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## ***President's Corner***

This as my first President's column ... The first thing I want to do is express my thanks to past President, Mozine Lowe. Mozine led the LGA for the past two years, though some challenging times – ever positive, ever cheerful, and always effective. The whole Lake Gaston community owes her a hearty “Thank You!”

By way of introduction, I'll tell you that I first visited Lake Gaston in 1965 while camping with my parents at Tom Tucker's Campground in Henrico. We camped here every summer until 1973. In the summer of '73, we assembled a log cabin house kit on a lot in Fox Hollow, right across the lake from the campground. Visits to the lake became year round events when my parents retired to the Lake and spent the next 25 years enjoying a second childhood here.

As retirement approached for us, we knew we wanted to spend our retirement years on “The Lake.” With the help of Mike Gupton at South Shore Realty, we found our dream house on Rocky Branch Creek, in Warren County, near mile marker 15. We bought in 2008 and retired in 2011.

Over the years, I've witnessed many changes as both lake area and I have grown. When we bought here, I knew I really wanted to help keep the Lake Gaston area the special place it is, so I joined the Lake Gaston Association (LGA). The LGA has many ways a person can volunteer to keep this the great place it is. What I found was that not only is this a special place, it is filled with incredible people. Over the years, I discovered a network of helpful and talented folks. If you need to know something, chances are the expertise is right here!

One of the important things the LGA does is support a survey of the aquatic vegetation around the whole 350+ miles of our shoreline. This survey is done by volunteers – us – to help NC State University with the management of the plant life in our lake. Plants are an important part of the lake ecosystem, we have both good and bad, or invasive, plants. Many people don't realize it but, our lake community is at the forefront of determining just how to combat these invasive plants. See elsewhere in this issue for info on how you can help with this effort. Doing the plant survey is fun and truly an example of many hands making light work.

Another thing we can do to keep this place great is to support our local businesses. At the end of every Bulletin, there is contact information for all our business members. The Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce is another good source of info for local businesses. The summer months are the most important for many of these businesses. Patronize them and keep them open.

Most importantly, please remember to keep safety in mind when on and around the lake. Operate boats and personal watercraft responsibly and with courtesy.

***Don Carson***

***Lake Gaston – Special Place, Incredible People!***

### ***August 7, 2019 - LGA monthly meeting***

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

**Topic:** Fall Lake Survey

**Speaker:** Jessica Baumann, Lake Manager for North Carolina State University's Aquatic Plant Management Program, will be here to discuss the upcoming 2019 fall aquatic vegetation survey.

Every year during the months of September and October, the entire shoreline of Lake Gaston is surveyed for the presence of aquatic plants, both the good and bad. This survey is a collaborative effort between volunteers with the Lake Gaston Association and the Aquatic Plant Management Program at NC State, and is a valuable tool when determining the management plan for Lake Gaston's nuisance species, such as Hydrilla and Lyngbya.

Jessica will be discussing the details of this survey, including training opportunities that will occur prior to the start of the survey. So all levels of experience are welcome to volunteer! If you are interested in participating in this survey please email [aquaticplants@ncsu.edu](mailto:aquaticplants@ncsu.edu).

**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](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com) or call (252) 586-6577 or toll free 1-888-586-6577.

## ***News from the Government Relations Committee***

The dust has settled and the County budgets have been approved for FY2019-2020. The local county fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. During the budget building process, the LGA provided inputs to all five counties. The information below is our annual posting for each county of the total budget, the ad valorem tax rate, and funding to the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council for noxious weed control.

County	Total Budget (1)	Tax Rate per \$100 (2)	Hydrilla Funding (3)
Halifax, NC	\$ 44,024,056	\$0.77	\$ 58K
Northampton, NC	\$ 32,651,292	\$0.915	\$116K
Warren, NC	\$ 31,795,280	\$0.79	\$116K
Brunswick, VA	\$ 44,469,387	\$0.53	\$ 90K
Mecklenburg, VA	\$121,425,262	\$0.42	\$116K

(1) Note that Virginia counties are funded differently than North Carolina counties, which results in higher budget totals, but lower ad valorem tax rates.

(2) Northampton went down half a cent from last year and all other counties stayed the same.

(3) Northampton went up to \$116K from \$100K last year and all other counties stayed the same.

The Government Relations Committee is a non-partisan activity that focuses on monitoring and interacting with our local and, to some extent, state governments. Our common goal is to represent the interests of our membership on matters that affect the Lake Gaston area.

