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State of the Lake by Dave Landis, President

What a wonderful time of the year to enjoy the lake. The weather is cooling down and the heavy boating traffic has transitioned to heavy tailgating traffic. The leaves are again beginning to turn and it sets the tone for a nice fall boat ride.

Speaking of leaves, Mother Nature will do her own job of blowing leaves into the lake, please don't add to it. To find out why see our article inside by our Environmental Chair Jim McGrath.

A fall boat ride is not like a summer boat ride. There is less traffic but the rules are the same. Just like the "rules of the road" there are "rules of the water ways". The fall and winter seasons are great times to take a boat course to refresh your boating skills. Last week when I was giving my 15 year old granddaughter some safe driving tips in her Mother's car she asked me if she needed a license to drive the boat. "Good question," I told her, "in some states you do but not here in South Carolina." "Then how do you know what to do out there?" She pondered. I told her it is the individual's responsibility to educate themselves on the rules of the waterways.

When you look out over the lake, be it summer or fall, do you think everyone is well educated on the "rules of the water ways"? During heavy boating traffic do you see a freeway of boats or do you see a free for all. Please be safe out there my friends, take a boating course to refresh yourselves on proper boating rules... it could save a life, it could be yours.

In closing, once again, please patronize our Corporate Sponsors listed in the newsletter. They are our neighbors and most have a vested interest in keeping this lake clean and pristine. They support us and we should support them.

See you on the lake!

Lake Murray Association Public Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Macedonia Church
49 Macedonia Church Rd.
Prosperity, SC 29127

6:30 Meet & Greet/Refreshments

7:00 Agenda

Rules of the Road on Lake Murray

Captain David Allen,
US Power Squadron

Where is the Weed?

Update on Weed Control
& Grass Carp
Billy Chastain, Manager, Lake
Management

Q&A

SAVE OUR LAKE

by Jim McGrath, Environmental

Off- tasting water, excessive weeds and algae on the shoreline-none of us want these things occurring in Lake Murray but you or your neighbors may be contributing to them.

What is causing these issues?

It is excessive nitrogen and phosphorous entering the lake. Nutrients sound very positive but when they are in excess they are pollutants.

How are these pollutants getting into Lake Murray?

One of many sources is grass and leaves being manually blown or deposited into the lake or burned along with brush on the shoreline.

The wind does blow leaves into the lake, but we do not need to add to the nutrient burden of the lake by adding organic waste that we can take care of in other ways.

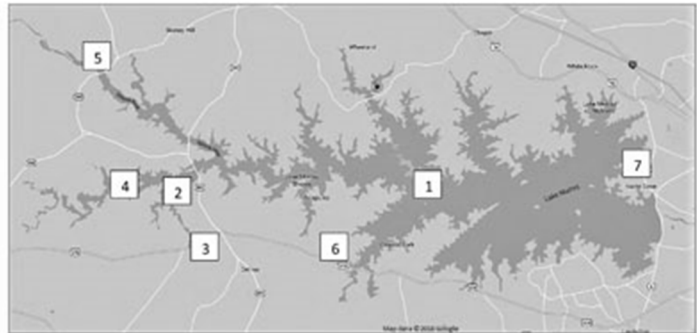
For every pound of leaves that we put into the lake we have POLLUTED one gallon of water, and with every bushel of grass clippings that we put in the lake, we can contribute 30 to 50 pounds of algae growth! Our lake; our responsibility.

2019 Environmental Water Testing

by Jim McGrath, Environmental

So far this year we have tested the water in March, May, July and September.

You can see the location of the testing on the map and the results are shown in the table below.



	Location	<i>E. Coli</i> Levels				Phosphorous Levels			
		March	May	July	Sept	March	May	July	Sept
1	Dreher Island	Low	Low	Low	Low	Good	Good	Good	Good
2	Clouds Creek at Mount Willing Rd. Bridge	Low	Low	Low	Low	NS	Elevated	Good	Elevated
3	Clouds Creek at 378 Hwy	NS	Low	Low	Low	Elevated	Elevated	Good	Good
4	Little River Landing	Low	Low	Low	Low	Elevated	Elevated	Good	Elevated
5	Kempson Bridge	Low	Low	Low	Low	Elevated	Good	Good	Good
6	Ridge Road Bridge	Low	Low	Low	Low	Elevated	Good	Elevated	Elevated
7	Palm Lake Drive	Low	NS	NS	NS	Good	NS	NS	NS

NS = Not Sampled

50 feet to 100 feet No Wake Legislation

By Joy Downs, Executive Director

The Lake Murray Association continues to be in favor of a 100 ft no wake zone where there is currently a 50ft no wake in effect on the waterbodies in the state as well as the intra-coastal

Unfortunately, it did not pass the first time it was submitted to the legislature. The bill was not put up for a vote in the last legislature, but we have been assured it will be in the next session.

