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LNMC MINUTES

**September 11, 2023
Charles Mack Center
Mooresville, NC**

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:

David Scott	Chairman
Rick Howard	Iredell County
Christopher Uzzolina	Lincoln County
John Johnson	Mecklenburg County
Kevin Frank	Catawba 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 Scott 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 August 14, 2023 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Approval of the minutes as presented were passed unanimously.

Reports – LNMC Executive Director

Executive Director Morris Sample – Report Attached

REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT

Cornelius Police Department

Officer Brenzey with Lake Patrol reported 30 calls for service.

- Drowning at Blue Harbor quarry. Victim was not wearing a PFD.
- Hit and Run at North Harbor. New boat operator was coming in and got blown into another boat.
- Personal injury crash at North Harbor Club. Victim had a head injury and was transported to the hospital.
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- Multiple assaults at Blythe Landing with all parties intoxicated.

Iredell County Sheriff

Deputy Church with lake patrol reported 91 calls for service. Several agency assists. Tubing accident victim transported to the hospital with back injuries. August 9th weather class. Interagency training with Catawba County Star Team performing nighttime emergency drills. August 25th assisted Catawba County with unconscious individual. September 2nd assisted NC Wildlife with rental boat accident. No injuries, only property damage. Assisted Catawba County with suicidal female. She was transported to the hospital for care.

Catawba County Lake Patrol

Lieutenant Holland Lake patrol reported 748 hours on the water. 270 community meetings. 62 warning citations. 3 hard citations all involving alcohol. 67 offense violations. 31 calls for service. Attended the weather class. Assisted Lake Hickory with plane crash resulting in downed power lines. Assisted Duke Energy for power line repair.

Lincoln County Lake Patrol

Deputy Isaacs Lincoln County Sheriff's department reported 372 patrol hours. Attended 10 meetings. 2 alcohol offenses.

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Sargent Lyle – No Report

Reports – Lake Issues**Duke Energy**

Tammy Styers reported lake level is 96.9. Target is 97.5 due to dry conditions.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26

Steve Riggins – Report Attached

Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.

Boating rental lockdown program did not go as planned, but learned a lot. 15 boat rental/charter companies have been documented and a lot of data has been obtained. Received support from the DA. Spreading the word that procedures must be followed to operate in Mecklenburg County.

Catawba Riverkeepers

Brandon Jones – No Report

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge**Mecklenburg County Water Quality**

Dave Ferguson – No Report

NC Wildlife Federation

Billy Wilson – No Report

Comments from the Public:

- Linda Cubello life coach. Purchased Aloha Paddle. Would like to put on 6 races next year and would like to work with law enforcement to follow proper procedures.

Committee Reports:

ATON Committee

Executive Director Morris Sample – Report attached

Environmental/Hydrilla Committee

Executive Director Morris Sample reported NC State survey will be conducted. Chara growth is what has been seen most. This will disappear when the water temperature cools. It's an algae that moves around. Eel grass is growing and is native to the lake. It does not spread like hydrilla and the grass carp will eat it if they do not have anything else to eat.

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Johnson reported recently received 5000 new brochures to distribute. Life rings have all been distributed. The next meeting will be later this month hopefully at Blythe Landing to look at the facility.

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina reported meeting with all sheriffs from all the counties. This continues to be a long road and working together to get a solution to the problem.

Rental Boat Committee

Commissioner Frank reported the new rental boat regulations were approved last month. Fine will increase from \$50 to \$500. Working on online submissions for rental boat companies. Lake Wylie is using our rental boat regulations.

Rafting Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina – No report

No Wake Buoys

Commissioner Howard reported continuing to review. Illegal buoys are continuing to pop up. Working on a solution.

Applications

No-Wake Buoy Requests

Rafting Applications

Charter Boat Applications

Variances

- None

PERMITS

- None

FERC Applications

- None

Administrative Matters

- Charter Boat Permit Nopeakee from PYC. Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to approve, Commissioner Frank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- State Hydrilla Survey Contract – LNMC is responsible for 1/6 = \$3067.00. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve, Commissioner Frank seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Rental Boat violation fee – Chris Clark is researching the state legislature and recommended voting at the next meeting since it won't take effect until January 2024. Title 46 Federal regulation shows fines greater than \$500.
- Election of Officers – Commissioner Frank made a motion that Rick Howard be our Chairman, Chris Uzzolina Vice-Chair, John Johnson Secretary/Treasurer. Chairman Scott seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This will go into effect October 1, 2023.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Our next meeting will be October 9, 2023

Executive Director Comments

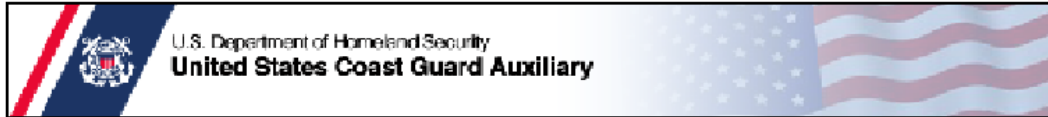
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- Please notify county lake patrol for obvious violations. This gives them info on where to monitor in the future.
- Program for giving Ring life saving rings to dock owners will continue. We have given out the initial order and will be getting additional supplies in next few weeks.
- Have additional PFD's for law enforcement. This continues our program for providing free PFD's to lake patrols to hand out when boaters don't have correct equipment.
- Recognition for Dave

ATON Maintenance Items

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- Osprey Nests on following markers has blocked the light: Marker 5,16, 17C, 17D, 18A, D7, S1
- Light on D2 not working.
- John Gerke will be taking over the coordination of the ATON repairs. Please continue to report problems to the lnmc.org website link.



Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission September 11, 2023

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Representing the three CG Auxiliary units operating on Lake Norman:

Flotilla 26-01 Lake Norman, Flotilla 26-03 Davidson, Flotilla 26-04 West Lake Norman

Activity Summary:

The three units operating on Lake Norman were involved in the combined activities listed below.

On-water activities are typically conducted on Lake Norman from April 1 – October 30 each year. On-water activities are generally scheduled in 1-2 weeks in advance; emergency callout procedures can be invoked if needed.

USCG Auxiliary Lake Norman Flotilla Activities 2023	
Activity	YTD As Of 9/3/2023
On-Water Patrols Count	45
On-Water Patrols Hours	138
Public Education Classes	11
Public Education Enrollees	101
Vessel Safety Checks Completed	145

Upcoming Events and Items of Note:

1. Activities continue to install a USCG Auxiliary Fixed Land VHF Marine Radio Station. Location is Blythe Landing Park with ongoing discussions with Mecklenburg Parks and various funding sources.
2. A Vessel Safety Check event was conducted at Blythe Landing on August 26.
3. A Boat America Boating Safety Class is next scheduled for Sept 23, 2023 at the Denver Fire Dept.

End of report.