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# Bulletin

**YOUR PRIMARY VOICE ON LAKE ISSUES...**

With a mission to identify issues affecting our members and pursue resolution with the responsible organizations

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## The Lake Gaston Association is seeking a new Treasurer

This is a volunteer position, as are all members of the Board of Directors. A financial background is not necessary, but always a plus. Experience working with spreadsheets and balancing a budget is important. The Treasurer is also required to attend three meetings per month: Monthly Board Meeting, Marketing & Membership Committee Meeting, as well as the Executive Committee Meeting.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safeguarding of all funds received by the LGA and their proper disbursement. Such funds shall be kept on deposit in a financial institution as approved by the Board, subject to checks signed by the Treasurer or, in his/her absence, by the President. The Treasurer shall present a monthly and annual financial report to the Board and shall perform other duties assigned by the President.

If this sounds of interest to you, please forward your resume to [President@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:President@LakeGastonAssoc.com).

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



**Why should I join or stay on as an LGA Member?** The cost of membership isn't very high, but \$25 bucks is \$25.00, or as I type this, about five gallons of gas. Do you feel you are getting your money's worth by being a member? Let's see if there is a measurable value to your membership.

**Why do we live, play, and vacation here?** For the lake of course. What would happen to property values if the lake somehow became polluted and you couldn't fish or swim in it? What if the kids would get a rash from the water? It wasn't that many years ago when Hydrilla, a nasty invasive plant species, was a big issue! The LGA and various local and regional partners were in the middle of getting this fixed and it's no longer an issue. Yet, once again we are busy addressing the Lyngbya nuisance problem on our lake.

Our lake water quality is so good Virginia Beach and nearby counties use this lake as a source of drinking water. We also know when we get an unintentional mouthful of lake water, we can swallow it without fear of ingesting chemicals.

**How about Taxes?** If you are like me, my primary residence is elsewhere so I can't vote in local elections. What would you do if taxes went up exorbitantly? As a non-voter, you would sit by helplessly. Did you know this was the very reason the predecessor organization of the LGA was formed? As said on our masthead, we are the voice of our membership. We aren't miracle workers, and we know we can't please everyone. However, we do our best to keep open lines of communication between county governments and the LGA. I guess you should ask yourself if you are better off with the LGA in place or not.

**How about safety and security-related issues?** Even full-timers can't be at their house 24/7. The Public Safety Committee stays in touch with local law enforcement. Come to our September monthly meeting to hear all 5 county sheriff's departments tell us what's going on around the lake and in the communities. The LGA offers the Annual Jack D. Saunders Community Shred Event at no cost. The LGA pays for this out of membership dues. The event last May was the best attended ever but it's costing more each year to get the shred truck here from Raleigh.

**What Exactly is the Dominion Energy Partnership?** We stay in close communication with Dominion to discuss issues of interest to our members, and they contact us (and we let our members know) if they anticipate conditions requiring raised water levels.

The LGA has the horsepower to pull off Candidate Forums and the Annual 5 County Forum for County Managers and Elected Officials. We also invite NC and VA Wildlife Officers to our meeting once a year to get the scoop on what's happening at the lake. You also get to ask questions. The LGA brings in subject matter experts to talk about the logging trucks on our roads, solar residential use, local development both in Littleton and Warrenton, and what's happening at the soon-to-be-opened Lakeland Cultural Arts Center, and we even sponsor the annual Lake Clean-Up Day.

**I could go on and on – So why am I telling you all this?** We have a little over 1,900 households and 100 businesses that care enough to pay for a membership. With 7,000 + homes at the lake, there are a lot of folks who are indifferent or maybe don't know about the LGA. We are trying to reach those who are not aware of the LGA and what we do. People will spend money if they perceive value and dread the alternative. Please help us grow the membership as the dues directly support all our activities throughout the year.

In this issue, you will hear more about what we are doing to show value and why the LGA is important to the lake. Just think of the programs we could fund/support if we had 5,000 households who were willing to make the \$25 annual investment or \$250.00 for a lifetime membership.

I can assure you the LGA Board will continue to be good stewards of your dues and continue to support vital programs and initiatives that benefit the lake and all our residents.

Brian Goldsworthy



## **August 3, 2022 – LGA Monthly Board Meeting**



9:30 a.m. at the Lake Gaston Baptist Church: 2378 Eaton Ferry Road (across from Subway)

**Speaker:** Officers from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission & the VA Dept of Wildlife Resources

**Topic:** Not everyone has a good time on the water - Boating and drinking don't mix

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 today for an informative meeting. For more information, please email us at [info@lakegastonassoc.com](mailto:info@lakegastonassoc.com) or call (252) 586-6577.

