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# Bulletin

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

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Jack Saunders on February 8, 2021. Jack was a pillar of the Lake Gaston community, contributing his talents and time to many organizations in the Lake Gaston area. For the LGA, he was an invaluable member of our team, not only as a member of the LGA Board of Directors, he was our Treasurer, and chair of our Public Safety Committee.

More importantly, Jack was a close and dear friend. Jack's spirit of friendliness, caring, and community giving will live on through his influence on all of us. We are all thankful for the opportunity to have worked with and alongside him. We truly will miss him, but will never forget him.

We are again holding our popular Community Paper Shredding event, on May 8, from 10 am to 1 p.m. (see details on page 5). This was one of Jack's favorite Public Safety Committee projects and we have decided to rename it the Jack D. Saunders Community Shred.

LGA COVID update – It is great to see the COVID vaccine being distributed to more and more people. We continue 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.

Our highest priority is the safety and wellbeing of our members and the community. We have postponed our Five County Forum until such time as the threat has subsided and will be evaluating our other activities as the situation evolves. We are definitely looking forward to meeting our friends and neighbors in person as soon as safely possible.

Corey Chamberlain, from Dominion Energy, provided an update of Lake Gaston status from their perspective at the March monthly BoD meeting. One item of note is that, so far this year, the Lake has received an average of 22,080 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water which is more than 2½ times the average inflow of 8,316 cfs. Last year we averaged 15,220 cfs, which is almost twice the average inflow. All this is to point out that it has been an unusually wet couple of years for the Roanoke River basin, which explains why we've seen so much high water. With these high inflows comes the muddy water that is a natural part of the Spring cycle. It usually clears up as the weather warms up.

Fish Spawning Season begins in March and runs through mid-June. During Fish Spawning Season, the flow rates out of Lake Gaston are specified by the Corps of Engineers for Dominion with much tighter limits than normal. In order to handle inflows from local rain events and still maintain those tight flow specifications, Dominion is allowed to (and sometimes needs to) operate Lake Gaston at higher levels than normal.

Enjoy the Spring, be safe and be healthy.

***Don***

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

## *April 7, 2021 - LGA monthly meeting via ZOOM*

**Topic:** Aquatic Vegetation in Lake Gaston

**Speaker:** Jessica Baumann, Extension Associate  
NC State University Co-operative Extension Service

**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. While we are still in COVID-19 we will be conducting our meetings Via ZOOM. To request the meeting link, email [bgoldsworthy@me.com](mailto:bgoldsworthy@me.com). The link will be emailed Sunday before the meeting.

### *Rest Well Jack, we have the watch*

I am writing this as the new Chair for the LGA Public Safety Committee. It seems inappropriate and downright unfair to carry on without acknowledging Jack Saunders' years of service as the Chair of the LGA Public Safety Committee.

I first met Jack in the fall of 2015 when I attended my first committee meeting. After 8 years as a police officer and then over 30+ years in Corporate Security at numerous multinational corporations, this committee seemed to be a good fit and closely aligned to my work experience. Jack was a good mentor and we seemed to hit it off. I learned Jack had a wealth of life experiences which he conveyed in words and action to committee. He also wrote some darn good Safety articles.

It took Jack's passing to see another side of Jack; things he never discussed just to get him street cred. Jack never sought the limelight. I knew Jack retired after 20 years of service from the Air Force. What I didn't know he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He then spent almost 15 years at Hughes Aircraft and then Raytheon Company retiring as an assistant General Manager.

Jack had the unique ability to break things down into bite size pieces of actionable information. I also noted he was relentless in pursuing an idea or correct a wrong. Jack doggedly chased over several years NCDOT and the USCG about the need for nighttime navigation lights under the Eaton Ferry Bridge. Thanks to Jack's work behind the scenes, we will soon see navigational lights under the Eaton Ferry Bridge; something that should have been in place when the bridge was built.

The above is just one example. Jack brought the annual shred event to the lake. It's grown bigger each year. Jack could always be found, rain or shine, at the LGA Annual meeting in front of the grill cooking the hot dogs. No job was too big or too small for Jack.

We will miss Jack and the lake dearly will miss Jack. It is now our job to carry his street sense of doing what is right forward in time. To borrow a Navy phrase, Rest Well Jack, we have the watch.

**VIA ZOOM** - Monthly Public Safety Committee meetings are held the second Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. Contact them at [Safety@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Safety@LakeGastonAssoc.com) to join the meeting via Zoom.

