly connects to UAV
- Split screen shows chart w/drone location, direction etc.
- Other side shows live feed from drone
- Can be used to scout anchorage, view harbor, find fish (“virtual tuna tower”)
- Includes Fish On button — automatically launches drone, tracks boat and records aerial footage of fishing action



# A Unique Perspective



Partnership  
Marshall Islands

**seanergy**



# Maintenance/Inspection

- Identify problems at top of mast before sending crew up rigging



On larger boats, inspect tight spaces  
le. Engine room, storage holds on  
freighters (Drone:Elios Flyability)



# Search and Rescue

- Mavic 2 Enterprise



# Man Overboard

- Transponder model
  - Crew transponder activated by water & distance from boat
  - When activated, alarm goes off, drone automatically launches, flies to transponder and hovers near MOB. Can be used with lights, speaker to communicate with MOB
  - Live video and location can be streamed back to ship
  - Could potentially drop flotation device, dye other life saving supplies
  - Automatic activation of transponder notifies crew of MOB immediately as opposed to discovering later that sailor is missing.



# Lifeboat MOB Rescue

- Drone launches from front of boat and flies automatic flight pattern around boat.
- Can be mounted with thermal camera to help identify MOB in water
- Can potentially follow exact path of ship



# Long Range Drones w/ViDAR



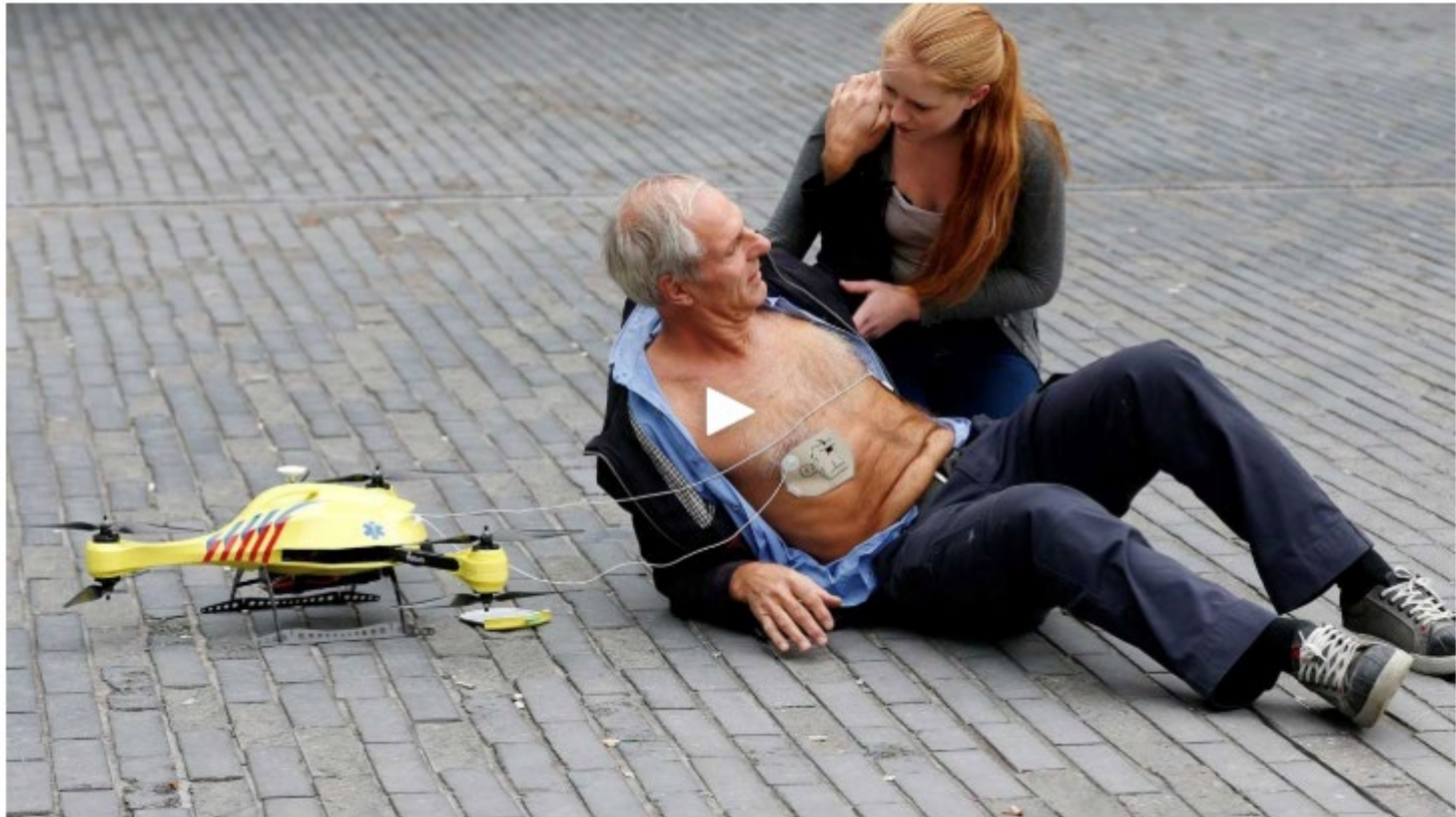
# Drop rescue device

- <https://youtu.be/Gzs-4yNyL58>
- Australian surf rescue



# Ambulance Drone (Drones for Good)

- Delivers defibrillator and guides how to use it



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-rEl4bezWc>



# Potentially monitor vital systems

- “Navigate” search and rescue system can locate victim and relay information regarding status



# Zipline

- Currently delivering medical supplies to remote parts of Africa
- Can deliver supplies within minutes of order
- Could be adapted for off shore use



# Environmental Monitoring





# What to look for in a drones for boats

- Easy to fly (ie. GPS stabilized)