### **LGA Monthly Committee Meetings:**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meeting Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Public Safety	2nd Friday	8:30 AM	* Littleton Food & Spirits
Government Relations	3rd Tuesday	8:30 AM	* Littleton Food & Spirits
Lake Environment	3rd Wednesday	8:30 AM	* Littleton Food & Spirits
Marketing & Membership	3rd Thursday	8:30 AM	* Littleton Food & Spirits
Lake Clean-Up	Last Wednesday	10:30 AM	* Littleton Food & Spirits

\* Littleton Food & Spirits is located at 235 N. Mosby Ave., (Hwy 903), Littleton, NC 27850

*Occasionally, an LGA scheduled Committee Meeting may need to be canceled. If you are on one of the above committees, the chair will inform you via email of its cancelation.*



## ***Lake Cleanup Committee News...***



***Hope you are enjoying your summer, although it is going by way too fast!***

I am noticing that litter is growing around the roads. Unfortunately, it is that time of year with extra traffic on the roads that we normally see this. Take a few minutes, when possible, to pick up any litter you see around your area, on the roads, and on the shorelines. Anything that you are able to pick up can be taken to your local convenience center and it sure helps the Lake Gaston area look more appealing. We do like to show off.

If anyone should need some bags, please let me know at [jaywarfel@aol.com](mailto:jaywarfel@aol.com) and I will be glad to make an arrangement to get you some. Keep in mind that it is a good idea to keep a trash bag on your boat to keep trash from blowing into the water.

Have a safe summer and thanks for being a member of the Lake Gaston Association.

### **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)

# ***Public Safety Committee News...***

Summer is in full swing!

As we enjoy the lake, please continue to be mindful of staying safe on the water and at home. Don't forget to look out for the other guy when boating and please be mindful of your wake when near other boats, swimmers, structures, and the shoreline. We have a hard and fast rule at the house; the young grandkids don't even set foot down at the boathouse without a life jacket.

The Public Safety Committee voted to financially support two Kids Camps that were organized by the Warren County Fireman's Association and the Roanoke Wildwood Volunteer Fire Department. Both camps were very successful. The camps provided our youth with their first exposure to the fire service and promoted good social skills and teamwork. We also supported a one-day training program for volunteer first responders who serve their respective communities in Brunswick and Mecklenburg.



This is the time of the year that we start seeing the hurricane and hazardous storms pick up in occurrence. To ensure that members have timely, location-specific hazardous weather information, please make use of the emergency information from the counties around the lake by signing up for notifications at:

**Brunswick County, VA:** [https://www.brunswickco.com/government/departments/emergency\\_services](https://www.brunswickco.com/government/departments/emergency_services)

**Mecklenburg County, VA:** <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085615049#/signup>

**Northampton County, NC:** <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/248EB5E66275>

**Warren County, NC:** <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/722FDAD749F7>

**Halifax County, NC:** <https://local.nixle.com/signup/widget/i/5331>

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. 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 county's 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 these official emergency services sources.

### **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 device. 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 this link:

<https://www.dominionenergy.com/community/lakes-and-recreation/lake-gaston-water-levels>

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## ***Lake Environment Committee News...***

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who selflessly dedicated their valuable time to help build and repair the cages recently for the habitat enhancement project. The LGA is so grateful for your support, and we appreciate all your hard work. The project would not have been a success without you and your efforts!

A special thanks to Wally Sayko for his coordination and seven years of participation in the project!





## How do I report an Aquatic Plant issue?

Members of the Lake Environment Committee are frequently asked what is this lake weed, and what can be done about it.

***Water Willow*** - the most common shoreline vegetation at LKG.



The first step is to identify the species of plant or algae, to determine if and how it can be managed. This link takes you to a reporting form that helps identify what aquatic plant is at issue.

<https://forms.gle/HDETJHXqjLKuArj66>. We ask that you complete the form which allows for tracking and consideration in any future management plans conducted by the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council.

Please note the most common native of emergent vegetation along the Lake Gaston shoreline is Water Willow. Removing Water Willow is a violation of Dominion's Shoreline Management Plan. Operating under license with "FERC" – (the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission).

## Weed Control Council Algaecide Treatments

The Lake Gaston Weed Control Council (LGWCC) continues to fund algaecide treatments based upon recommendations from a Technical Advisory Group with support from the Lake Gaston Stakeholders Group. The applicator is Aqua Services, Inc. of Guntersville, AL.

