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## **LNMC MINUTES**

**August 10, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**  
**(this meeting has been recorded and is posted at [lnmc.org](http://lnmc.org))**

### **Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:**

Billy Wilson	Chairman
Michael Hughes	Lincoln County
Dennis Eddinger	Mecklenburg County
David Scott	Catawba County
Rick Howard	Iredell County

### **Staff:**

Morris Sample	Executive Director
John Gerke	Asst. Ex. Director
Angela Palmer	Administrator

### **Call to Order**

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson at 7:00 pm. All in attendance rose to salute the flag and repeat together the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Minutes**

After a review of the minutes from the July 13, 2020 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Eddinger, seconded by Commissioner Scott. Approval of the minutes as presented were passed unanimously.

### **Reports – LNMC Executive Director**

Executive Director Morris Sample reported the following items:

- The Wildlife Resources Commission is urging the public to be aware of private online websites claiming to sell North Carolina fishing licenses. Whether it be inland or coastal fishing, licenses can only be purchased online at [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org), by calling the agency's license department at 888-248-6834 or in-person through local [Wildlife Service Agents](#). The agency does not contract or partner with any other online vendors to sell licenses, so any purchases made through fraudulent websites could potentially result in financial losses and compromised personal data.
- Lake traffic continues to be higher than normal this year. Please exercise good judgement and be courteous to other boaters. Large gatherings are in violation of the Governor's orders for outside groups to be less than 25 under Phase 2 which has been extended until mid Sept.
- Would like to commend the Lincoln County Lake Patrol and Deputy Scott Sawyer of Catawba County for their quick action in assisting a person that had fallen from a PWC. Their actions are credited with savings that person's life.

**Cornelius Police Department**

Officers responded to and initiated 86 calls for service, completed 411 zone checks and conducted 44 Problem Solving Activities during the month of July. These calls for service are on the lake only. The most calls for service were received on Saturday. Calls for service were reported between the hours of 12:00pm-6:00pm most often. The average response time for calls for service was 6.4 minutes while the average enroute time was 1.9 minutes. CPD Highlights...

- Attempt to Locate a yellow PWC sinking with one person in the water at CM R3. Officers arrived and had the operator board the police boat. The PWC was towed closer to shore to get it out of the main channel.
- Vessel Stop for minor wake violation. Operator's husband was showing Deported Felon hit through NCIC. Contact was made with ICE and the hit was confirmed. The Duty Officer advised that warrant was administrative in nature and that they would not respond to take subject into custody.
- COVID violation- Officers responded to the Peninsula Club in reference to a group of about 15 teenagers on the docks and swimming in the water around the docks. There were only a few members amongst the group and the rest were their guests. A manager of the club advised they were currently not allowing guests to swim due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Report of Gunshots - Officers spoke to a subject in a boat anchored in the area and they advised someone set off some fireworks on shore around Stough Farm Rd.
- Missing Person-caller stated that two juveniles on a PWC were overdue in returning. Officers circulated the area and located the PWC and juveniles. Juveniles were OK and returned to the residence.
- Attempt to Locate – Officers arrived and found a small catamaran had overturned in the water at marker R3. Three individuals had been taken out of water by another boater. Towboat took control of vessel and transported the individuals to Blythe Landing.
- Officers assisted other Law Enforcement Agencies escorting the Trump Boat Parade.
- Assist Citizen - Upon arrival officers located the vessel carrying three passengers. The male operator stated the vessel had no power and was taking on water. SeaTow was requested and Fire boat 4 arrived on scene shortly after. SeaTow and Fire boat 4 utilized several water pumps and was able to get almost all the water from the vessel.
- Assist Citizen – Call of a boat taking on water around R3. When Officers arrived, Cornelius Fireboat 4 was on scene and attempting to pump water from the vessel. All passengers were placed on the police boat. Soon after the occupants boarded our boat, their vessel overturned and went under water. TowBoat arrived on scene and towed the overturned vessel to Ramsey.
- Possible Breaking and Entering of a Vessel - Peninsula Yacht Club: Caller stated he noticed that the cover on his boat was improperly put on near the starboard side. He stated that upon entering the vessel he saw the poles that hold the cover up had been improperly placed as well as the seats on the bow moved from their usual spot. Caller stated that nothing appeared missing and he wasn't sure if someone intentionally boarded his vessel or mistakenly got on the wrong boat as he had just bought the boat and put it in the slip the other day.
- Attempt to Locate - A bow fisherman stated he was in the cove near John Connor docks on the south side of the islands when someone started shooting at them with a BB Gun, striking the sides of the boat. Officers circulated the area on land and water but did not locate anything.
- Noise Violation – Caller stated a wake boat was in the area playing loud music. Located the vessel with 22 people aboard. Citation issued to owner for over capacity of his vessel.
- Vessel overheated and was drifting in the water intake exclusionary zone. Vessel also had small children aboard. Considering those factors as well as darkness approaching, the vessel was towed 150 yards to Blythe docks.
- July 8th 9th and 10th Cornelius Lake Patrol, along with other local first responders participated a "Salute 2 Service" event hosted by Robby Maschhaupt with his green Centurion Monster wake surfing boat. Police Officers, Fireman and Nurses were taken out and given free wake surfing lessons.

