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## **LNMC MINUTES**

**August 12, 2024  
Charles Mack Center  
 Mooresville, NC**

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

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

### **Staff:**

David Scott	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 Howard at 7:00pm. 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 8, 2024 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Frank , seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Approval of the minutes, as presented, were passed unanimously.

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

Executive Director David Scott – Report Attached

### **REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT**

#### **Cornelius Police Department**

Officer Brinzey with Lake Patrol reported responded to 83 calls and the average response time was 10.5 minutes. Participated in summer camp by Cornelius Parks and Rec and various other community activities. Broke up a ring of juveniles who were breaking and entering boats. Met with 380 people since April at the center at Blythe Landing to provide boater education. Monthly Boating America classes.

#### **Iredell County Sheriff**

Officer Church Lake Patrol reported 100 calls for service. Break ins at lake access points and addressed with more zone checks. 4 motor assists. 5 lake incidents. Added 2 ROV's for underwater searches. Participated in 16 community events. 74 boat inspections. Most citations were children under 13 wearing no life jacket.

#### **Catawba County Lake Patrol**

Lieutenant Bryon Hollar Lake – No Report

**Lincoln County Lake Patrol**

Deputy Isaacs Lincoln County Sheriff's department reported 94 calls for service. Assisted 2 boaters. Most citations were children under 13 wearing no life jacket. Rental boats are actually operating as Charter boats. Need better procedures to eliminate this happening. County Commissioner commended lake patrol for their hard work!

**N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission**

NC Wildlife Officer reported recovery of drowning victim several hours after drowning.

**Duke Energy**

Joe Klutzz reported lake enforcement is under staffed and over worked and are doing a wonderful job under the circumstances. July 20<sup>th</sup> the lake level was at 96.1 we were at the edge of a drought. August 10<sup>th</sup> the lake level went to 98.3. Today's lake level is 97.9 today. There is a collective effort to address illegal no wake buoys and mooring balls. Introduced Ethan Pardue as a new Duke Lake Services employee in the recreation division. Positive comments about the swim beach going in on the Lincoln County side of the lake.

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26**

Steve Riggins – Report Attached

**Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.**

Gregory Clemmor – No Report

**Catawba Riverkeepers**

Brandon Jones reported large sewage spills due to the storm. Unable to test on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Notify of any suspicious plants as Alligator weed has been found in Lake Wylie and Mt Island Lake. Final public meeting for inter basin transfer. This will be a long process. Encouraging conservation.

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

Dave Ferguson reported monitoring conducted on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Great numbers. August 5<sup>th</sup> bacteria run was also great. Noticed many trailers not attached to trucks at the access point. Ramsey Creek numbers look good on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and the swim beach was able to open on Saturday as scheduled.

**NC Wildlife Federation**

Billy Wilson reported not a lot going on project wise. Installing rock reef in Ramsey Creek park following all necessary approvals. Approx 300 Button bushes will be planted this fall. Third Saturday in October Laktoberfest. The Wildlife Federation will be the beneficiary of this event.

**Comments from the Public:**

- None

**Committee Reports:****ATON Committee**

Assistant Director John Gerke – Report attached

**Environmental/Hydrilla Committee**

Committee Chairman Bob Vandola reported via email...The next treatment for Lyngbya is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup>, unless the water level is too high due to the recent storm. Any delay in treatment will be influenced by when the water level is appropriate. There will be one more treatment after that in

September followed by a post-treatment survey by NC State staff to evaluate the effectiveness of the 6 treatments.

In September, Duke Energy and NC State staff will also be conducting the 2024 annual survey of the lake for algal species. This survey, combined with an evaluation of all reports by citizens to Duke's web site, will be the basis for determining how many acres of Lyngbya will need to be treated in 2025. Duke staff and our consultant will be looking at all existing data even prior to the survey to come up with an estimate of acreage needing treatment based on the knowledge that areas currently being treated will need additional treatment in 2025 and new areas identified as having Lyngbya will need to be added.

### **Boater Education/Communication**

Commissioner Johnson reported 5000 Love Where You Lake Brochures and these are being distributed. Trying to get an article published once a month in local publications to bring public awareness. Participated in Safe Harbor Lake Day. Got agreement with 2 sponsors to pay for the safe boating program at Blythe Landing. Participated in Big Day at the Lake and donated a life ring for the event. Purchasing more rings with donations. Report from a rental boat operator who knocked down a shoal marker.