Four treatments for Lyngbya have already been conducted (through July). Plans are for an additional treatment August 16-19<sup>th</sup>, with another the week of September 13-16<sup>th</sup>. Maps showing the specific treatment areas can be found at: <http://www.lgwcc.org>



## E. coli Testing

The Committee is using Coliscan Easy gel water test kits to check for E. coli various tributaries on the lake. This is a simple, accurate, and quantitative way to identify and differentiate coliforms and E. coli (true fecal coliform). The presence of fecal coliform bacteria indicates contamination by human and/or animal fecal material. If E. coli is present in water, disease-causing bacteria may also be present.

If you become aware of a potential E. coli issue and would like to run a test, contact a committee member, or email us at: [Environment@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:Environment@LakeGastonAssoc.com). We ask that you provide your test results so we can track results by location over time.

## Fall Vegetation Survey Plans



Planning is now underway for the 2022 fall volunteer vegetation survey.

This is the single most important way for volunteers to contribute to invasive plant control and vegetation management. There are primarily a handful of species found throughout the Lake Gaston shoreline, so it's fairly easy to learn what these are. A physical "toss" of a two-sided rake pulled in with a rope, and visual identification is then made. Data is then logged into a tablet. A series of sample points are taken as you travel the shoreline in a boat, kayak, or your favorite means of water locomotion! This works great with teams of two or three, but an

early morning solo kayak trip is my favorite.

We will once again be using remote training with a video developed by NCSU and an electronic sign-up form. We will be making these available to our members in mid-August.

**We hope you can take time this fall (September – October) to help with this important project.**

## ***Marketing & Membership News...***

### **Who are our Members?**

If you are reading this, you are probably a member of the Lake Gaston Association. Want to know more about your fellow members?

There are approximately 2,100 of you of which about 100 are business members. Of the roughly 2,000 household members about half are not permanent lake area residents. These folks not only support the association's mission and activities but have an active interest in what goes on around the lake.



**You too can make a difference...**

**Help support your Lake Gaston Communities  
by joining the LGA today!**

Interestingly, almost half of the household members are members through their Homeowner's Association. Though this all presents a very positive picture of our organization, we are in a need for volunteer members to consider taking an active role in assisting our committees in meeting their goals. Won't you help by attending one of their meetings, which are outlined in this bulletin?

## **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)

As for the Marketing and Membership Committee, we meet on the third Thursday of each month at 8:30 AM at Littleton Food and Spirits, 235 N Mosby Ave [Hwy 903] Littleton, N.C. Please join us!

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## ***Government Relations Committee News...***



The Government Relations Committee is working on the details of bringing back the “Five County Superintendents of Education Forum”. This was an event where School Superintendents exchange information, introduce newly developed programs and critique the efficacy of recently experienced training. This event had lapsed during the pandemic, and we are exploring bringing it back to the LGA’s county information series. Please join us in the development of educational improvement resources for our counties.

Government Relations Committee meets at Littleton Food & Spirits, 235 N Mosby Avenue in Littleton on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 am.

### **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.)***

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Have you ever wanted to give back to your community but don't see yourself as a professional volunteer firefighter / professional rescue squad volunteer being called out at all hours of the day or night, or attending weekly/monthly meetings of well-trained and committed first responders? Then we have a new way for you to give back with minimal impact on your life and advance notification when your service will be needed!

Warren County EMS is starting the CERT Program in September. What is CERT you ask? It is the Warren County Community Emergency Response Team. An all-volunteer organization trained and managed under the Warren County Emergency Services Department.

Disasters can be both small and large, and impact large areas/cities or even a small part of the local population, assistance is needed to allow highly trained emergency service workers to perform their duties. That's where the CERT Team comes into the picture. Volunteers are trained in how to prepare for these instances and provide consistent approaches to those in need.

Warren County EMS will provide CERT training services, CPR classes, and ongoing annual training in emergency management, outreach, and community involvement programs. All training will be conducted at the EMS facility on Hwy 158 Bypass in Warren County. Requirements are to be a citizen living in Warren County, at least 18 years of age, complete the training, and maintain good moral character, plus adhere to Warren County Emergency management beliefs and ethics.

We need your help, so please join us and be a part of this wonderful team.

If interested, please reach out to Lewis Mustian at (804) 512-3045 or via email to [lmustian@verizon.net](mailto:lmustian@verizon.net); or you can also contact Chris Tucker at (252) 257-1191 or via email to [christucker@warrencountync.gov](mailto:christucker@warrencountync.gov).



## ***Lake Gaston Water Safety Council News...***

Just my observation, but this July fourth weekend seemed much safer; we didn't have a boat end up in the middle of Lizard Creek Road, so that is an improvement.



Our US Coast Guard made 64 stops and handed out throwables and fire extinguishers to 5 boaters, so they didn't have to escort them to shore.