You can help by joining us at our monthly meetings or by volunteering a small amount of your time. For example, members can attend a local county Commissioner/Supervisors meeting and witness your government in action. It only takes an evening a month or less (we can switch off with other members) and can be very interesting.

Monthly Government Relations 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. Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact them at [GovernmentRelations@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:GovernmentRelations@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

## ***Volunteers needed for Lake Environment Committee projects***

The summer is the busiest time of the year for the Lake Environment Committee. It involves our vegetation project, our ongoing water clarity and E. coli testing and preparing for the Fall lake survey. But much of the time is answering questions from our LGA members.

Most of the questions fall into two categories: Lyngbya and Water Willow. So let's address these two issues up front:

**Lyngbya** is an algae that grows in shallow water for the most part and likes water that is in back of coves especially.

The Lake Gaston Weed Control Council (LGWCC) has partnered with NCSU to do research, treatment and to determine the best process to rid our lake of this unwanted algae.

Current treatment sites are for the most part same as last year and there are several different chemical recipes being tested. At a meeting last week it was noted that one product was having some success.

So make sure you attend the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to hear our Lake Manager, Jessica Baumann, update us on the treatment effectiveness.

**Water Willow** is different.

We know how to kill the plant but it is protected by Dominion Energy's Shoreline Management Plan and is specifically pointed out in the FERC license. So if you need relief you will need to contact Dominion Energy. There is nothing we can do to override that part of the agreement with Dominion and the Federal Govt.

### **Revegetation Project:**

We're in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the partnership with NC Wildlife and the LGWCC to continue to plant native plants within an enclosure to protect them from herbivores (mostly turtles and grass carp). This year the LGA volunteers who contributed over 150 hours of valuable time teamed up with NC Wildlife, NCSU and Virginia DGIF.

Two new cages were constructed in the Beechwood area and several others repaired and a lot of planting both in and outside the cages. We still have a follow up day in July to finish on some of the Poplar Creek locations. We had several young guys assisting this year. Dylan Cook for his 2<sup>nd</sup> year and Matthew Woyer, Everett Lynch and Ashton Carroll. It was nice to have young people interested.

Mark Fowlkes is the coordinator for the project and works closely with Jessica from NCSU and of course the LGA. I want to thank Jeff Zimmer for coordinating the effort this year on my behalf since I could not be there.

Anyone interested in assisting in July let us know. Many thanks to John Cataldo, Pete Deschenes and Al Potter for their participation in supplying lunch and getting the work boat via Brunswick County.

### **Grass Carp:**

7,500 grass carp were put into the lake this spring. Two locations received them: Lizard Creek and Hawtree Creek. Each received half. Again the LGWCC in partnership with Dominion Energy is paying for the fish. Remember it is illegal to catch or shoot or have in your possession grass carp on Lake Gaston in both VA and NC.

### **E. coli/Water Clarity:**

Al Potter is coordinating these programs. We have E. coli kits available for your use. Please contact Al at his email address: [alpotter11@gmail.com](mailto:alpotter11@gmail.com)

### **Fall Lake Survey:**

The plans for the survey are underway with the Lake Environment Committee and NCSU. Be sure to attend the August 7<sup>th</sup> LGA meeting to gain more insight into the final plan. Last year we had about 65 volunteers. We are hoping to get around 75 this year. If you can contribute 8 hours or more of your valuable time it would be most appreciated.

### **Comments:**

My directorship with the LGA is over at this time. So this is my final report as chairman of the committee. I want to thank all the LGA volunteers over the past 8 or so years for their support with their valuable time. To the members on the committee, each has done a terrific job of assuring our projects are completed on time and in a safe manner I sincerely thank you. We have several tasks that took time to resolve. The time all volunteers contribute is what makes Lake Gaston special.

Have a safe summer on the lake.

Regards, Wally Sayko.

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](mailto:Environment@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

## ***Enjoy this beautiful time of the year on the water and be safe.***

We are now well into the 2019 Hurricane Season and although we have not had any real threats yet, it is a good time to prepare. Each county around the lake has an emergency warning service to alert you of dangers, but the individual needs to visit the county website and sign up for the service. You can sign up multiple phones both landlines and cellular phones, and sign up for text alerts and/or email.

