

The Lake Gaston Water Safety Council (LGWSC) is an IRS Code 501(c)(3) tax exempt, public service organization promoting safety in all water related programs and activities on Lake Gaston.



**Lake Gaston Water
Safety Council
PO Box 207
Henrico, NC 27842**

www.LKGWSC.org

***Boat Safely!
Wear your Life Jackets.
They Float, but People Don't!***

Ongoing Water Safety Programs

Water Safety Information Trailer

The Water Safety Information Trailer serves as the Water Safety Council's primary outreach to lake owners and visitors.

Strategically placed at various events during the boating months, WSC volunteers hand out boating safety information and answer water safety questions to over 300 visitors each year.

The WSC annually provides boating safety information to area realtors to be included in their rental packets.

Get Home Safely: The WSC provides fire extinguishers and throwable life preservers to the USCG and both Wildlife Agencies that they provide to boaters on the water when deficiencies are noted during on-water inspections.

Annually funds and promotes awareness of the Children's Life Jacket Loaner Program at nine (9) locations around the Lake to ensure visitors have proper safety equipment available

Maintains a mobile friendly website containing a wealth of water safety information, WSC membership meeting information and USCGA Boating Education schedule. You may also join the WSC on the website at:

www.LKGWSC.org

Focal points for reporting missing, off station and malfunctioning danger and navigation buoys:

Mile Markers – (252) 535-6161 x 4
Danger and Navigation Buoys –
NC (919) 707-0150
VA (Brunswick) (434) 848-3107
(Mecklenburg) (434) 738-6191

Safe Boating Training Certification

In Virginia and North Carolina no person under the age of 14 may operate a PWC. Those operators 14 and 15 MUST show proof of completing an approved, accepted boating safety course and proof of age.

North Carolina

Any person born on or after 1 January, 1988 must complete a National Association of State Boating Laws Administrators (NASBLA) approved boating education course before operating any vessel propelled by a motor of 10 HP or greater.

Virginia

A Certificate of Training is required for operation of Personal Watercraft For All Ages Effective 1 July 2012.

A Certificate of Training is required for operation of Motorboats 10 HP or greater by operators of **All Ages Effective 1 July 2016.**

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOATER SAFETY TRAINING

US Coast Guard Auxiliary: Boating Safety Classes are held monthly from **March through October** each year at the **CG Auxiliary Headquarters**. For dates and more information visit www.flotilla93.com.

In **Virginia**, there are many ways to comply with the boating safety education requirement.

<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/requirement/steps-to-requirement/>

In **North Carolina**, there are also several ways to comply with the boating safety education requirement.

<http://www.boat-ed.com/nc>
<http://www.boaterexam.com/usa/north-carolina/>
<http://www.boatcourse.com/>
<http://www.boatus.org>

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A Lake Gaston Water Safety Council Membership Works for Safety Awareness - Your membership helps to support the many water safety activities carried out by the Lake Gaston Water Safety Council. Annual Memberships are \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Businesses may join for \$10. These annual dues help to support our Water Safety Trailer, the Children's Life Jacket Loaner Program and many other activities in the lake area. Dutch treat dinner meetings are open to the public and are held at 6PM, the last Wednesday of each month (Feb to Oct). Check the LGWSC website for location.

A Children's Life Jacket Loaner Program, sponsored by the Lake Gaston Water Safety Council, is in place at the following locations: Bracey at Americamps, Holly Grove Marina, and Poplar Pointe Marine; Gasburg at The Club; Henrico at Washburn's Marina and Sherwood Forest; and Littleton at Eaton Ferry Marina, Thousand Trails/Outdoor World and Stonehouse Timber Lodge.



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**To join the LGWSC
simply fill out this form,
detach and mail:**

Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Lake Subdivision: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Dues per year: \$5 - Individual
\$10 - Family
\$10 - Business

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