Thanks to members of the Water Safety Council for providing the above items.

Thanks to the RWVFD, who I saw fight through blinding rain and wind, to get to a boat in distress.

A special thanks to the lake-wide programs targeted to help kids; I've seen the impact that John 3:16, Kids Fire Camp, and Wake the World has had on our community.



Thanks to everyone that I saw boating responsibility and going to the aide of boaters in distress and helping them.

Thank you,  
Wyatt Andrews,  
President

[www.LKGWSC.ORG](http://www.LKGWSC.ORG)

## ***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 (252) 586-6577 or via email at [ExecDir@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:ExecDir@LakeGastonAssoc.com) and we will report it to the NC Wildlife Resource Commission or VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.



## ***Buoys placed in Lake Gaston need both State & Federal Approval***

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

Both the VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, as well as Dominion Energy, do not allow buoys to be placed in the lake without State & Federal approval. Any buoys placed in the lake will be considered an obstruction to navigation and will be required to be removed.

## ***From the desk of the Executive Director...***



Hello everyone! I'm Beverly Summerfield, your new Executive Director for the Lake Gaston Association and I'd like to personally extend a warm welcome to all of you, our valued members. I have been working very hard these last two months to get acclimated to the LGA way of doing things, although I do have some great things in store for all of you soon.

With that said, I have designed a new version of our bi-monthly Bulletin for you that is more visual and appealing to the eyes and I hope you like it – Please let us know your thoughts after reading; we'd love to hear your feedback. On a healthier note, I've also added a recipe of the month to our bulletin for those who enjoy cooking and are looking for new recipes; just to name a couple. If you would like to see something posted in our bi-monthly bulletins that you feel would be beneficial to the LGA members, please let us know and we will take it into consideration; if interested email:

[ExecDir@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:ExecDir@LakeGastonAssoc.com).

- Reminder, please note our new mailing address: **LGA, P O Box 656, Henrico, NC 27842** – the only thing that changed is the City of Henrico and our zip code.
- For those of you unaware, the LGA is currently searching for a new volunteer Board Treasurer for our organization, and I hope one of you, our valued members, would consider taking on this most important role. If interested, please email a copy of your resume to: [President@LakeGastonAssoc.com](mailto:President@LakeGastonAssoc.com).

Lastly, all the Directors of the LGA are always here whenever you need us and we will always put you, our members, first. To us, it's a real commitment, and that commitment means helping you find the right solution for your problems or concerns. All of us on your Lake Gaston Association team are honored by the trust you place in us every day, and we will never take that trust for granted.

As always, we wish you nothing but the best in your health, safety, and the preservation of our most treasured asset, beautiful Lake Gaston. We appreciate you and thank you for your membership!

***Please welcome our newest LGA Business Members***

***Brown's Flower Shop  
George's of Warrenton***



**111 Bragg Street  
Warrenton, NC 27589**



# LGA Recipe Roundup...

## French Onion Baked Chicken

French Onion Soup is one of the classics of French cuisine and comfort food. French Onion Baked Chicken takes the sweet, mellow, cheesy favors of the soup and transforms it into a rich, decadent sauce for juicy chicken. Deeply savory and with notes of molasses and herb, French Onion Baked Chicken has a slow-cooked sumptuous taste but takes an hour or less to make. It's the comfort food other comfort foods dream about.



### Ingredients

3 tablespoons butter

2 teaspoons olive oil

4 large yellow onions, peeled and sliced

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

2 sprigs of fresh thyme

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

2/3 cup reduced-sodium beef broth

4 chicken breasts, boneless and skinless

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

1/3 cup parmesan cheese, shredded

### Directions

1. Heat a large skillet over medium to medium-high heat.
2. Add the butter, olive oil, and sliced onions. Season with black pepper.
3. Add the thyme sprigs and cook for 8 minutes, stirring occasionally.
4. While the onions are cooking, preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
5. Butter a 9x13-inch baking dish. Set aside.
6. After 8 minutes, reduce the heat on the pan of onions down to medium or medium-low, and cook them for another 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
7. Stir in the garlic and cook for 1 minute.
8. Stir in the balsamic vinegar and 1/3 cup of the beef broth.
9. Stir and cook for another minute or so, until the onion mixture is thick with a jam-like consistency.
10. Add about a 1/2 cup of the caramelized onions to the prepared baking dish
11. Add the remaining 1/3 cup beef broth to the baking dish and stir.
12. Season the chicken breasts on both sides with kosher salt, black pepper, dried thyme, and garlic powder.
13. Arrange the chicken in the prepared baking dish and top each breast with a generous spoonful of the caramelized onions.
14. Top the chicken and onions with mozzarella and parmesan cheese.
15. Bake until the chicken is cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees F, about 25 minutes.