**Iredell County Sheriff**

Lake Patrol with Iredell County – No report

**Catawba County**

Catawba County Lake Patrol – No report

**Lincoln County**

Lincoln County Lake Patrol – No Report

**N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission**

Ron Robertson reported Iredell County missing resident on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. As of now they are still trying to determine if he is on water or on land. Investigation continues. No shortage of boating accidents. Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> in Iredell County PWC crossed wake and struck another wake and was ejected from his vessel. Another boater assisted. Treated and released. Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> Iredell County pontoon rental a tuber fell off the tube. Operator backed up and a female was struck by the prop. Resulted in 3 severe lacerations. Treated at CMC in Charlotte. Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> Iredell County teenage boy on stationary PWC was able to jump from the PWC before it was struck by another vessel. Hit and Run still under investigation. Catawba County had a pontoon boat rental and female onboard was letting rope out while underway and broke the tip of her thumb. A large male fell from PWC and could not reboard and his lifevest began taking on water. Lincoln and Catawba County assisted. Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> in Iredell BAT detail (mobile intoxilizer bus) at Hager's Creek. Cited 8 boat warnings, 8 boating citations, 2 BWI arrests, 1 DWI at Beatties Ford access area. Small aluminum boat in Stumpy Creek fishing was struck by PWC operating after dark. No one hurt. 26 boating accidents this year.

**Reports – Lake Issues****Duke Energy**

Joe Klutz reported received considerable number of inquiries regarding the Wake Surf Committee and the proposed ordinance. These have been forwarded to the LNMC staff and NC Wildlife.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26**

Steve Riggins reported:

- On water activities are typically conducted on Lake Norman from April 1 – October 30.
- No change in the status of CG Auxiliary activities due to COVID-19. On-water operations are suspended unless called out by the USCG directly. Other activities such as Vessel Safety Checks and Public Education classes are allowed by permission of the Director of Auxiliary; most units have opted not to participate at this time.
- No timeline is known for return to “normal” operations.

**Lake Norman – America's Boating Club**

Lou Schwartz reported there are no activities due to the current COVID-19 situation. The September district meeting has been cancelled. In the process of the voting of new officers for 2021. Proposed that all current officers stay in position for 2021. All ATON surveys have been completed.

**Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.**

No Report

**Island Habitat Program & NC Wildlife Federation**

Chairman Billy Wilson reported excited about a new project. There is a new fishing pier at Hagers Creek. One of the few public piers on Lake Norman and it's in deep water. Applying for a Duke Energy Enhancement grant to enhance the fishing habitat. There will be a series of rock reefs placed in the water around the fishing pier 75' out. Would like to protect the area so that boaters do not hit the rock reefs. Proposing 5 buoys in the area. Also, posting appropriate signage. There has been communication with Duke and what is involved in this process and they are currently working with Wildlife to get approved.