The information available from the county emergency services offices is local to the county and areas of the affected county. It is also potentially the timeliest source of information tied to a specific address. As a for instance, the counties all receive up to date, accurate weather information from the National Weather Service and the state governments. Dominion Power has the counties' emergency services offices in its notification tree. The Lake Gaston Association will still provide high water warnings and other critical information, but our communication is not as timely as that available through the official emergency services sources.

The E 9-1-1 Task Force has continued its work all around the lake. The Safety Committee has provided assistance where it could and did ensure that the video that was produced is available on the opening page of the LGA website, under latest news. Just click on the title and turn on sound and hit return and the video will play. There is great emphasis on clear, complete information exchange. Calling 9-1-1 on a landline is very effective and provides immediate location data to the E-9-1-1 dispatcher in the county of the physical address. Calling from a cellular phone is far less reliable in reaching the intended call center. Each of the county dispatch centers have a hardline that can be dialed from a cell phone which might be more successful than bouncing off cellular towers. Those numbers are: in Virginia for Brunswick County – (434) 848-3133 and Mecklenburg – (434) 738-6191; and in NC for Halifax – (252) 583-7051, Northampton – (252) 574-1041, and Warren – (252) 257-3456. Remember to speak clearly and provide complete location info.

As we near the end of the most popular season for being at the lake, please start planning for the cold months and coordinate with neighbors so that they can look out for you and you can look out for them. The Fall is when we all need to get into the Watch Out for Our Neighborhood role, and the time to make sure we keep our neighbors in mind when extreme weather strikes. Have cell phone numbers as backups for hardline phones. Check on your neighbors and let them know that you are safe.

Now is the time to schedule needed maintenance on heating systems and ventilation, change the air filters, check the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and get the chimney cleaned. Buy the salt for the walkway and stairs and put it where it is handy to get to.

Monthly 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](mailto:Safety@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

### ***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>

### **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.)*



## ***Education Committee Beginning of School Year Update***

This summer we have completed the update to the data base of LGA and non-LGA speakers who are willing to volunteer some of their time to speak to local school students with regard to career fields and life skills. A big “thank you” goes out to all those who have volunteered their services.

With the start of the new school year, members of the committee will be communicating with local middle schools to inform and remind them of the volunteer services that the LGA has to offer their students. We hope to have a productive and early involvement with the schools for this school year.

We welcome any member to share their thoughts and contribute their time and energy on a part-time basis to support the Education Committee. Being active with local students is a great way to provide an important service to our community.

Monthly Education 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. We welcome your participation at these meetings even if it is to learn more about our programs.

Contact them at [Education@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Education@LakeGastonAssoc.com).

## ***From the Desk of the Executive Director***

One of my favorite tasks to do is pull together our bi-monthly Bulletins. It’s definitely a team effort. I couldn’t produce the copy without the Committee Chairs articles about what their Committees have been doing since our last Bulletin. As well as the other organizations that provide important information for you.

As you’ll see from the front page we have a new President, Don Carson; Mazine Lowe is now our immediate Past President; Brian Goldsworthy is Vice President; Jack Saunders is still Treasurer; and we will need a Secretary to replace Brian, hopefully that will be resolved by our August 7<sup>th</sup> LGA monthly meeting.

We have seven Committees: Lake Environment, Public Safety, Government Relations, Education, Lake Clean-Up, Marketing & Membership and Nominating (as needed). I get involved in all the committees in one way or another.

For instance, this year Virginia will be holding elections. It’s my job to contact both Brunswick and Mecklenburg county General Registrars to get a list of who filed in June for those county positions. The LGA is planning Candidate Forums, probably for early October, for both counties. We also invite State level candidates.

Our Candidate Forums are generally well attended by the candidates as well as the voters. Don Carson has been our moderator for several years now. When the voters arrive for the Forum they have the opportunity to write down their question(s) on 3x5 cards – there are no questions taken from the floor unless they are on a 3x5 card. The 3x5’s are vetted before they are given to the Moderator. Voting will occur on November 5.

I have to say I do like to take part in the Lakeside Learning Days that are put on by the Education Committee in the Spring. Each LLD is at a lakeside location and has a local school participate from one of the five counties. They typically have seven stations set up for each group of students to cycle through: normally addressing Hydroelectric Power (LGA), Aquatic Plants (NC State University), Water Analysis (LGA), Lake Fish (VA Department of Games & Inland Fisheries or NC Wildlife); Water Safety (Lake Gaston Water Safety Council); and Buoyancy (LGA). And, at most of the LLDs Adam Fields is available to demonstrate wakeboarding, and he also talks to the students on land.