We feel this is very important for lakes and LMA will work with the other lakes in the state to see if we can get support to pass this into law. We are trying to separate it from the law that applies to the intra-coastal as those are narrow passageways at times.

Membership Auto Renewal coming in 2020

by Lisa Early, Treasurer

LMA is considering a change in the email invoicing of annual member dues based on member requests. This change would afford an opportunity for members to auto renew their membership every year over a 3-year period.

The invoice will still come from Lake Murray Association, through our secure payment provider, Square. You will have the option to auto renew, but you *will not be required* to do so.

If you choose to auto renew, your card would be charged in future years on your anniversary. If you choose to auto renew and change your mind, you would notify LMA and the recurring series would be canceled.

By implementing this system, we hope to make it easier for members to manage their renewal. We appreciate any feedback on this potential enhancement!

A Dock Sign Makes a Great Gift!

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The use of dock signs with the street address has been strongly encouraged by law enforcement agencies patrolling the lake since 1998.

A dock sign:

- Promotes efficient emergency response time for the homeowner and the boater
- Helps friends locate each other by water
- A boater in an unfamiliar area can locate a dock sign and orient their location

The LMA dock sign is a standardized size and is reflective for visibility at night when response can be critical. Easy to purchase and you will usually receive in 10 days or less.

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Boat Engine Maintenance - Fogging, Freezing, Fuel

by Captain Mike

Fogging:

- An engine stored outside is subject to the normal ups & downs of temperature
- Water condensation will form on internal engine parts just as it does on the outside of your iced tea glass with this change in temperature. Left to have its own way this condensation causes rust & corrosion.
- An engine stored without fogging can lose 3% to 5% of its efficiency every year. This is a high price to pay considering the expense involved to repair it.
- ALL marine engines not stored in a temperature-controlled environment should be fogged as a part of their winterizing procedure.

Freezing:

- Outboards are self-draining but should always be stored with the engine straight up & down to prevent rain entry into the lower unit which can freeze & crack the housings.
- Fresh water systems should be thoroughly drained / blown out & have marine / RV grade antifreeze installed. Don't forget the water line & fittings and if you have an air conditioner, heads, showers or generator sets they must also be drained & protected with antifreeze.
- I/O, Sterndrive & Inboard engines must be warmed up, fogged properly then drained of water completely. Air does NOT freeze.

Fueling:

- E15 is here - do NOT use it in your marine engine.
- E10 is quite common. Use it if you must but take precautions.
- Fuel stabilizer - use it ALL the time with every gallon of fuel you buy.
- Today a barrel of crude (lesser quality) is cracked & re-cracked & re-cracked until it is 95% gasoline. To make it even worse it's extended with ethanol. This fuel will not store, keep or retain the requirements of the legal minimum to be sold as gasoline for very long. In as little as 30 days the fuel loses its "suds" & becomes damaging to your engine.
- Fuel stabilizer will keep fuel good for as much as 2 years.
- NO PRODUCT will bring bad fuel back from the dead!

Read all the tips by going to the Meetings Tab on the website
<https://www.lakemurrayassociation.com/meetings--events.html>

The Value of your Lake Murray Association Membership

by Joe Halford, Membership Director

LMA provides collective representation for individual users on all issues that pertain to the development and management of Lake Murray. We work to foster a community spirit among residents, non-residents fishermen, boaters and business owners for the good of the lake. When Lake Murray benefits, we all benefit. Our strength is in our numbers. Your involvement helps "The Voice of Lake Murray" grow stronger. Our membership numbers speak volumes to governmental agencies and other groups. Our dues are minimal, but the rewards will be felt for generations.

You don't have to live on the lake to become a member! www.lakemurrayassociation.com

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Please support our Corporate Members by using their services and recommending them to others.

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Lake Levels: 800-830-5253

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Dock Permits: 803-217-9221

DNR Information: 803-734-3888

DNR Law Enforcement: 803-734-4002

DNR Law Enforcement: after 5/wknds 803-955-4000

Marine Office: 803-951-2564

Richland Co. Sheriff's Office: 803-576-3000

Lexington Co. Sheriff's Office: 803-359-8230

Newberry Co. Sheriff's Office: 803-321-2211

Lake Murray Association: 803-749-3888

SC Legislative Council: 800-734-2145

DNR Nuisance Animals: 800-922-5431

Nuisance Wildlife Control: 803-734-3886

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