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President's Corner

Summer Is Upon Us!

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds each and every one of you in good health. We are very happy to be able, once again, to hold our Committee and Monthly Board meetings face-to-face. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Membership meeting on Saturday, June 12, at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church. The LGA continues to track the recommendations of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as State and local Departments of Health as they may apply to our activities.

In spite of many cancellations and postponements, we have been able to conduct some of our programs. The Lake Clean-Up Committee held successful roadside litter pickups in Warren and Brunswick counties. The Safety Committee held the annual Jack D. Saunders Community Shred Event, enabling folks to safely destroy sensitive paper records and have them recycled to boot! Details can be found elsewhere in the Bulletin.

The Lake Environment Committee is planning a number of activities in June and can really use some volunteers to help with water testing and planting "good" aquatic plants in some of the protective cages around the lake. Check out the Lake Environment section of the Bulletin for details and contact info.

As the Fish Spawning Season comes to a close in June, we should see a return to normal lake water levels (199'-200' above sea level), unless Mother Nature drives us into Flood Control Operations. It is always wise to secure boats (even those on a lift), kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, outdoor furniture, and the like so that high winds or waves cannot cause them to drift or blow away.

Remember hurricane season begins in June and runs through the end of November. After 6 straight years of "above average hurricane seasons," experts are expecting another very active year. As many of you may recall, it is not unusual for one or more of those storms to end up coming our way here at Lake Gaston. Make sure your property is prepared for severe weather, especially if you are leaving it unattended for a period of time.

This will be the last President's Column for me, as my term will end before the next Bulletin comes out. I greatly appreciate the support of the membership during the past two years. We have certainly faced some unprecedented times. Thank you all, once again.

Don Carson

**Enjoy the lake, be safe and be healthy.
*Lake Gaston – Special Place, Incredible People!***

June 12, 2021 – LGA Annual Meeting

9:30 a.m. at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church (1 mile north of Eaton Ferry Bridge on Hwy 903)

Topic: Lyngbya, the notorious Black Mat Algae

Speaker: Steve Hoyle, Aquatic Plant Management (ncsu.edu)

Steve has over 35 years experience in weed management. He has co-authored numerous peer reviewed publications and conducted research throughout the southeast. As a North Carolina State Extension Specialist he has developed and implemented aquatic weed management programs with Duke Energy, the U.S. Dept. of Interior and here at Lake Gaston with the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council.

Also: Got a lake-related issue or concern that the LGA should be working on? There will be time allotted on the agenda to present those concerns to the LGA Board. And, catch up with what the Committees are working on.

The meeting is open to the public, members and non-members alike so gather up your neighbors and come join the LGA for an informative meeting. For more information contact info@lakegastonassoc.com or call (252) 586-6577 or toll free 1-888-586-6577.

The LGA Realtor Referral Program.

Did you know that a large number of area realtors participate in a program by which their clients get a free one year membership in the LGA?

In a letter of welcome they are advised that their broker, by name, is responsible for their one year complimentary membership.

It's a win-win for all, as many choose to renew the following year.

As an added bonus, we award a \$50.00 Watersview Restaurant gift card to the top two referrers .

This year the first prize goes to Nancy Freer of Long & Foster Realtors and the second prize goes to the Pea Hill Team of Coldwell Banker Advantage.

Have an idea on how we can increase our membership? Join us at our committee meeting at ...

Monthly Marketing & Membership Committee meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. Please join us. We are a small group and would appreciate your input.

Contact them at MarketingMembership@LakeGastonAssoc.com

Planning for 2021/2022 School Year Education Program

The Education Committee agreed to cancel all potential programs for the 2020/2021 school year since it is late in the school year and the vaccination program is not complete.

The committee is holding in-person breakfast meetings in May and June at Littleton Food & Spirits to discuss future program considerations for the 2021/2022 academic school year. All that are interested in supporting the committee and/or putting forward ideas for next year are encouraged to attend.

Monthly Education Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. We welcome your participation at these meetings even if it is to learn more about our programs.

Contact them at Education@LakeGastonAssoc.com .

LGA Dues Discount:

Sponsor a friend or neighbor and they will get a \$5.00 discount off of their 2021 membership dues and you the same during the next renewal period.

Want more information?

Contact Moira Underwood, Executive Director at 252-586-6577.