Each LLD ends up with the opportunity to teach the students how to cast a fishing line. We do not use hooks on the lines as we can have up to 60 or more students. What I like to see is the students that know how to cast a line will stop and help those who are holding a fishing rod for the first time, and nothing is going right for them. Yes, we have fishing rods & bobbers for 60 some students courtesy of Brunswick County who loan them to us when we have a LLD. A great time is had by both the students and their teachers.

If you’d like to volunteer to be on one our committees – they are all very interesting – check out our committee articles and go sit in on one or two of them. You’ll see when they meet at the bottom of each article. It’s worth a try. How about it?

***Moir***

***LGA welcomes 2 new business members:***  
**Clearvue Window Cleaning and Lakeside Lutheran Church**

## US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 93 - 2019 training dates

August 17 • September 21 • October 26

America's Boating Safety 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 for youth to operate a PWC in both Virginia and North Carolina.

Remember: **Virginia now has a law** that all boaters in the waters of Virginia will have proof of taking a Boating Course. All Motor Boat Operators operating a vessel with a 10 HP engine or greater, must meet these requirements. All PWC Operators regardless of age must have proof of taking a Boating Course.

**North Carolina Law** effective January 1, 2014 requires that all PWC and Motor Boat Operators who were born after 1 Jan 1988 will have proof of taking a Boating Course, if they are operating a vessel with a 10 HP engine or greater.

**Clarification:** Boaters on Lake Gaston need to be in compliance with their state of residence for Boater Education Certification. This is true whether the boater is a resident of North Carolina, Virginia, or any other state as recognized by both states' enforcement officers.

The fee for the course is \$30.00, **Preregistration and prepayment are required.** Courses are now taught at the Long Bridge VFD, 1678 Eaton Ferry Rd., Littleton, NC 27850. All classes are on Saturday from 8:30am to 5:00pm, with the exam given at the end of class.

Please bring your lunch. Bottled water and sodas can be purchased for 50 cents. It is a busy day - but rewarding. Remember – **Preregistration and Prepayment are required.**

For more information on these classes, or to register call (252) 535-3335. If you get the answer machine, leave a message with your name and phone number and an Auxiliary member will call you back.

### 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](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/steps-to-requirement.asp)

## 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. To receive a free safety check, call John Dyckman at (252) 537-9877. Flotilla 93 will also provide a Vessel Examiner at your Home Owners Association Meeting to inspect boats after your business meeting. Call John Dyckman.

In addition Flotilla 93 will conduct vessel safety checks 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Morningstar Marina on the following dates: : Dates are being finalized for June & July. Call John Dyckman for the dates.

## 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 the LGA at [info@lakegastonassoc.com](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com) or (252) 586-6577 or 1-888-586-6577 and we will report it to Dominion. Similarly, if you notice a danger or no wake buoy damaged, missing, etc. please contact us as above and we will report it to the NC Wildlife Resource Commission or VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.



## Lake Gaston Water Safety Council news

Information was recently provided by the NC Wildlife Commission about boating fatalities in 2018. The bottom line number is striking! **"A total of 35 people lost their lives due to boating accidents last year, the highest number of vessel-related fatalities since 1990. Twenty-nine of the victims were not wearing a life vest"**, according to NC Wildlife.

While we think awareness is up, it would seem too many believe it can't happen. As manufacturers work to make life jackets more wearable and look jazzy, someone near the water still needs to pick it up and wear it. We all know the time to put a life jacket on is not when you are in the water.

So what to do. It's got to be a rule and if you are the skipper of your boat, walk the talk and practice what you preach. Some good rules to live by and remember include:

- Wear a Coast Guard-approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or a life jacket at all times when boating or on a personal watercraft. The Coast Guard advises a properly fitted life jacket is snug, yet comfortable, will not move above the chin or ears when lifted by the shoulders.
- Throw, don't go. Be prepared to throw a floatation device or use a pole/tree branch to reach someone struggling in the water. Never jump in to save someone because you too could be pulled under.
- Our Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 9-3 offers a Safe Boating Class. Look for their link and more water safety information at [www.LakeGastonWaterSafetyCouncil.com](http://www.LakeGastonWaterSafetyCouncil.com).