### **Charter Boat Committee**

Commissioner Uzzolina reported one permit for approval. Commissioner Uzzolina made a motion to approve the permit for Carolina Cruising. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed unanimously. Adjustment to the process for reinspection regarding the fee for boats with outboards and the checklist. The list of approved Charter Boats is posted on the website.

### **Rental Boat Committee**

Commissioner Frank reported rental boat applications keep coming in. 330 rental boats consisting of approximately 50 companies/owners. An email will go out to local law enforcement of what you get when you are a registered rental boat.

### **Rafting Committee**

Commissioner Uzzolina reported event change of date.

### **No Wake Buoys**

Commissioner Wilson reported 2 applications for review. The committee convened on July 13<sup>th</sup> and the chairman will report their recommendations. The requested buoys were not proper for the coves and therefore the request has been denied for both buoys. The motion recommended by the committee was approved unanimously.

## **Applications**

### **No-Wake Buoy Requests**

### **Rafting Applications**

### **Charter Boat Applications**

## **Variances**

- None

## **PERMITS**

- None

**FERC Applications**

- None

**Administrative Matters**

- Inter Basin Transfer – discussion to gather other agency positions and review to determine commission stance.

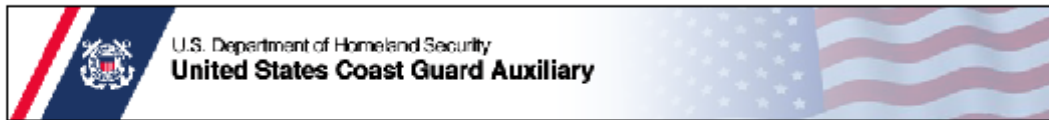
**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm. Our next meeting will be September 9, 2024.

**Executive Director Comments**

August 12, 2024

- Unfortunately, we start with the sad news that Lake Norman had another drowning over the weekend, another tragic reminder that life jackets save lives. The victim was 63 year old Duane Andrew Strong . We offer our condolences to his family. Please join me in a moment of silence.
- The water level has risen very fast to over 98 before coming down in the last couple days after Tropical Storm Debby. There is a lot of large debris coming down the lake, especially north of 150. The silver lining is that several items that have been reported are illegal buoys.
- The review by Duke and other stakeholders of the draft of the 2025 **Catawba – Wateree Shoreline Management Plan** continues. 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. The draft and shoreline maps are nearing completion and public review will be scheduled in the Fall. If you would like to review the document and submit ideas for revisions please contact your Commissioner.
- During the last meeting in June it was agreed to form a team to address the illegal buoys. The first meeting was today and had participation from LNMC, LWMC, Duke, NCWRC
- Round 5 of the lyngbya treatment program was today. We continue to work with Dept of Environmental Quality to secure our share of their weed management budget for ongoing lyngbya treatment.



**Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission August 12, 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.

<b>USCG Auxiliary Lake Norman Flotilla Activities 2024</b>	
<b>Activity</b>	<b>YTD As Of 8/8/2024</b>
On-Water Patrols Count	21
On-Water Patrols Hours	155.99
Public Education Classes	7
Public Education Enrollees	100
Vessel Safety Checks Completed	277

**Upcoming Events and Items of Note:**

1. Work has commenced with equipment procurement 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 Boat America boating safety class was conducted on July 20, 2024 at the Denver Fire Department by USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 26-04 with 14 students graduating.
3. The inaugural boating safety class at The Joshua Murray Boating Safety Education and Awareness Initiative at Blythe Landing was held on July 27, 2024, taught by USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 26-04 Lake Norman West. This was a NASBLA approved class held from 8:00am – 3:30pm. A full class of 10 students graduated, including a 12 year-old student.
4. The next boating safety class at The Joshua Murray Boating Safety Education and Awareness Initiative at Blythe Landing is scheduled for August 31, 2024, being taught by the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 26-02 (Lake Wylie). The class is Boat America (the NASBLA approved course), start time 8:00am with certificates handed out immediately after passing the test. Registration link will be provided shortly, the class student fees will be covered by donations from two local businesses through an initiative from the LNMC.
5. 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.

**ATON Report**  
**August 12, 2024**

- Osprey nests obstructing light
  - 1A
  - 14
  - 15
  - 16
  - 17C
  - 17D
  - 18B
  - R3
  - D1
  
- Several Shoal Markers also have Osprey nests obstructing lights
  
- Shoal Marker at Belle Isle has been knocked down – to be replaced.
  
- North side of 150 bridge by Lake Norman Marina is missing