Requested a motion to approve the project as a whole. Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve, Commissioner Howard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Catawba Riverkeepers**

Michael Lindsey reported healthy swimming conditions in all 13 zones. More regular water testing due to donated boat. Reminder that River Sweep on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Catawba River Keeper website has more information if you'd like to participate.

## **Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge**

### **Mecklenburg County Water Quality**

Dave Ferguson - No Report

### **Comments from the Public:**

- John Shields – in favor of the buoy due to boaters coming in too close to docks
- Rose & Terry Dorton – in favor of the buoy to slow boat traffic in the area
- Bob & Sandy Fotsch – own a few properties in the cove and are in favor of the buoy from a safety point
- Barney & Joanne Roarer – live across from Onsrud and agree to buoys for safety reasons and to allow for kayaking and paddleboarding
- Lamar Parker – agree with the buoy and the previous comments and safety of the cove
- Wayne Burge – in favor of the buoy to slow boat traffic coming in too fast and close for safety reasons
- Lanette & Matt Santomena – sell wakeboard boats and concern is everyone boat safely. Educate customers to wake responsibly. Appreciate the LNMC. Belong to the WSIA to promote safety.
- Jon Easter – in favor of Marina Village proposed buoy
- Rob Monson – advocate for safety and in favor of the Marina Villa buoy. Since the 2 illegal buoys have been removed unsafe boating has increased. More and more uneducated boaters.
- Andy Elliott – support buoy at Marina Village due to safety and erosion control. Very narrow cove and boaters are coming in too fast.
- Robby Maschhaupt – concerned about restricting use of the lake. Teaches about Wake Responsibly. Post additional education sessions versus more buoys.
- Dan Rhoads – area resident for 8 years and wake surfers and boat responsibly. Education is the most important thing. People are just unaware.
- Brian Bridgeford – homeowner and wake surfer. Believes education is the first and foremost important answer. Also, need to license boaters to enforce the rules of boating rather than restricting use of the lake due to lack of knowledge
- Mike O'Dowd – Marina Village resident. In favor of No Wake Buoy. Uses access lot to launch vessel and it is easier and safer when the area is calm
- David Paquette – Thank you for the work of the LNMC. 2 sanctioned buoys in his cove. Has taken the official boating course. Support those wanting a buoy but concerned they do no good. Boaters completely ignore them. Request the lake enforcement sit outside the no wake coves randomly to assist in what is happening.
- Jon Wilson – Safety and Education first and foremost. Emphasize the transparency that go along with rules and ordinances and that all parties are involved and have a voice.
- Bill Young – Appreciate the LNMC. Issues with the No Wake Buoy process – wake damage should not be the reason for the buoy per NC Wildlife. (too much to type – I have requested his presentation)
- Michelle Kash – I said that I have been a lake front resident for 17 years and my family uses the lake on a daily basis thru barefoot skiing. Wakeboarding, slalom skiing, tubing and cruising on our pontoon. I am opposed to new no wake buoys, I consider it spot zoning on the lake. This is a

slippery slope to allow buoys in certain areas. It seems that many coves want to privatize their areas which could leave very few areas to actively use. This is an unsafe precedent that the LNMC is considering. More education is needed especially with all the rentals on the lake. More education, less regulation, less privatizing coves.

