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# News from a Member

## New standardized rules make boating slightly easier on Lake Wylie in 2023

When Lake Wylie boaters returned to the water in 2023, they faced two new standards for how close they could pilot a boat to a pier, dock, swimmers, or anchored boat.

Now, it's illegal to travel faster than idle speed when approaching or leaving a structure or person closer than 50 feet.

You can thank the Lake Wylie Marine Commission for this new uniform regulation. Before LWMC issued the new rule, which went into effect Jan. 1, 2023, North Carolina didn't regulate speed in the area of private docks and other structures and swimmers. The state only controlled speed around public piers and landings, although many N.C. lakes and rivers have had stricter rules.

Neil Brennan, executive director of LWMC, says it was needed for everyone's safety.

"If my grandkid was swimming off my dock (on the North Carolina end of Lake Wylie) a driver could whiz by and I'm not comfortable with that," he says.

South Carolina already prohibited a boater from going faster than idle speed within 50 feet of a swimmer, pier or anchored boat or other structures and people.

Now it's a Lake Wylie standard: stay 50 feet away, Brennan says.

Here's a good rule of thumb for those distance-challenged captains: Four lanes of Interstate 85 (or I-77) measure 52 feet.

There's another standardized rule for Lake Wylie boaters in the new year: You can't wake surf within 200 feet of a moored or anchored vessel, a person in the water, a wharf or any dock, bulkhead, or pier anywhere on the lake. That rule is straight out of the Water Sports Industry Association guidelines, according to a LWMC press release.

All law enforcement agencies operating on the lake have agreed to enforce the new standards, Brennan says.

"We (the LWMC) can do this on our own hook (meaning they will take responsibility for the rule), do you all have any problem with that?" he asked law enforcement agencies. None had objections, Brennan says.

Signs about the new rules are being posted at lakeside parks, boat ramps and marinas on Lake Wylie. The LWMC also printed up business card-sized reminders that deputies, police, game wardens and others in law enforcement are already handing out.

It's the LWMC's job to issue rules for Lake Wylie, Brennan says. The agency's mission is to preserve the lake and its wildlife and to educate citizens on safety while on the water.

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## 3 April 2023 Meeting at John's Family Restaurant

For the April 3, 2023 Squadron meeting our program will be a video presentation of what the ICW (Intercoastal Waterway) looks like from an altitude of about 1000 feet. On June 21, 2022, I flew from the Cape Fear Airport (at Oak Island) down the ICW filming for a project by USPS. We flew over the inlets of Lockwood Folly, Shallotte, and Little River. I will point out various landmarks and ask for any additional help with seeing what we see. I'll hope that you'll enjoy this presentation.

Also, don't forget to come with funds to purchase tickets for the Chicken-que on April 15. The cost is \$10 per plate (chicken (leg quarter/breast quarter), beans (Hank's specialty), slaw, chips, and tea/lemonade. If you wish for something with a punch, bring your own beer/wine. Also GO HOME containers will be 2 quarters for \$10.

See you on April 3 and 15.  
P/Stf/C Charles "Bo" Ibach III SN-ACN

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As we travel through this time, please watch your e-mails and check the Calendar of events on the website for updates

## Calender of Events

### Education, Civic Service,

### Friendship & Fun

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR EVENT UPDATES  
NRD means "No Rain Date"

#### April 2023

- 1 **Spring Cleanup** – MMP – 0900 – 1400
- 3 **Membership Mtg** – John's Family Rest. – 1800-2000
- 15 **Chicken Q** – MMP – 1500 – 1900
- 17 **ExCom – Jock's and Jill's** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
- 18 **Wylie Gator Rowing Club** – Cdr Hakanson's House – 1000
- 21 **Side Lights Articles Due** – Education Officer
- 22 **ABC Class** – Lake Wylie Marina 0845 - 1730
- 24 **Wylie Gator Book Club** – TBA

#### May 2023

- 1 **Membership Mtg** – John's Family Rest. – 1800-2000
- 6 **Predicted Log Practice** – MMP - 1000
- 13 **ABC Class** – Victory Lane Carting - 0845 - 1730
- 15 **ExCom – TBD** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
- 20 **Children's Outing** – Red Fez Club – 0900-1500
- 21-27 **Safe Boating Week** – TBD
- 23 **Wylie Gator Rowing Club** – Cdr Hakanson's House – 1000
- 26 **Side Lights Articles Due** – Commander

#### June 2023

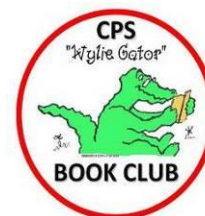
- 3 **Predicted Log** – MMP - 1000
- 5 **No Membership Mtg**
- 17 **Scavenger Hunt** – MMP
- 19 **ExCom – Jock's & Jill's** – 1800 Diner 1900 Meeting
- 26 **Wylie Gator Book Club** – TBA - 1800

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#### \* Meeting Location Addresses

**Jocks & Jills** – 4109 S. Stream Blvd. Charlotte, NC  
**John's Family Restaurant** - 2002 Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte, NC  
**Lake Wylie Marina** – 310 Blucher Circle Lake Wylie, SC  
**Merit Mark Point (MMP)** – (Squadron Lk Wylie, SC property)  
 See Roster, Pg A17 for directions.  
**Red Fez Club** – 16600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte  
**Reflection Pointe Club House** – 1305 Reflection Pointe Blvd. Belmont, NC

Notice!! Locations are subject to change! Any location revisions and/ or meeting date revisions will be either published in the *Side Lights* or sent to you by email.