Getting HANDS ON at Lake Gaston! LGA Volunteers once again do our part for Habitat Enhancement

If you have noticed aquatic vegetation in enclosures or cages, you have seen what is being done to establish native vegetation at Lake Gaston. As the level of invasive Hydrilla decreases, providing an opportunity for colonies of native vegetation to take its place is important. These natives help prevent shoreline erosion, improve water quality and provide habitat for invertebrates and fish. These cages help reduce grazing by turtles and grass carp, giving the natives time to get established.

With the exception of 2020 (say “Pandemic”), new cages have been built and native vegetation transplanted from other areas of the lake into the cages.

This collaborative effort is funded by the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council and the Sport Fish Restoration Program. LGA volunteers work side by side with staff from NC State University Crop Science, NC Wildlife Commission and Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.



We will be getting hands on this June 15th-17th. Volunteers typically work in 2-3' water, pulling up and then transplanting native vegetation, repair existing cages and build new cages. If you would like to get “hands on” for part of a day, or for all three days, let me know: jzimmer2216@gmail.com.

E. coli test kits available

Once again the LGA has available a number of Easy Gel E.coli test available to anyone who wishes to test Lake Gaston water near their residence, swimming area, and or HOA common areas. Once problem areas are identified, then action can be taken to resolve issues.

Al Potter will have these test kits available to distribute at our Annual Membership meeting, June 12th 2021. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can contact Al @ 434-689-2749 or apotter11@gmail.com.

2021 Vegetation Treatment Plans

The Lake Gaston Weed Control Council (LGWCC) continues to fund herbicide treatments based upon recommendations from a Technical Advisory Group with support from the Lake Gaston Stakeholders Group. Aqua Services, Inc. www.asilakemanagement.com was awarded the application contract for Lyngbya Treatments which will increase to +/- 300 acres in 2021. PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. www.plmcorp.net was once again selected as the application contractor for Hydrilla treatments. No specific treatment areas for Hydrilla have been designated at this time. Should infestations occur, treatments will be scheduled.

The first treatment for Lyngbya took place April 19th-23rd. Additional treatments are scheduled every +/-30 days through September. A notice will be posted in local newspapers prior to each treatment.

The products to be used are Captain XTR, Cutrine Ultra, and AMP. There are no swimming, irrigation, or fish consumption restrictions. Maps showing the specific treatment areas can be found at: <http://www.lgwcc.org/>

Monthly Lake Environment meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Kitchen Table Café, 4111 Gasburg Road, Gasburg, VA 23857 (across from Dollar General). Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact them at Environment@LakeGastonAssoc.com

Weed Control questions ...

Do the property owners in your subdivision have questions about weed control?

Feel free to contact Jeff Zimmer our Lake Environment chair at jzimmer2216@gmail.com.



Save the date – June 5th is Lake Clean-Up Day

As I am sure you are aware, the trash situation on the roads around Lake Gaston and along the shorelines is out of control. This year June 5th is Lake Clean-Up Day and will be different than in previous years.

The purpose of Lake Clean-Up Day is to make everyone aware and get out and clean up their area or roadside, shoreline, etc. and take the collected trash to the local convenience center. There will NOT be any Lake Gaston Association dumpster locations as in previous years.

If residents are not able to do it on Lake Clean-Up Day, then hopefully they can choose a day that works for them.

The second part of Lake Clean-Up Day is to try and make the offenders aware that throwing litter out on the roads not only looks bad but makes much work for those who have to clean it up.

Thanks to all who have been out cleaning up a share of the roads. I have heard from several. Much appreciated!!

Monthly Lake Clean-Up Committee meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact them at LakeCleanup@LakeGastonAssoc.com.

Government Relations Committee Update

We are now back to normal, face to face meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Our ongoing quest for knowledge about the Chateau at the Lake was somewhat satisfied by the Zoom meeting at the end of April in conjunction with the Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce. Many questions remain and we will continue to keep an eye on this development.

We completed the Legislative Agenda document the end of April. The finished document will be on our web site and in next bulletin. As you may remember, the purpose of the document was twofold, one to provide a reference for the public on what drives us and why we may be involved in a specific issue, and for us, the Directors, to have a handy, concise, reference to provide regional politicians that states what we want them to support or defend.

Monthly Government Relations Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. Come by, have a ham biscuit and cup of coffee and join us for an hour. Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact them at GovernmentRelations@LakeGastonAssoc.com.

The Crossing is a go for August 14 – Yea!

Kathy Dikeman from O'Sail is delighted to let you know that there will be The Crossing this year! An event that brings lots of people to cross Lake Gaston at the Eaton Ferry Bridge.