- Easy to hand launch and land
- Speed (can it keep up with the boat?)
- Stability/wind limits (can it handle heavy winds)
- Does it fit intended purpose (photo/video, MOB/safety)





# DJI



Phantom



Mavic



Spark

# Parrot



Bebop

# Splashdrone 3+ (Waterproof)



## SPLASHDRONE 3+ WATERPROOF BASE PLATFORM

USD \$1,199.00

### Quick Overview

Enhancing and extending the features of the previous SplashDrone 3 ,the latest SplashDrone 3+ is the most reliable and versatile waterproof drone yet .

Coupled with several different payloads such as Cameras and Payload Release Mechanisms .SplashDrone 3+ can be adapted for a wide variety of uses .It is an all purpose,all weather,waterproof flying platform.

**Note : SplashDrone 3+ doesn't comes with 3 Axis Gimbal 4k Camera Module ,Payload Release Module and Ground Station Module .You can purchase these items alone according to your demand .**

Waterproof 3-Axis Gimbal 4K Camera Module - GC3 ( not include in the standard package of SplashDrone 3+ )

- ☒ None
- ☐ 4k Camera 3 Axis Gimbal +USD \$699.00

Payload Release Module (not Included in the standard package of SplashDrone 3+ )

- ☒ None
- ☐ PL2 +USD \$149.00
- ☐ PL3 +USD \$329.00

Autonomous Flight Ground Station Radio Module ( not included in the standard package



# Launching/Landing From Boat

- Calibrate on land if possible
- If under sail, launch from back of boat - don't run into boat
- Flat open spot or hand launch
- Drones are programmed to automatically return to home point to land
  - Boat is moving, as boat moves home point is quickly over water
  - Regularly reset home point, use "follow" mode, set drone to use controller as home point
  - Monitor battery so it doesn't automatically return to "home" when you don't want it too.
- Hand catch drone
  - May need to turn off collision avoidance depending on structures on boat



# Don't try this at home:

Demonstrates difficult of landing on a moving boat:

<https://youtu.be/q7ZyNarJQYA>

Volvo racers are nuts:

<https://youtu.be/17RWWVnFij8>