- Emily Kusz – The Lake Norman Marine Commission has struggled to ensure maintenance of no-wake buoys on the lake. When a buoy, with a life expectancy of 5-10 years, has not been maintained, it becomes a hazard to navigation, a risk to public safety and a risk to the Marine Commission itself. In 2015, the Power Squadron identified more than 54 buoys in poor or fair condition on the lake. Nothing was done about them. The list was provided to the Commission again in 2019. Why does it take so long for any action, and why is burden placed on citizens to bring these concerns up? Now, the Marine Commission has asked the Power Squadron to re-assess the lake but the question is what will be done? For more than 2 years, citizens raised concerns about the buoys at Tweed Place, indicating that after installation, the home owner relocated the buoys. No one called the citizens back. No one returned emails. If you can't manage and maintain the buoys that currently exist in the lake, then why would you continue the process and allow more buoys? We all know that the lake is peppered with illegal buoys – and yet, there is limited or no efforts by the Marine Commission to remove them. What is the process to get this done in a timely manner? According to a local attorney, if an injury occurs on the lake with an illegal buoy, and it's found that the Marine Commission was fully aware of the buoy and its status and did nothing, then the Marine Commission can be held liable for not maintaining the safety of the lake. If the Marine Commission grants permission for the installation of the buoy but does nothing to ensure that the buoy is maintained in good working condition, then again, the Marine Commission can be held liable. Every year, the Lake Wylie Marine Commission requires an annual review of all no wake zones and buoys, gathering input from the public as well as requiring an independent law enforcement review to ensure proper placement, working order, and no changes to the intended use of the lake such as creating a worsening traffic point. It's not 2 people on a jon boat, on the first nice Saturday of the year- during a pandemic – but instead, an independent, objective, professional group that assesses over several weeks, collecting information from multiple sources, citizens, etc. to provide objective information. It's also done in collaboration with the State Wildlife. I'm asking the LNMC – please STOP the process for allowing no-wake buoy requests until you can manage what exists today
- Becky Fox – I'm here to voice concerns about the processes of the Marine Commission. I'm a nurse by background work at a health system, who has been focusing on COVID. I missed the April meeting, and the May, and the June – we've been just a bit busy at work with all things COVID. But trust me, I understand the importance of safety. I've have been coming to meetings for years. I've got to be honest with you. I'm concerned history will repeat itself again with decisions made for the good of a few, or for the personal well-being or financial gain of individuals – rather than for the greater consideration of many. In near recent past, I've seen buoys granted in front of Commissioners docks, and in their coves. I've seen applications approved that don't meet the defined criteria. I've witnessed applicants change their applications - mid process - based upon guidance of Commission staff to be more favorable for a buoy. I've seen buoys approved based upon law enforcement – without any citations issued. How could there be safety risks, if there are NO citations, ever issued? In other words, just call the cops a number of times, and you'll get a buoy. I've seen citizens raise concerns, voice them at meetings, and have the commission not take action, not return emails or calls. So tonight, we ask you to are asking for change. For transparency, public input, and partnership. We want to see decisions based on substantial, objective facts and criteria that clearly demonstrates safety issues, with transparency and we want to follow the examples of others – as mentioned about the NC Wildlife Resources and the Lake Wylie Marine Commission. Today, the only way for anyone to know about the proposed buoys is to have listened to the last meeting. There are no details to ensure criteria was met, that the application is complete, and for anyone to prepare feedback. I'm still not clear where Marina Villas is located. So as Joe mentioned – this is a time to pause. Based upon the accidents we heard about earlier, this is NOT the time to cancel classes, but instead to use Zoom meetings and do virtual training of our adults, of our young adults and begin

the process of them becoming good stewards of the lake. Education is simply the key and expanding the use of the lake – not limiting it. I'm asking the LNMC to halt any approval of any no-wake buoys until the processes of the Marine Commission can be significantly revised, to ensure objective review, standardized processes, with input from the public and partnership with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission.