Start time will be 9 a.m., leave plenty of time to park and get to the start line at The Pointe and finishes at the Watersview Restaurant. You can swim across, paddle across, float across, etc. etc. or just walk across the bridge to get the t-shirt.

For more information go to www.OSail.org

Staying current with Lake Gaston's water level

Whether you are full or part-time at the lake we recommend that you have the following link to Dominion's website as a 'favorite' on your computer or hand-held gizmo. Rest assured we will still send you water level alerts from Dominion when they occur but if you want to know on any given day what the water level is, then click on the link - <https://www.dominionenergy.com/community/lakes-and-recreation/lake-gaston-water-levels>

More Things to Think About

Expect to see a more active boating season than last year and last year was pretty busy. We are told boat dealers are selling and some have already sold their 2021 inventory. Certainly a good time to sell your old boat since the dealers are looking to replenish their inventories. We all know what more boats on the water means; keep your head on a swivel and assume every boat or jet ski operator is unfamiliar with the rules on the water since there is a good chance they are. Operate defensively.

The hurricane season officially began a couple of weeks ago. I know. It seems like we just ended it. The good news around here is we are months away from when the storms usually become more commonplace.

As a reminder, the NC Department of Public Safety recommends that families develop a family emergency plan and discuss storm safety with all members of your household. Make sure your family knows basic safety measures, such as first aid, CPR and how to use a fire extinguisher. Find more information on hurricane, tornado and emergency preparedness by visiting the North Carolina Department of Public Safety website, www.ReadyNC.org <<http://www.readync.org/>>. Residents of Virginia may prefer <https://www.vaemergency.gov>.

Fish spawning season doesn't end until the middle of June. This means water levels are kept at a higher level. Couple of things; watch your wake due to higher water levels. Second, make sure your boat and/or jet ski are secure to the dock; even if on a lift. We have heard of at least two incidents where a fishing boat and a pontoon boat floated away. Fortunately both were recovered after an uneventful skipper-less trip down stream.

ECOS - this is new this year. The use of an Emergency Cut Off Switch is now required by federal law. If you boat is equipped with one, make sure it is connected to the skipper when the boat is at planing speed.

CERT - You might start to hear more of the Community Emergency Response Team. Northampton County is in the early stages of starting one. This is a civilian led team, and after training, is intended to help our first responders during an emergency. We are told Warren County will be next. If you might be interested, contact us and we can put you in touch with the right folks.

911 from a cell phone - we have featured this before. Thanks to the efforts of the 911 Community Task force, awareness levels are higher than ever before. We know not everyone has a landline and must use a cell phone for help. ALWAYS inform the dispatcher of the state, county, city and address where the emergency is at. Cell phone calls bounce off of cell towers and it's possible your call could be answered a couple of states away. This Committee has orange cards to help you remember all of this which can be posted on a refrigerator. You may know all of this but if you are the emergency, this will help other family members or guests get the help you need.

Lastly, we would be remiss if we didn't say something about crime prevention. If the opportunity is removed, most crimes can be prevented. Don't leave things of value in the open inside your car. Remember if the bad guy can't see it, it won't be stolen. Always lock your car; even if parked at your own house. Be careful what you leave on your dock. Although rare, boathouse bandits travel at night from the waterside to scope out docks looking for targets of opportunity..

Please enjoy the summer! It's going to be beautiful but please be careful out there.

Monthly Public Safety Committee meetings are held the second Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850. Everyone is invited to participate to give us fresh ideas and viewpoints.

Contact us at Safety@LakeGastonAssoc.com

Lake Gaston Lost & Found items ...

If you have **lost any property** or **found any property** that may have floated away like a canoe/kayak, jet ski, boat, paddle board etc. call/email the LGA office at 1-800-586-6577 or (252) 586-6577 or info@lakegastonassoc.com and let us know, describe each item(s) and give us contact information for you. Lost & Found items would be listed in this section of our bi-monthly bulletins but rest assured we would not list your contact information.

Wear Your Life Jacket!

They Float, People Don't!

County FY 2021-2022 Budget presentations in June

Our county officials are in the process of preparing budgets for FY 2021-2022. We have received the following schedules from our county officials.

