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LNMC MINUTES

July 08, 2024
Charles Mack Center
Mooreville, NC

Lake Norman Marine Commissioners:

Rick Howard	Chairman
Christopher Uzzolina	Lincoln County
John Johnson	Mecklenburg County
Kevin Frank	Catawba County
Billy Wilson	Iredell County (Absent)

Staff:

David Scott (Absent)	Executive Director
John Gerke	Asst. Ex. Director
Angela Palmer (Absent)	Administrator

Call to Order

A quorum was declared and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard at 7:06pm. A moment of silence was held for the individual lost on the lake over the 4th. All in attendance rose to salute the flag and repeat together the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

After a review of the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Frank. Approval of the minutes, as presented, were passed unanimously.

Reports – LNMC Executive Director

Asst Ex Director John Gerke – Report Attached

REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT

Cornelius Police Department

Report Attached

Iredell County Sheriff

Deputy Carter reported

Catawba County Lake Patrol

No Report

Lincoln County Lake Patrol

Deputy Isaacs Lincoln County Sheriff's department reported

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

LNMC Minutes continued
Sargent Lyle reported

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Duke Energy

Dredge restriction ended on June 30th

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26

Steve Riggins – Report Attached

Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.

Gregory Clemmer reported - Education Center at Blyth Landing up and running

Catawba Riverkeepers

Bob reported that testing is being done

Water Quality/Erosion/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Mecklenburg County Water Quality

Report submitted for June – Lake looked very good

NC Wildlife Federation

Billy Wilson reported – Symphony in the Park in Cornelius raised approximately \$3,500

Comments from the Public:

- Jeff Weir – Expressed concern over safety on the lake

Committee Reports:

ATON Committee

Assistant Director John Gerke reported

Environmental/Hydrilla Committee

Committee Chairman Bob Vandola reported

Second treatment for hydrilla has been completed above the Buffalo Shoals Bridge

4th Lymbia has been completed – growth has slowed

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Johnson reported

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina reported

Rental Boat Committee

Commissioner Frank reported

Rafting Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina reported

No Wake Buoys

Committee reported

Applications

No-Wake Buoy Requests

Two new applications received

Rafting Applications

Charter Boat Applications

Variances

- None

PERMITS

- None

FERC Applications

- None

Administrative Matters

- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm. Our next meeting will be August 12, 2024.

Executive Director Comments

July 8, 2024

- Lake Norman had its first drowning of the year near the sandbar on July 4. We offer our condolences and remind everyone of all the basic safety guidelines for boosters and swimmers. Most basically is Life jackets save lives
- We participated in a few meetings last month
 - The Catawba Wateree Water Management Group's , Integrated Water Resources Planning project status meeting. This 5 year project
 - with Duke and other stakeholders to continue the review of the draft of the 2025 **Catawba – Wateree Shoreline Management Plan** on 26 June. As a reminder, the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) is basically the guidelines for any construction, shoreline stabilization or modifications, marinas, etc that touch the shores of any Duke Lake in the FERC project. During the meeting it was agreed we would form a team to address illegal boys in the lake and that a Variance Committee may be established.

If you would like to review the document and submit ideas for revisions please contact your Commissioner.
- Round 3 of the lyngbya treatment program will be this week. More about this later from Bob Van Dolah. We continue to work with Dept of Environmental Quality to secure our share of their weed management budget for ongoing lyngbya treatment.
- Registrations for Charter and rental boats are continuing and we have published approved companies on our website. Please keep

**ATON Report
July 8, 2024**

- Lights Out
 - 4, 7, 14, D-1, D-4, T-2

- Light damaged – 16

- Bridge buoy at Governors Island bridge – light is damaged.