- David Dahle – It appears that getting a no-wake buoy has potentially become an elitist action. Get a place on the lake and decide that you don't want people in "your cove" on "your part of the lake" in front of "your dock." It's can seem elitist. The Federal Energy Resource Commission grants permission for Duke Energy to use the Catawba River waters with the full intention for the waters to be used by the public – not for a few who are privileged to live here or on the lake. It's no different than someone buying a home that backs up to a state park and then deciding you don't want the horse riding trails in your back yard because the sometimes manure stinks. It's something we have to deal with unfortunately. I'm frustrated, there's no responsibility back to the landowner – to ensure their dock is built to current standards, or even appropriate for the size of their boats. You are taking old piers and trying to protect them. You're tying up big boats, and then surprised when your cleat has damage. The loophole is it's far less expensive to come to the marine commission and get a buoy, than it is to repair, update and replace older docks built to a lesser standard 10 or 20 years ago. The Commission has recognized for years that Mother Nature causes the most damage to any dock, especially floating docks, yet the first consideration on the application is for documented dock damage. an example – is many of the resident's piers is a pilon from floating docks and pilons of stationary dock, where waves that are commonly seen at during storms and winds pound on older floating dock design, it isn't purely watercraft. My concern is The Commission may be fostering this elitist behavior and a way for people to subvert the system and not be responsible for their docks. Duke Energy requires certified engineered drawings because standards have changed. The commission should follow suit - to ensure safety of docks, appropriate boat size for the docks, and any considerations of whether or not the docks are stationary, located at the back of a cove, or on a front facing point which is expected to have wave activity from weather or any other considerations of living on a public waterway. The Lake Norman Marine Commission, by granting buoys, is seeking to protect the few and not acting in the best interests of the general public and the have nots. **My ask is:** the community and commissioners not hide behind the buoy applications as the band aid Say no to the buoy application Stop sub-committees looking to regulate via buoys Instead, focus energies on educating the public equally in partnership of safely enjoying LKN.
- Stephen Pierce – grew up at Lake Norman and avid boater and professional wakeboarder. Lake Norman is in the top 10 in growth and COVID-19 has increased outdoor activities.
- Lee Gatts – represent National Marine Manufacturers Association. Based in Winston-Salem. Echo the comments regarding education. Joined with WSIA and Wake Responsibly. This is the most effective means going forward.
- David Leach – Good evening, I'm a lake front homeowner, avid user of the lake and an active member of the Lake Norman WaterSki Club which maintains 3 slalom courses on LKN and one on Lake Davidson. Lake Norman is made up of hundreds of coves and when you put buoys in a cove, you squeeze the usable space of the cove, and force boaters into smaller, restricted space like Robby mentioned earlier. Let me give you a recent, real world example. The Lake Norman Waterski club hosts a ski club practice every Tuesday night in the cove in front of Eddie's on the Lake. This practice is skiing the approved slalom course in that cove. For those who don't understand skiing the course, there is a series of balls which guide the boat down the center path of the course and the skier attempts to navigate around six alternating balls, at speeds between 28-36 mph. This year 3 new no-wake buoys appeared in that cove, which were not approved by the LNMC before installation. I'm sure you have seen them, as they are visible when you drive by on Williamson Road. Since they have been installed, we've seen a considerable increase in boat and jetski traffic interfering and creating a significant safety risk to the skiers, because the jet skiers now have to go even further out from the buoys. In 2 weeks, we had near misses with a tube that was drug into the course while a

skier was skiing the course. Another was a jetski, barreling straight into the course while a skier was entering the course. Both incidents caused skier and tuber/jet skier to be within 50ft of each other. Prior to the installation of these buoys (the last 3 summers I've been involved) we had no such incidents, nor did Eddie's have any reported or contact Lake Patrol to document any incidents that would illustrate a safety risk. They simply did it to push boaters out further. What it did though, is increase the risk of an incident. Reducing the available recreational areas on Lake Norman will cause more incidents like this and will result in significant injury or deaths. What I'm asking is for the Marine Commission to take action against these illegal buoys and not approve any additional no-wake buoys until all illegal buoys are remedied on the lake. If safety is your concern, swift action is what is needed.