# ***Lake Gaston ~ Upcoming Events***

## ***Mark your Calendars...***



- Aug 3** – LGA Monthly Meeting, 9:30 am until noon, Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577
- Aug 4** – Lake Gaston Striper Club, 6:30 pm – Lake Gaston Lion's Den, Henrico (252) 586-7112
- Aug 10** – Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1:00 pm – Lake Gaston Lion's Den, Henrico (717) 875-4481
- Aug 13** – O'Sail – The Crossing starts at 9:00 am, South Side of Eaton Ferry Bridge (910) 620-2074
- Aug 20** – American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti Dinner, (5 - 7 pm), Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-2558
- (Sept 1 - Sept 30)** – LGA Aquatic Vegetation Fall Survey, Any Day / Any Time, Lake Gaston Shorelines (252) 586-6577
- Sept 7** – LGA Monthly Meeting, 9:30 am until noon, Lake Gaston Baptist Church (252) 586-6577
- (Sept 3 - 4)** – Littleton Lake Gaston Festival, Friday (7 am - 10 pm) & Saturday (10 am - 4 pm), Downtown Littleton
- Sept 14** – Lake Gaston Computer Club, 1:00 pm – Lake Gaston Lion's Den, Henrico (717) 875-4481
- Sept 24** – American Legion Post 308 Spaghetti Dinner, (5 - 7 pm), Hwy 903, Littleton (252) 586-2558
- Oct 1** – Seafood Festival, (1 - 5 pm), Lake Gaston Lion's Den, 139 Stanley Rd, Henrico (252) 586-9866
- (Oct 1 - Oct 31)** – LGA Aquatic Vegetation Fall Survey, Any Day / Any Time, Lake Gaston Shorelines (252) 586-6577
- Oct 8** – Taste of Brunswick Festival, (10 am – 4 pm), Brunswick County Airport, Lawrenceville, VA





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Serving the boating public through education,  
vessel safety checks and water patrols.



## 2022 Public Education Boating Boat America Safety Class

• **August 6** • **September 17** • **October 22**

Course Fee \$30.00 includes book and all materials

Location: Long Bridge VFD, 1678 Eaton Ferry Rd, Littleton, NC 27850

For info, email: [uscgauxflotilla93@gmail.com](mailto:uscgauxflotilla93@gmail.com) or phone (252) 537-9877

**Virginia Law:** All Virginia boaters in the water 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 a proof of completing a boating course, if they are operating a vessel with a 10 HP engine or greater.

# **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**

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



# Annual 2022 Lake Gaston Vegetation Survey

## ***Volunteers Needed!!***

September 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, volunteers are needed to document aquatic vegetation, both good and bad! The shoreline is 350 miles and all needs sampling. This survey is an important tool that determines how to keep Lake Gaston healthy for swimming, boating and fishing.

## ***To volunteer:***

1. Access to a boat, kayak, or jet ski and a few hours to spend on the lake
2. The shoreline is divided into survey sections, volunteers can choose sites close to home.
3. Equipment to be provided:
  - a. Handheld electronic tablet for data collection
  - b. Rake
  - c. Plant ID booklet that will cover most of the plants you will encounter at Lake Gaston
  - d. Training is provided by several on-line videos that will explain the vegetation survey in detail & provide tips of aquatic plant identification

[Lake Gaston Association Environmental Committee](#)



[Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet LKG Aquatic Survey](#)



***Students!***

***Upon request, you will get a letter from  
NCSU acknowledging your volunteer hours.***



Please fill out the application below to become a new member of the LGA or to update any changes of information in your membership



Your Primary Voice on Lake Issues  
since 1989

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**~ LGA Mission ~**

To identify lake issues affecting our members and pursue resolution with the responsible organization.

***Our GOALS are accomplished by ...***

- ▶ Preserving your **LAKE ENVIRONMENT** while protecting your recreational enjoyment.
- ▶ Impacting and influencing your **GOVERNMENT** through LGA representation at the five-county meetings, invitations to speak at public/community forums, and at homeowner association meetings.
- ▶ Improving your **WATER QUALITY** at Lake Gaston.
- ▶ Informing, communicating, and educating on **LAKE ISSUES** through our bi-monthly Bulletins, email advisories, water level alerts, monthly meetings (open to the public), website, press releases, radio broadcasts, and public forums.
- ▶ Supporting, promoting, and communicating **SAFETY** on the water, in your boat, around your home, and in your neighborhood.
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