Brunswick County: May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Budget Public Hearing; June 16 at 7:30 p.m. Budget Adoption

Halifax County: June 7, 9:30 a.m. Budget Public Hearing; June 21, 9:30 a.m. Budget Adoption

Mecklenburg County: May 19, 7 p.m. Public Hearing; May 26, 6 p.m. Budget Adoption

Northampton County: June 3, 6 p.m. Budget Public Hearing; June 7, 6 p.m. Budget Adoption

Warren County: June 7, 6 p.m. Public Hearing; June 21 (may be changed), 6 p.m. Budget Adoption

We will keep you informed as the process continues.

Lake Gaston water level change -

Fish Spawning season March 1 thru June 15

Effective March 1 Dominion Energy is operating under fish spawning operations. This means that Lake Gaston can be raised an extra foot (199-201 feet) to provide storage in support of spawning flows as necessary. Dominion Energy has stated that they don't expect to raise the water level much more than a couple inches over 200 feet.

Nevertheless, experience has taught us to be prepared. We know that once we get above 200 feet we begin to encroach on many of our docks. You are reminded to make sure that any items that are on your docks are securely tied down including canoes and paddle boats. Items sitting on the floor of boat house sheds should be moved up to prevent the possibility of water damage. Boats in docks should be securely tied and boats in lifts should be raised and tied.

To see the daily projected lake levels during spawning season click here <https://www.dominionenergy.com/community/lakes-and-recreation/lake-gaston-water-levels>

Dominion Energy will operate under spawning conditions until June 15. If you have questions, email environment@lakegastonassoc.com.

LGA Monthly Committee Meetings:

Committee	Meeting Day	Time	Location
Public Safety	2 nd Friday	8:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Education	3 rd Tuesday	8:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Government Relations	3 rd Tuesday	9:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Lake Environment	3 rd Wednesday	8:30 am	The Kitchen Table *
Marketing & Membership	3 rd Thursday	8:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Lake Clean-Up	Last Wednesday	10:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **

* Kitchen Table Cafe is located at 4111 Gasburg Road in Gasburg, VA 23857 across from the Dollar General Store.

** Littleton Food & Spirits is located at 231 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, N.C. 27850

Occasionally a LGA scheduled committee meeting may need to be cancelled. If you are on one of the above committees, the chair will inform you via email of its cancellation.

Please support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter beginning on page 11. Shopping local helps everyone in the community around Lake Gaston.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

It's surprising how soon the next edition of our LGA Bulletin comes around. It seems only yesterday that our April/May 2021 Bulletin went out to you. Come to think of it, since we've had COVID-19, by my recollection ... it started in late February 2020 ... time shot by. I can look back over 2020 onwards and each month has been like an open box – nothing inside it. No visits with family & friends, no dining out etc. etc.

However, I'm excited that June 1st in North Carolina the Governor is lifting several restrictions

<https://www.wcnc.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/north-carolina-governor-roy-cooper-covid-update/275-99a4233f-d8ca-437a-9ff3-abee22a38609>

We are looking forward to welcoming you at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 12 from 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church across from Subway on Hwy 903. Last year we couldn't have our annual meeting, but this year we will be ready for you. See speaker details on page 2.

Unlike previous years, we won't conclude the meeting with the traditional hot dog buffet (due to COVID-19). We certainly hope to restart this special treat in 2022.

Our monthly committee meetings are back at Littleton Food & Spirits. They are located on Hwy 903 in the Town of Littleton but the Lake Environment Committee meets at the Kitchen Table in Gasburg, VA. You are always welcome to come to any of our committee meetings, see page 6 for the list of our committees and when they meet each month.

We're really looking forward to getting to see you all at our monthly meetings. We've booked the usual room where we hold our first Wednesday meetings at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church through December 1st. We've got a number of speakers/topics that we want to share with you each first Wednesday, fingers crossed, for the rest of the year.

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Wanted!

What does it take to be a Director?

- You are welcome to sit in on any of our committee meetings and decide what is best for you – look for the committee meeting grid in the Bulletin for when they meet.
- Join us the first Wednesday of each month for the LGA monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. (Lake Gaston Baptist Church, across from Subway), to see what is being done and what can be done.

Contact Nominating@LakeGastonAssoc.com

Need to know who are your Government Elected Officials

Lake Gaston NC & Lake Gaston VA

US, State and County...

<http://www.lakegastonassoc.com/GovRel/ElecOfficials.htm>

LGA Government Relations Committee keeps this page on our website updated for you.

(It's the best kept secret under Committees, Government Relations. Check out who represents you at the lake and email them direct from our website. Telephone #s are listed as well. Use the link above to check out this information. You can also get to the County websites from the same page.)