## **LGA Dues Discount:**

**Sponsor a friend or neighbor and they will get a \$5.00 discount off of their 2020 membership dues and you the same during the next renewal period.**

**Want more information?**

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

## ***LGA participates in Stakeholders Winter Meeting***

In February stakeholders met to hear the latest Technical Advisory Group's (TAG) recommendations on Lyngbya management. This group is chaired by Pete Deschenes with the able assistance of Susie Deschenes. While several LGA members attended, Don Carson represented LGA as a voting member.

Jessica Bauman, NC State Extension Associate, highlighted the fall survey results stating that the acreage of Lyngbya continues to increase and is now at approximately 1200 acres. The TAG recommended increasing algaecide treatments up to 300 acres (91 acres in 2020). The stakeholders agreed with these recommendations and this was shared with the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council.

Kirk Rundle, Biologist with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (the Commission), answered questions regarding Alabama Bass. He stated that a 2018 survey indicates that up to a third of all spotted bass in Lake Gaston could possibly be Alabama Bass. They are an aggressive species that out compete Largemouth Bass and readily hybridizes with Smallmouth and Spotted Bass.

### **Lake Gaston Weed Control Council (LGWCC) Plans for 2021**

The LGWCC recently met to approve treatment plans based on TAG and Stakeholders recommendations. Jessica provided details on 2020 treatments, research and survey results. Bids from Chemical Vendors and Applicators were reviewed and approved. With the Hydrilla population being well under control, treatments will be for "flare ups" only.

For Lyngbya treatments it was agreed to contract with Aqua Services, Inc. of Guntersville, based on their experience and innovative equipment. The plan is to treat multiple sites six times with approximately thirty days between Algaecide applications. Treatments will begin as soon as water temperatures allow (late March-early April). More details on dates and location will be communicated to the public.

Mark Fowlkes, Piedmont Aquatic Habitat Coordinator with the Commission, reported particularly good results of the vegetation exclosures in several locations, particularly Stonehouse Creek. He discussed what a new 5-year Vegetation Establishment plan would involve. Mark will be working with Jessica to determine how we can incorporate fish attractors with ell grass in the future. This will require Dominion approval. Mark thanked all the volunteers who have been instrumental in building the exclosures or "cages", and planting native vegetation over the past 5 years.

### **E. coli water testing**

E.coli water test equipment has been purchased and should be available for pick-up beginning mid-April. We would like to see sediment levels drop and water temperatures rise before we begin testing (hopefully in May). Al Potter will continue to organize this effort for us. An email will be sent out with details on how to get the equipment.

### **Plan now for summer "Cage" and Native Vegetation Work - Volunteers needed**

We continue to plan our work on the vegetation exclosures or cages. This is an annual effort to develop native vegetation replacing the hydrilla population we have so successfully reduced. We will survey the condition of the cages with NC Wildlife Resource Commission in late April.

Our focus this summer will be repairing existing cages and planting native vegetation inside and around cages. This work will take place the second week in June (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>), and is another great opportunity for volunteers to contribute to improving our lake environment.

If you are interested in helping out please call Jeff Zimmer at 252-257-2085.

**VIA ZOOM** - Monthly Lake Environment meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate. Contact them ahead of time at [Environment@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Environment@LakeGastonAssoc.com) to join the meeting via Zoom.

## ***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](mailto:jzimmer2216@gmail.com) .



## *Lake Clean-Up*

Spring is here and our roads around the lake are looking bad. Why not take this chance, before the grass and weeds along the roads begin to grow, to take a little time to pick up some trash? Anything that you or your neighbors can do will help.

In fact, Warren County is offering groups the tools you need to get started. They have vests, gloves, bags and pickup sticks. Call 252-257-2114 and ask for Debbie. In Brunswick County, VDOT offers some items for road clean-up also. The phone no. there is 434-774-2321 and ask for Kallie.

The LGA Board members spent a day picking up trash along some roads in March, maybe you saw us?. We are hoping to have another event in the future, which we will

advertise.

A “Big Thank You” to the businesses, organizations, groups and individuals who have taken the time to help out with this situation. Every little bit helps. The biggest help would be for the people who throw this litter out along our roads to realize what they are doing and then come out and help pick up and dispose of the correct way.

When you or a group do some pick up along the roads, please let us know...pictures are welcomed.

**SUSPENDED** - 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](mailto:LakeCleanup@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

## *Resumption of LGA Activities*

Vaccinations have begun and many of us hope that we can return to some sense of normalcy. The LGA has tried to keep our members informed of lake associated news and now is eager to renew normal associated activities.

Got some ideas on getting the word out or wish to participate in one of our committee activities? Contact us or consider attending a Marketing & Membership Committee meeting. We hope to resume them in the very near future.

