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LNMC MINUTES

**September 9, 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 August 12, 2024 meeting, there was a motion to approve by Commissioner Frank, seconded by Commissioner Uzzolina. Approval of the minutes, as presented, were passed unanimously.

Reports – LNMC Executive Director

Executive Director David Scott – Report Attached

REPORTS - ENFORCEMENT

Cornelius Police Department

Cornelius Lake Patrol reported a few calls for service and lake questions. Participated in 8 community involvement events.

Iredell County Sheriff

Officer Church Lake Patrol – No Report

Catawba County Lake Patrol

Lieutenant Bryon Hollar Lake – No Report

Lincoln County Lake Patrol

Deputy Isaacs Lincoln County Sheriff's department reported 42 calls for service. 32 actions including warnings and citations.

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

NC Wildlife Officer - No Report

Duke Energy

Chad Broadway – No Report

Coast Guard Auxiliary Division 26

Steve Riggins – Report Attached

Mecklenburg County Parks and Rec.

Gregory Clemmor – No Report

Catawba Riverkeepers

Brandon Jones reported the season is winding down. Over 160,000 views of swim beach reports this season. Riversweep is October 5th consisting of 5 sights. Volunteer opportunities are available.

Water Quality/Buffers/Illegal Discharge

Mecklenburg County Water Quality

Dave Ferguson – No Report

NC Wildlife Federation

Billy Wilson reported almost time to plant. Volunteer opportunities are available. 75 trees will be planted in Robbins Park thanks to the Town of Cornelius. Eleven Lakes Brewing October 7th Social beginning at 6:30 to learn about the relaunching of the Island Habitat Program and a parks bond for the Town of Cornelius – Food and Drinks provided.

Comments from the Public:

- What is going on with the rental issues on the lake? If there is a captain is it considered a charter? Yes, any boat with a captain is considered a charter boat and the captain must be licensed.

Committee Reports:

ATON Committee

Assistant Director John Gerke – Report attached

Environmental/Hydrilla Committee

Committee Chairman Bob Vandola reported the last treatment for Lyngbya occurred today, September 9th. Follow-up will be in October and then the report will be reviewed by the Environmental Committee. Vegetation Survey occurring this month. A news release will go out within the next week. A new hydrilla bed has popped up in Catawba County by the Lake Norman Marina. Plans being made to address the problem.

Boater Education/Communication

Commissioner Johnson reported sponsors have been obtained for free boater classes at the Josh Murray Boating Center. Life Ring give away program is very successful. WSOC TV Rental Boat/Charter Boat feature. Thank you to Captain Matt for his input. Continuing to drop off brochures for boater education around the lake.

Charter Boat Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina reported one application that is approved for inspection.

Rental Boat Committee

Commissioner Frank reported very few new applications for permits. Permits are good for 2 years. The permit list will be compared to advertised rental boat companies to ensure compliance. Recommend adding a line for clarification "it shall be unlawful to operate a rental boat as a charter boat on Lake Norman." This verbiage will be voted on next month.

Rafting Committee

Commissioner Uzzolina – No Report

No Wake Buoys

Commissioner Wilson reported no applications at this time. Working to address the red ball buoys that are increasing on the lake. Received many complaints and calls. The commission has authority and responsibility to remove these unauthorized buoys.

Applications

No-Wake Buoy Requests

Rafting Applications

Charter Boat Applications

Variances

- None

PERMITS

- None

FERC Applications

- None

Administrative Matters

- Awaiting appointment of new Lincoln County Commissioner.
- Presentation of Plaque to Rick Howard for his service for the past 5 years.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. Our next meeting will be October 14, 2024.

Executive Director Comments

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- The boating season is over. We made it through Labor Day and it's back to work and school. A very special thanks goes to all of our law enforcement personnel who helped make this one of the safest seasons in a long time from boating related incidents, but we had a few tragic reminders of the need for PFDs.
- The final Round 6 of the lynngbya treatment program was completed today. Last month we had a meeting with Charlotte Water, Duke, and the Lake Wylie Marine Commission to agree on developing a unified approach to obtaining ongoing funding for future treatments.
- Signs with the Charter and Rental regulations have been posted at seven of the public boat launches around the lake to enhance enforcement. The applicable state law is cited on the signs.
- Registrations for Charter and rental boats are continuing and we have published approved companies on our website. Please keep the cards and letters coming on bad actors you spot on the lake. Include as much detail as you can gather.
- The website has been updated with several spots allowing you to get a free waterproof LNMC 2023 LKN map. The map is free, Shipping & Handling \$5.
- 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



Report from USCG Auxiliary for Lake Norman Marine Commission Sept. 9, 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 9/6/2024
On-Water Patrols Count*	42
On-Water Patrols Hours*	184
Public Education Classes	8
Public Education Enrollees	110
Vessel Safety Checks Completed	305
* Includes on-water patrols and supporting radio watches	

Upcoming Events and Items of Note:

1. Work was completed on August 24, 2024 to install a fixed land Marine VHF radio station at the Joshua Murray Boating Safety and Awareness Initiative at Blythe Landing. The antenna tips are an estimated at 84 ft. above ground. A test with another fixed land station 12.5 miles away on Lake Norman (Sherrills Ford) proved successful. Thanks to all that made this happen including Mecklenburg Parks, Duke Energy Foundation, Lake Norman Marine Commission, Party Pontoon, Lackey Enterprises, Inc., and numerous members of the USCG Auxiliary in Division 26. The station can begin officially operating when it is approved through the USCG chain of command.
2. The second boating safety class at The Joshua Murray Boating Safety Education and Awareness Initiative at Blythe Landing was conducted 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. The class student fees were paid by donations from two local businesses through an initiative from the LNMC.
3. Another Boat America Boating Safety class will be held September 21, 2024 at the Denver Fire Department.
4. 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
Sep 9, 2024
(Bold items are new)

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