"It's Boat Time"

We are still about 3 weeks from the start of summer but you'd never know it during the weekends. Lots of boats and jet skis out on the water and the temperature is far from summer temps. Probably a good time to reflect back what you learned during your boating experiences from the past summer. Anything you would like to change? Mistakes to avoid? I'll go first. Get the boat in the boat house on the first try. So frustrating and it always seems to happen when my neighbors are on their docks.

I would expect to see a lot of first timers out on the water. Boat sales, I'm told, have been brisk. Great for the dealers but it will mean some folks getting used to their new boat. Let's hope all have taken a safe boating course. They are available on line. Better yet, our USCG Auxiliary Flotilla teaches an 8 hour course. Training dates directly from their web site:

JUNE 19**JULY 24****AUGUST 28****SEPTEMBER 11****OCTOBER 2**

All classes are from 8:00am to 4:00pm, with the exam given at the end of class. Boating certification is good in Any State in the U.S. Please bring your lunch - sodas, water, snacks available for purchase. - **Preregistration and \$30 Prepayment are required.**

For more information on these Classes, or to Register, please contact the Flotilla at 252-537-9877 or uscgauxflotilla93@gmail.com.

Did you know you can get a free boat inspection from the Flotilla? Successfully passing the inspection is the next best thing to a get out of jail card. If boarded by the USCG for a safety inspection when they visit the lake, the visible sticker indicating an inspection is the next best thing.

ECOS - Use of the Emergency Cut Off Switch is a new Federal law. If your boat has one, it must be attached to the operator at the wheel when at planing speeds.

Last but not least, the Council is already receiving phone calls about inconsiderate boaters and jet skiers who zoom too close by docks and shorelines. Operators are responsible for any damage caused by their wake. In Virginia, personal watercraft (PWC) must be 50 feet from a swimmer, dock, shoreline or structure. In NC, it is 100 feet. It's all common sense and please be considerate of others and property; particularly in coves.

We will see the end of fish spawning season on June 15 when Dominion will lower the water to normal summer levels and should stay at that level unless there are severe storms with lots of rainfall to the west. Please remember it may not rain at Lake Gaston but elsewhere in the Roanoke River basin which covers 10,000 square miles from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia past us and into the Albemarle Sound. Because of this, always secure boats and jet skis to your dock.

Did you know dock lights can not be used when underway. PWC are not to be operated before sunrise or after sundown.

Please be careful out there and have a safe summer.

Brian Goldsworthy, President, Lake Gaston Water Safety Council
Visit us at www.LakeGastonWaterSafetyCouncil.com.

Free Vessel Safety Check

Flotilla 93 will perform a free Vessel Safety Check on your boat at your home. The boat can be in the boatlift or on a trailer and does not need to be running. They will also provide a Vessel Examiner at your Home Owners Association Meeting to inspect boats after your business meeting. Call John Dyckman at (252) 537-9877.

Buoys placed in Lake Gaston need state & federal approval

Dominion Energy as well as the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission have received complaints concerning buoys being placed in the lake to deter boats near boat docks.

Both Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, as well as Dominion, do not allow buoys to be placed in the lake without state and federal approval. Any buoys placed in the lake will be considered an obstruction to navigation and will be required to be removed.

Mile marker buoys & danger buoys

If you notice a mile marker buoy that is damaged, light is out, is missing from its mooring, has washed up on the shore, etc., please contact Dominion Energy at (252) 535-6161 Ext. 4. Similarly, if you notice a danger or no wake buoy damaged, missing, etc. please contact the LGA at info@lakegastonassoc.com or (252) 586-6577 or 1-888-586-6577 and we will report it to the NC Wildlife Resource Commission or VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.



Who's the right contact for lake levels, operations, Shoreline Management, Wildlife Officers etc.

We have received the following information from Dominion Energy for you to use ...

For questions/comments related to lake levels and operations, please send an email to lakeinfo@dominionenergy.com.

A couple of items related to the account ...

1. As would be expected, this is not to be used for emergencies.
2. The account will be checked at least weekly and emails will be forwarded to the proper person for reply.
3. For questions related to Shoreline Management such as docks, riprap or the mileage buoys, please continue to call Will Miller, the Reservoir Program Manager, at 252-535-6894
4. For issues related to boating safety and regulations:

In **North Carolina**, WRC enforcement officers are the point of contact. If there is an urgent concern about safety or violations, please call the enforcement hotline at 800-662-7137 and the dispatch center will contact the nearest officer on duty. General complaints should probably be directed to Col. Jon Evans at 919-707-0036.