**SUSPENDED** - 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](mailto:MarketingMembership@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

## *Some schools considering returning to in-school instruction*

Since the vaccination program is not complete our educational activities remain on hold. It remains unclear if we can hold any Spring programs but we will continue to monitor the situation. Obviously, we do not want to put our members at risk to hold any educational activities before it is safe to do so.

Stay healthy and enjoy the warmer weather!

**SUSPENDED** - 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](mailto:Education@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>

## ***Government Relations update ...***

The Government Relations Committee will continue to meet virtually for the foreseeable future.

Last month we smoothed the Legislative Agenda letter (again) and sent it to the LGA Executive Committee Board.

At our next meeting on April 20 we will also review the status of the Chateau development and the Edwards Beach Community Center. From our March meeting there were some good ideas for future tasks for the committee which we will also pursue at the April meeting.

**VIA ZOOM** - Monthly Government Relations Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to participate. Contact them ahead of time at [GovernmentRelations@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:GovernmentRelations@LakeGastonAssoc.com) to join the meeting via Zoom.

## ***LGA's Jack D. Saunders Community Shred Event***

The Lake Gaston Association will sponsor its Seventh Annual Community Paper Shred on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The collection will be accomplished in the lower parking area at the Roanoke-Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department at 790 Lizard Creek Rd. The service is free to the public but contributions will be gratefully accepted.

Items to be shredded can include any old paper records; staples and paper clips need not be removed, but please no three ring binders or heavy metal clamps. We can accept any amounts of paper for shredding that can be processed in the time period.

The truck mounted shredder consumes about 10 book boxes/cases of paper every 8 minutes. No boxes can go in the shredder, no computer memory discs or thumb drives can go in the shredder. People can stand and watch while the paper is shredded. The shredding is professional grade and is the same level of shredding contracted by banking institutions. For more information contact (252) 586-6577 or 1-888-586-6577 or [info@lakegastonassoc.com](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com)

## ***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](mailto:environment@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](mailto: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!**

## *From the Desk of the Executive Director*

Well I don't know about you, but I'll be glad when COVID-19 is behind us. I had my second shot of the vaccine the last week of March. I hope that will make a big difference for all of us.

As of February we have started our first Wednesday of the month Board of Director meetings via Zoom. Leanne Patrick, President/CEO of the Lake Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce was our speaker from her office - a great presentation full of information.

Our March meeting ended up a week later on the 10<sup>th</sup> as we had difficulties getting into our March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Corey Chamberlain, Hydro Support Consultant at Dominion Energy talked about Dominion Energy and FERC process. Members who signed up to be on the call, had opportunities to ask their questions of Corey via 'post-its' - i.e. both the speaker & the members could see their question on the screen.

I'm looking forward to the LGA's Annual Community Paper Shred on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Roanoke-Wildwood VFD on River Rd. It is always a popular event with our members and for several years now it is a drive thru event. When it's your turn for the shredder, we help you to unload your documents to be shredded. I have a lot of paper that I want to get rid of as well.

From time to time we receive requests from our members to have an additional email address in their membership record. We only have room for one email per record and we ask the requesting member to ask their spouse to forward them the LGA email.

It's not a case of adding space to the membership record for a second email address, it's a case of the volume of email addresses that that would mean. At one email address per record we have 1,975 emails and growing.

There are rules that govern bulk email lists, I can't just hit send and all 1,975 emails go at once. We have to use a mail server to spread out the delivery of those emails so LGA emails make it to your inbox vs spam. We thank you for your understanding.

With summer around the corner, we have two great presentations that were given at one of our LGA monthly meetings by Tony Moran (our Marketing & Membership chair) - "Snakes Around the Lake Area" and "Dangerous Spiders Around Lake Gaston". Here are the links:

<https://www.lakegastonassoc.com/about-us/lga-news/43-snakes-around-lake-gaston.html>

<https://www.lakegastonassoc.com/about-us/lga-news/7-dangerous-spiders-around-lake-gaston.html>

Please stay safe!

*Moira*

## **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](mailto:Nominating@LakeGastonAssoc.com)

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

## LGA Annual Meeting Set for Saturday, June 12

You are invited to attend the LGA’s annual meeting which will be held on Saturday, June 12. If COVID-19 is no longer a threat we will aim to be at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church. If COVID-19 is still with us we will have our meeting via Zoom. Meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. with meeting commencing at 10 a.m. Meeting will conclude by noon.

### Special Presentations at Annual Meeting

We plan to allow time during the meeting for comments from those present at the meeting, i.e. questions, observations about lake activities, suggestions for LGA involvement or lack of involvement in lake issues, etc.

However, if any member would like to make a special presentation they must notify the LGA by May 26, 2021.