- Two shoal markers have been knocked down and need to be replaced
 - One NW of channel marker 11
 - One near channel marker 5

- Exploring new options to address the osprey nests
 - Known current nests
 - 16
 - 14
 - 17C
 - 17D
 - 18A or B



Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission July 8, 2024

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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 2024	
Activity	YTD As Of 6/23/2024
On-Water Patrols Count	13
On-Water Patrols Hours	68.68
Public Education Classes	5
Public Education Enrollees	81
Vessel Safety Checks Completed	253

Upcoming Events and Items of Note:

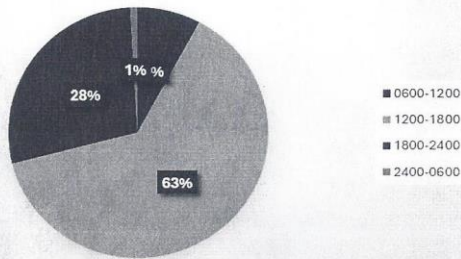
1. A memorandum of understanding between Mecklenburg Parks and the USCG Auxiliary for use of the Blythe Landing facility has been officially signed by both parties. Work has commenced to install a fixed land VHF Marine radio station at Blythe Landing that will be staffed by the CG Auxiliary. The goal is to have the radio station up and running as soon as possible. The CG Auxiliary will also establish a regular presence to communicate about boating safety and to conduct classes.
2. A Boating America boating safety class is scheduled for July 27, 2024 start time 8:00am at Blythe Landing as part of the Joshua Murray Boating Safety and Awareness Initiative. This is full day NASBLA-approved class resulting in a boating safety certificate.. CG Auxiliary units locally are sponsoring, cost is \$35 per person, class size limit 14 students. Registration and payment link: <http://uscgaux2604.org/pe>, look for heading "Joshua Murray Boating Safety and Awareness Initiative".
3. CG Auxiliary continues to conduct Vessel Safety Checks for rental boats on Lake Norman to provide the safety check required by the LNMC Rental Boat Ordinance and for the vendor permitting required at Mecklenburg County Park boat ramps.

End of report.



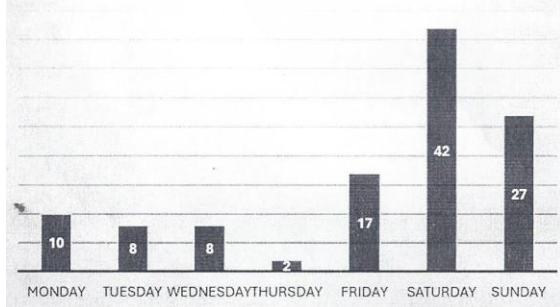
June 2024 Monthly Lake Report

Calls for Service by Time of Day



Officers responded to 114 calls for service during the month of June. These calls for service were on the lake only. Saturday had the highest number of calls . Most of the calls occurred between **12:00p.m.-06:00p.m.** The average response times for these calls were 9.16 minutes. Officers conducted 287 zone checks. Officers held summer Lake Camp in cooperation with Cornelius Parks and Rec.. Officers also spoke with boaters in reference to trailering boats and jet ski operation. CALEA Assessor visited the Lake House/Boat House.

Calls For Service by Day of Week



Attempt to locate	1
Vessel in Distress	5
Vessel Stops	9
Vessel Safety Check	1
Vessel Nav Hazzard	2
Vessel Assist	4
Vessel Wake Violation	2
911 Hang Up	2
Vessel Crash	4
Boat Larceny	1
Lake Unit Activity	68
B&E Boat	4
Vessel Question	4
Vessel Reckless	4
Suspicious Vessel	1
Noise Complaint	1
Overdue Vessel	1

June Highlights:

- 22 (Saturday) PYC Poker Run
- 24-28 (Monday-Friday) Summer Lake Camp @ CPD Lake House
- 27 (Thursday) JR Lifeguards-Discussed boating safety tips/ Ramsey Creek tour
- 04 (Tuesday) Attended Operation Wake Surf Initiative Lunch
- CALEA Assessor Meeting reference re-accreditation