In **Virginia**, VA Conservation Police Officers (CPO's) enforce boating safety laws. Violations in progress should be reported to the Wildlife Crime Line at 1-800-237-5712 or WildCrime@dgif.virginia.gov.

General complaints can be directed to the main line at 804-367-1000 or <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/contact/>.

Need a Children's Loaner Life Jacket?

The PERFECT solution when guests show up and you don't have children's life jackets of the correct size for all of them. The Lake Gaston Water Safety Council's FREE loaner program makes children's sizes available at the following locations:

Bracey, VA

Holly Grove Marina - (434) 636-3455
Americamps - (434) 636-2668

Gasburg, VA

The Club - (434) 577-2935



Henrico, NC

Washburn's Marina - (252) 537-1335
Sherwood Forest - (252) 537-2526

Littleton, NC

Morningstar Marina - (252) 586-4661
Thousand Trails/Outdoor World - (252) 586-4121
Stonehouse Timber Lodge - (252) 586-3012



2021 PUBLIC EDUCATION BOATING SAFETY CLASS

- June 19
- July 24
- August 28
- September 11
- October 2

Course Fee \$30 includes book and all materials

Location: Longbridge VFD 1678 Eaton Ferry Road Littleton, NC 27850

LAKE GASTON

Courses are taught by certified instructors from the USCG Auxiliary Lake Gaston Flotilla. Classes are 8:00am to 5:00pm, (arrive at 7:45am to sign in) with the exam given at the end of class. Please bring your lunch. **Free Coffee and muffins available.** Bottled water, sodas, chips, snacks can be purchased for \$1.00.

North Carolina's Covid-19 restrictions will be adhered to IAW Governor Cooper orders if appropriate. Class size may be limited.

For additional information, email us at uscgauxflotilla93@gmail.com or phone 252-537-9877.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 306 Henrico, NC 27842

America's Boating Course is an eight-hour course covering the basics of boating and is appropriate for youth as well as the adult boater. Successful completion of this course satisfies the education requirement to operate a boat in **ANY STATE** and for youth to operate a PWC in both Virginia and North Carolina.

Virginia Law : All Virginia boaters in the waters must have proof of taking a Boating Course.

North Carolina Law: Requires that all PWC and Motor Boat Operators born after 1 Jan 1988 will have proof of completing a Boating Course, if they are operating a vessel with a 10 HP engine or greater.

On-line courses & Classroom by NC Wildlife & VADGIF:

For North Carolina Boating Safety course options go to

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Boating/Marina-Resources/Boating-Education-Courses>

For Virginia Boating Safety course options go to

www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/steps-to-requirement.asp

Calendar notes ...

June 5 – Lake Gaston Association Lake Clean-Up Day (see page 4)

June 8 – ZOOM -Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1 p.m., Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (717) 875-4481

June 12 – LGA's Annual meeting – 9:30 a.m. till noon, Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577

June 18 – American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti Dinner at 5 – 7 p.m. Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-2558

June 19 – 2021 Big Air Fair at 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. AF Wake at Eaton Ferry Bridge

July 3 – Patriotic Parade, Littleton, 10 a.m., line-up 9:15 a.m. at Lakeland Theatre, Mosby Ave, (252) 586-6828

July 7 – LGA monthly meeting, 9:30 till noon, Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577

July 23 - American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti Dinner at 5 – 7 p.m. Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-2558

Aug 14 - O'Sail – The Crossing starts at 9 a.m. the south side of Eaton Ferry Bridge, (910) 620-2074

www.lakegastonchamber.com www.warren-chamber.org www.northamptonchamber.org
www.visithalifax.com www.southhillchamber.com www.brunswickchamber.com
www.MedocMountainStatePark.com

(Put cursor on website & press CTRL + click to follow link)

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Please fill out the application below for any changes of information or to become a new member of the LGA.

LGA APPLICATION Dues are for Calendar Year (January-December)	
PLEASE INDICATE: <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> E-Mail Change	
PAYMENT FOR (Select one): <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Sponsor Membership* <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 General Membership <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Bronze <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Silver <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Lifetime <input type="checkbox"/> Business \$50	
Name _____	
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Lake Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time	
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Circle how you first heard of the LGA i.e., newspaper, LGA Bulletin, neighbor, brochure, website, radio, billboard & magazine, other _____	
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*Thank you
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2021 Membership Goal: 2,500

Current Members: 2,195 (Households 2,105 / Businesses 90)