- Lance Fox – chat about the greater good and keeping the lake open. Buoys, illegal and legal, create consolidation of vessels. Presently 40% of lake is considered no wake. Must keep the lake open for all citizens and the safety of everyone
- Amanda Levandowski – own local Mastercraft dealership. Established sub-committee without involving boat dealerships. Do educational seminars for customers. Changing the use of the lake and targeting wake surfers have a negative economic impact. A formal impact study should be done before any decisions are made. Recommend educate and not regulate. Need a more formalized process.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **ATON Committee**

Morris Sample reported the Following repairs are in progress, should be completed in next few weeks:

- Main Channel Marker 6 to be replaced, second time this year that marker has been damaged.
- Marker M6 - Light out
- No Wake Bridge buoy to be added at I-77 bridge east of Williamson Rd. Bridge
- No Wake Bridge buoy to be replaced at railroad bridge leading to Lake Norman Marina
- Marker 3, 7 & M1 lights not visible due to Osprey nest, will be repaired in the fall after Ospreys leave.
- 17 markers are faded and need replacement as budget allows.

### **Environmental Committee**

Morris Sample reported no confirmed reports of hydrilla this season. All reports have been Chara. If you suspect hydrilla please contact us at [lnmc@lnmc.org](mailto:lnmc@lnmc.org)

### **Boater Education/Communication**

Dave Scott report large number of people coming to the website but down from last month. Thank you to everyone who commented tonight. If you have concrete ideas/contacts please send to [dscott@lnmc.org](mailto:dscott@lnmc.org). An education survey was sent out to dealerships with very little response. The LNMC welcomes all ideas.

### **Charter Boat Committee**

Commissioner Eddinger reported charter boats are up and running. There is a new charter boat on the lake "Carolina Tiki" 41' pontoon boat. Offering rides and you bring your own food. Commissioner Eddinger made a motion to accept package and issue permit to the Carolina Tiki (owner Jason Craft) as a safe inspected charter boat. Commissioner Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **No Wake Buoys**

Commissioner Michael Hughes – No report

### **Rafting Committee**

Chairman Rick Howard – No Report

**Applications****No-Wake Buoy Requests**

- Onsrud No Wake Buoy Approval – Commissioner Eddinger made a motion to table the Onsrud buoy. Commissioner Howard seconded. Commissioner Scott brought up discussion about whether commissioners could vote no on a no wake buoy that has all required information. Commissioner Eddinger has requested a legal second opinion. Commissioner Eddinger withdrew the motion. Chairman Wilson opened discussion about voting, illegal no wake buoys and listening to the public. This topic needs some serious discussion, research and legal counsel. We need clarity on approving and disapproving buoys. Commissioner Eddinger made a motion to table the Onsrud buoy in favor of determining the authority to make these decisions and is it a public record. Seconded by Commissioner Hughes. The motion passed unanimously.
- Tom Onsrud Comments (these comments were received in writing after the meeting and are being included to complete the record) - First of all, again I would Like to **Thank** all, of you, for your time, & for all you all do. As well as the Sherriff's patrol, and other enforcement. I am sure sitting through a meeting like that, was quite painful for All of you. That was a "long one". I still feel the thing all these well-meaning people, that were on the call ([against ALL Buoys](#)) are missing is, some of the coves are clearly too short, and too narrow, for skiing. Nobody, is going to try to Ski, in our cove. It is also not Safe to be driving at high speed, in such a small narrow cove.

I have been a skier for over 60 years. I get it. But I get up at 7am, if I want "glass smooth water", and I have no trouble finding it, out in the Main channel. Open water, Far away from people's docks. So, the waves can dissipate.

It is unfortunate, all these people that wanted to comment, did not have all the information, they should have been at the July meeting. In that the cove being discussed, it is Far too small to Ski. Restricting Skiing, is not what is being discussed. This is purely a Safety Concern. At the speed these Bass Boats, and Jet Skis are going, it would certainly NOT be acceptable in a Neighborhood, in a cul-de-sac.