This notification must be submitted in writing, stating the topic of the presentation to Don Carson, 117 Coventry Court, Macon, NC 27551 or [Donald.E.Carson@gmail.com](mailto:Donald.E.Carson@gmail.com) This is required by the LGA By-Laws and helps in developing the meeting agenda and allocating time for the meeting.

### A Message From the Nominating Committee

The Nominating committee will be nominating the following individuals for term as a Director of the Lake Gaston Association at the annual meeting in June:

**Halifax:** Judy Waters 2<sup>nd</sup> term director

**Warren:** Don Carson 3<sup>rd</sup> term director  
Luly Carson 1<sup>st</sup> term director

**Brunswick:** John Cataldo 3<sup>rd</sup> term director

**Mecklenburg:** Al Potter 2<sup>nd</sup> term director

Additional names of candidates may be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signatures of a least 15 members in good standing. Petitions must reach the chairman of the Nominating Committee by June 1.

Contact Nomination chair Bill Heflin or email, [Nominating@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Nominating@LakeGastonAssoc.com) .

There are also other Director vacancies in Brunswick, Halifax, Mecklenburg, Northampton, and Warren counties.

## LGA Monthly Committee Meetings:

*Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic some of our committees are now using ZOOM.*

Committee	Meeting Day	Time	Location
Public Safety	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday	8:30 am	Via Zoom
Education	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	8:30 am	No meetings at this time
Government Relations	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	9:30 am	Via Zoom
Lake Environment	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	8:30 am	Via Zoom
Marketing & Membership	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	8:30 am	No meetings at this time
Lake Clean-Up	Last Wednesday	10:30 am	No meetings at this time

*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.*

### *It's Almost Time*

It's been a long haul over the winter for all of us. By the time you see this I will be post 5 weeks after a total knee replacement surgery. I will also have had my second Covid 19 jab thanks to the good folks at the Warren County Health Department. I have a lot personally to be thankful for.

I anticipate I will have completed my first pain free walk down the 65 steps to the lake in 3 years. I look forward to the jaunt. For those who have read my past musings, my last trip down to the dock in October didn't end well when my knee unceremoniously gave out and I "enjoyed" an unexpected and unplanned fall into the chilly water WITHOUT my PFD. I was lucky that time.

Early spring means getting the hoist greased for the summer. We had the boat serviced last fall but if you haven't, start to make plans. The time to schedule service is not in mid April. Check the condition of your PFD's and lines. Always remember even if you have a lift, secure jet skis and boats to the dock. There was a posting just the other day of a jet ski sans driver meandering down the center of the lake.

As much as I hate say it, I'm even looking forward to the yellow crud, also referred to as pollen. There is the necessary clean up but when over, we are then ready for warm temperatures.

Hopefully it will also mean we can resume face to face monthly meetings. Keep checking the web site for updates. [www.LakeGastonWaterSafetyCouncil.com](http://www.LakeGastonWaterSafetyCouncil.com).

Please be careful out there.

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

### *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](mailto: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.





## 2021 PUBLIC EDUCATION BOATING SAFETY CLASS

- April 10
- May 15
- 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 [usegauxflotilla93@gmail.com](mailto:usegauxflotilla93@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](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/steps-to-requirement.asp)

**Calendar notes ...**

**Apr 7 – LGA monthly meeting Via ZOOM (252) 586-6577– Membership invited**

**Apr 7 – CANCELLED - Lake Gaston Striper Club, 6:30 p.m. Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-7112**

**Apr 13 – CANCELLED -Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1 p.m., Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 537-7091**

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

**May 5 – LGA monthly meeting Via ZOOM (252) 586-6577 – Membership invited**

**May 5 – CANCELLED - Lake Gaston Striper Club, 6:30 p.m. Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 586-7112**

**May 8 - Jack D. Saunders Community Shred Event, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Roanoke Wildwood VFD, 790 Lizard Creek Rd**

**May 11 – CANCELLED - Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1 p.m., Lake Gaston Lions Den, Henrico (252) 537-7091**

**May 21 - American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti Dinner at 5 – 7 p.m. Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-2558**

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### ***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](mailto: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.

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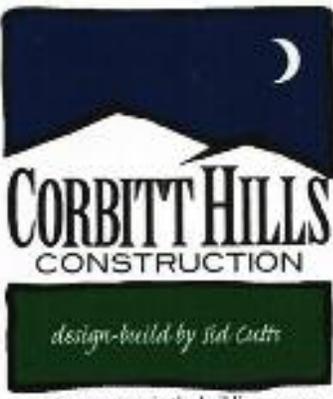
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