Please be careful out there.

**Brian Goldsworthy, President Lake Gaston Water Safety Council**

**Wear your life jacket! They float, people don't!**

## 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



## 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](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com) and let us know, describe each item(s) and give us contact information for you.

**LOST:** A blue pedal boat with a white top, disappeared from one of our member's boat dock area in Lakeview Estates just outside of Poplar Creek. It had been tied up and in the water several months ago. If you have seen a pedal boat like this one adrift, can you contact [info@lakegastonassoc.com](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com) or call the LGA office at (252) 586-6577 or 1-888-586-6577. **Thank you.**

## *That Time of Year Again!*

During this period the Lake Gaston Association gives its members an opportunity to sponsor new members for membership for the rest of this year as well as all of 2020. In addition, the new member will receive a \$5.00 discount and the sponsoring member will also receive a \$5.00 discount when renewing next year.

If more information is needed, please call Moira Underwood at (252) 586-6577.

Also, this would be a good time to thank our LGA business members for their support when shopping at their businesses. A list of business cards is available in our Bulletin starting at page 11. Also, at the top of each Business Member page you'll see the link to our website where a list of Business Members can be found. Click on the business you are wanting and it will take you to their site.

Want to learn or contribute more to the Marketing & Membership Committee?

Monthly Marketing & Membership Committee meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 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](mailto:MarketingMembership@LakeGastonAssoc.com)



## *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Gaston Clean-Up concludes ...*

To all who participated in the 9th Annual Lake Clean-Up on June 1st, a great big "THANK YOU". We know there were those who could not help on the day of the event but helped in one way or another. Some of our residents took their debris to their county convenience center. We especially want to thank those who take the time to dispose of their litter properly instead of throwing it out along the road. If we could just get that message to more people, it would be so rewarding.

Keeping Lake Gaston looking neat and well groomed is a year round project, not just one day. We do appreciate each of you who take the time to pick up the litter along the road and shorelines. Our goal is to make our lake residents aware of this ongoing project. It is good to keep a bag for trash on your boat to help keep our shorelines looking good.

The Lake Clean-Up Committee has met to wrap up this year's event. We will meet again in the fall to see how we can make our project more effective. There are still too many who choose to use the roads, lake, etc. as their trash container. Many do a litter pickup as a group and we appreciate that. Maybe your church or organization would take a section of road and keep it picked up.

The dumpsters at Morningside Marina, Washburn Marina and AFWake were donated by Waste Industries again this year. We are very thankful for their continued support. We also would like to thank Morningside Marina and Washburn's Marina for allowing us to have the dumpsters put on their property and to AFWake for setting up on their frontage.

The Lake Gaston Striper Club cleaned up several islands on Lake Gaston and the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 93 was on hand for any emergencies. Others who supported Lake Clean-Up are the Lake Gaston Water Safety Council and the FABS.

Also, to all the road crews from Brunswick County who helped to clean up the roads in their county. And to those who cleaned up on the water. Last, but certainly not least, to the many volunteers and committee members who staffed the dumpsters and worked to make the event a success, a much appreciated thank you.

Hoping that everyone is having a good summer.....stay safe.

We are always looking for interested persons to join us on Lake Clean-Up.

Monthly committee meetings are held the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at Little Food & Spirits, 231 N. Mosby Ave., Littleton, NC 27850. Everyone is invited to participate

Contact them at [LakeCleanup@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:LakeCleanup@LakeGastonAssoc.com)



# THE CROSSING

## August 10, 2019

### 15<sup>th</sup> Annual

One mile open water swim, paddle, row, float across Lake Gaston, or walk the bridge in support. \$30 preregistration, \$35 day of registration includes launch from a military landing craft, custom event t-shirt and treats at the finish line.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 swimmers, the top 3 “wavers”, the organizations with the most swimmers, the organizations with the most walkers, and the organizations with the most vessels.

All proceeds go to support O'Sail (organization to support arts, infrastructure, and learning on Lake Gaston).

**visit: [www.osail.org](http://www.osail.org) for more details,  
registration and sponsor opportunities**

### ***Barricade of Boats – Get the Best View of the Event on August 10***

To help protect the participants in *The Crossing*, Eaton Ferry Bridge will be closed to all water traffic, and security vessels from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 93, NC Wildlife, the Warren County Sheriff, and the Coast Guard will be there to enforce this closing.