Morris, as you pointed out, in the July meeting, that the side coves, and the main cove, in our cove, are all 300 ft or less, and therefore no wake zones, by your own definition. *I just feel the boating community, could use some gentile reminders, such as the Buoy(s) I am requesting. I am reasonably certain, most of them do Not understand what 150 ft is.*

What we are asking for, is a reminder, just as in a School Zone, (slow down), on an Exit Ramp of I-77 (45 mph) Slow down, in Town.

There is a Reason we have Regulatory signs. People just would not do it, unless it was posted. There are not enough Police to deal with it without signs.

Yes, it Is the Law anyway, *just a reminder of what 150 ft is. [I don't think most of them understand what 150 ft is. Just a Reminder.](#)*

*Also, by the comments, they did not seem to understand, the No Wake Buoys, are paid for my Me, the maintenance is as My expense, it is my problem to maintain the Blinking Light on top. Apparently they did not understand that. They mentioned the "Expense", at least, a couple of times.*

As you heard from all the neighbors in our cove, they would all like the entire cove to be no wake, for safety. It is far too small, and short, to Ski, and by measured distance of approx. 300 ft across, it should be no wake anyway. But the general public just does not understand what 150 ft is.

The mouth of our cove, from My point, where the Palm Trees are, to my neighbor's small dock, sticking out from his "point", across the cove measures about 340 ft. (range finder and Surveyor). 150 ft from My palm trees, 150 ft from Dr.O'Neil's finger pier, Ok, I am happy to pay for 2.

When the water is down, I would argue is within the 300 ft, therefore virtually the entire cove, is "No Wake", anyway.

At Any time, unless the boater is in the **exact** middle of the cove, they are within, 150 ft. from one side or the other, which is a "Violation". But we can't afford a full time Officer to monitor that. So, we Need a "Sign". (Buoy)

Again, The Lake Patrol, has been very cooperative, but with only a few boats, and a few people on duty, at any given time, they have to Prioritize their time. As they should. It is not the Lake Patrol's fault that they are so severely understaffed.

Whenever, I called, they are on the other end of the Lake. (where there is more traffic) that is where they Should be.

This would be like calling the Highway Patrol, to inform them of a car speeding, in Troutman, and by the time they drive from Mooresville, the "Speeder", is long gone.

The lake Patrol has more important things to do, than worry about the boat that left my cove, 30 min ago, and is Long gone.

A simple no wake marker (or two), would free up the valuable time of the Lake Patrol.

I don't believe that the boater's have blatant disregard for the Law.

I believe, They just are not a very good judge of what 300 ft. is.

I have lived on the same pc of property for 40 years.

During most of that 40 years, I have had no wake Buoys at the entrance to our cove. (and also, 150 ft from my dock) With the overwhelming Support of All of the Cove Neighbors.

As the other people pointed out, when the markers were taken out, non residents, felt it was Ok to "speed" through there.

I believe, the boating community, simply needs a gentile Reminder, that our cove, like many coves, is not suitable for skiing. It is not suitable for "speeding", It is by definition, a No Wake Zone. 150 ft from any structure, or point of land, (or 300 ft across.)

They just need "Reminding".

Probably, many of the people that come in for Tournaments, are not from around here. Possibly the laws are different where they live.

[If those buoys, slow down, 80 percent of the violations, by simply reminding people, \(as they have for the last 40 years\) I call that a success.](#)

- Marina Village No Wake Buoy Presentation – Jill Patterson proposed buoy 150' from community docks for the safety of all. Cove narrows as you move back in the cove. There were 2 illegal buoys that have since been removed. This proposal would replace one of those. Law enforcement has stated that they prefer to educate whether than violate. There was little issues prior to the old buoys being removed.

### **Rafting Applications - None**

**Charter Boat Applications** – See previous comments above.

### **Variances**

None

### **PERMITS**

None

### **FERC Applications**

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### **Administrative Matters**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.