Additionally, a barricade of boats from the public are welcome to line up near the swim lane buoys to protect the participants. Anyone interested in being a part of the 'barricade' should just come out and be in position on the west side of the bridge behind the line of buoys, with your boat anchored, prior to 8:30 a.m.

The barricade boats will have a bird's eye view of the event – as well as being a part of the protection for the participants. An anchor is a **MUST** – you cannot idle your motors near the swim lane! We do not want any boat waves or engine exhaust to impact the swimmers.

Barricade boats must be in position prior to the bridge closing at 8:30 a.m., and *The Crossing* event kicks off at 9:00 a.m. and is usually over by 11:30 a.m.

## **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.

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## LGA Monthly Committee Meetings:

Committee	Meeting Day	Time	Location
Public Safety	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	8:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Government Relations	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	8:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Education	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	9:30 am	Littleton Food & Spirits **
Environment	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	8:30 am	Kitchen Table Cafe *
Marketing & Membership	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

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*Occasionally a LGA scheduled committee meeting may need to be cancelled. If you are on that committee the chair will inform you via email of its cancellation and it will be reflected on the LGA's calendar on our website at <http://www.lakegastonassoc.com/Organization/Calendar.htm>*

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**Calendar notes ...**

- Aug 3, - "Night with Roy Orbison," 7:30 p.m.,** Lakeland Theatre, Littleton (252) 586-3124
- Aug 3 – Yardsale, 9a.m.-1p.m.** Rain or Shine, Roanoke-Wildwood VFD, 790 Lizard Creek Rd., (252) 586-5737
- Aug 7 – LGA monthly meeting, 9:30 – noon,** Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577
- Aug 7 – Lake Gaston Striper Club, 6:30 p.m.** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico 586-7112
- Aug 17 – US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boater Safety Course, 8:30 – 5 p.m.** Long Bridge VFD 1678 Eaton Ferry Rd. (252) 535-3335
- Aug 3,4\*,9,10,11\* - "Oldies but Goodies, 50s, 60s, 70s,"** Colonial Center, South Hill (434) 262-4170
- Aug 8 – Eaton Ferry Road AARP, 6 p.m.,** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-4705
- Aug 9 - "The Butterfly Life Cycle," 1:30 p.m.,** Medoc Mountain State Park (252) 586-6588
- Aug 10 – The Crossing, 9 a.m.,** Eaton Ferry Bridge, Lake Gaston, (910) 620-2074
- Aug 13 - Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1 p.m.,** Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 537-7091
- Aug 15 – Sunset Sounds, Centennial Park Amphitheater, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.,** \$3 admission (434) 447-4547
- Aug 16-17 – I-95 Late Model Challenge Racing Series 6:30 p.m. start,** 32674 Hwy 561 East, Littleton, NC 27850 (252) 532-2632
- Aug 16,18\* - "He is More Than Wonderful Gospel Concert," 7:30 p.m.,\*2:30 p.m.** Lakeland Theatre, Littleton (252) 586-3124
- Aug 23 - "Spot that Snake," 1:30 p.m.,** Medoc Mountain State Park (252) 586-6588
- Aug 23 – American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti dinner at 5-7 p.m.** Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-3268
- Aug 28 - Lake Gaston Water Safety Council, 6 p.m. social/6:30 p.m. dinner,** Kennon House, Gasburg (252) 586-4705
- Aug 30-31 – Littleton-Lake Gaston Festival, Friday 7-10 p.m. & Sat 10 am-4 pm** downtown Littleton
- Sept 4 – LGA monthly meeting 9:30 – noon,** Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577
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- Sept 20 – American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti dinner at 5-7 p.m.** Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-3268
- Sept 21 – "Laboring in Halifax: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Trades Fair," 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,** Historic Halifax (252) 583-7191
- Sept 27,28 - Halifax County Harvest Days, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,** 4-H Rural Life Center, (252) 583-5161
- Oct 5 – Seafood Festival, 1-5p.m.,** Lake Gaston Lions Club, 139 Stanley Rd, Henrico (252) 535-5308
- Oct 12 – Taste of Brunswick Festival, 10 – 4 p.m.,** Lawrenceville/Brunswick Municipal Airport (434)577-2971
- Oct 26 – US Coast Guard Auxiliary Boater Safety Course, 8:30 – 5 p.m.** Long Bridge VFD 1678 Eaton Ferry Rd. (252) 535-3335

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