2023 Wylie Gator Book Club  
24 April 2023 TBA

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Lake Wylie boaters often face different rules for different states on the lake, which straddles the N.C.-S.C. state line. For example, fishers must have licenses for both Carolinas if they dip their lines in both states; otherwise, they can fish on only one end of the lake.

LWMC has worked to standardize rules on Lake Wylie for years. But an effort to allow fishing on both ends of the lake with a license from one state failed a few years ago. South Carolina didn't want to forego the revenue from citing N.C. fishers in S.C. waters.

By P/C Ken Elkins JN



**America's Boating Channel™**  
**Promoting Boater Education to Our**  
**Members and the Public**



As production of America's Boating Channel™ Season Seven gets underway, remember the channel has six seasons of videos archived and available to help educate ourselves and others. An outstanding example is the video "[Boater Education](#)," which underscores the importance and value of taking boating safety courses. Viewers learn about online, classroom, and on the water educational offerings. Screening boater education videos is an excellent way to prepare for safer experiences on the water. "Boater Education" reminds us about required safety equipment and that we need to know the rules of the road when operating a boat.

Taking the concepts in this video a step further, America's Boating Channel produced a sequel entitled "[Knowledge Versus Skills](#)." It covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities and what pitfalls to avoid in boater education.

These videos also are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.



Available on YouTube, America's Boating Channel offers quick and easy access to professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

### CPS FUNDRAISING NEWS 2023

Thanks to everyone who participated in our "50/50" Fundraiser at our membership meetings on January 9 and March 6 at John's Family Restaurant. We once again sold raffle tickets for a "kitty" (with the winner keeping half and the other half being donated to the Squadron).

The winner for January was Doug Drum and the winner for March was Joann Infante. Congratulations, Doug and Joann! Please plan to join in the fun at our next membership meeting to be held on April 3, 2023, at John's Family Restaurant.

We still have plenty of Auto Bell gift cards for sale. The cost is \$20.00 per card and our squadron gets \$10.00 for each card sold. Everyone loves a clean car!! Please see me at our next meeting or activity to purchase yours. Thank you for your support.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April membership meeting.

P/D/C Paula F. Stewart, AP  
 Fundraising Chair



## *Happy April Birthdays*

Mr. Santos Luis Camacho  
 Cdr. Patricia W. Hakanson, SN  
 P/Stf/C Charles R. Ibach, III, SN-ACN



### **2023 Chicken-Que**

Come one, come all, it's almost time for our annual Chicken-Que at Merit Mark Point. The date is April 15 with Happy Hour beginning around 1600 (4:00 PM for all you landlubbers). Dinner will be about 5 to 5:30. Please plan to bring either a dessert or an appetizer. Potluck on that and hopefully we won't have a bunch of either one.

Meal will consist of either one leg quarter or one breast quarter, baked beans, slaw, chips. There will be tea but if you prefer a drink with a little bite, please plan to bring your own beer or wine. Cost will be \$10 per plate. Leftover chicken will be sold at 2 pieces for \$10 so plan to take home some as well.

Tickets will be available at either the March or April meeting, or at the door. Remember that this is a valuable fundraiser for our beautiful Merit Mark Point so please, no conflicts, plan to come. And also remember that it is SHINE OR RAIN.

Promise that the chicken will be moist and meaty. Look forward to seeing a really great turnout.

P/Stf/C Charles "Bo" Ibach III, SN-ACN

#### **New Email Addresses**

The squadron now has a new set of email addresses that can be used to work on squadron business, both within the squadron and with the public. These are tied to the new "domain name" (charlotteboating.org) that the squadron set up

in the fall. These email addresses will be in place from year-to-year, making it easier to get in contact with squadron officers and not have to worry about knowing the personal email address of the current officer. Many emails may also be sent to the membership-at-large using these email addresses.

The email addresses are:

- [commander@charlotteboating.org](mailto:commander@charlotteboating.org)
- [execofficer@charlotteboating.org](mailto:execofficer@charlotteboating.org)
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Be sure to add these email addresses to your contacts lists so that emails don't get blocked or go to your Spam folders; you won't want to miss out on key communications!

P/C Marvin Chaney, Jr., SN

### **Congratulations Charlotte Power Squadron/America's Boating Club-Charlotte**

At the recent District 27 our Squadron was the recipient of many prestigious awards both from the National and District levels. Take a moment to review the list below and reflect on the achievements our Squadron and members of our Squadron have accomplished.

National Award for 50<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark, Member Emeritus: P/R/C Albert P. Parker, SN

National Award for 25<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark, Life Membership: P/C John A. King II, AP

National Award as Distinctive Communicator for Newsletter 2022, Charlotte Power Squadron, Side Lights

D27 Membership Growth Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Tier 1, 2022: Charlotte Power Squadron

D27 Cooperative Charting Program 2022, Number One Squadron: Charlotte Power Squadron

National Award, Cooperative Charting Honor Roll 2022

Charlotte Power Squadron, National Ranking 6

P/Stf/C Charles R. Ibach III, SN-ACN, National Ranking 14

Lt/C Brevard S. Myers, Jr., SN-ACN, National Ranking 24

P/R/C John J. Rodgers, SN-CN, National Ranking 30

P/C Ken Elkins, JN, National Ranking 40

P/C Marvin Chaney, Jr., SN, National Ranking 54

Lt/C Mary D Chaney, JN, National Ranking 55

Lt. David M. Johnson, National Ranking 72

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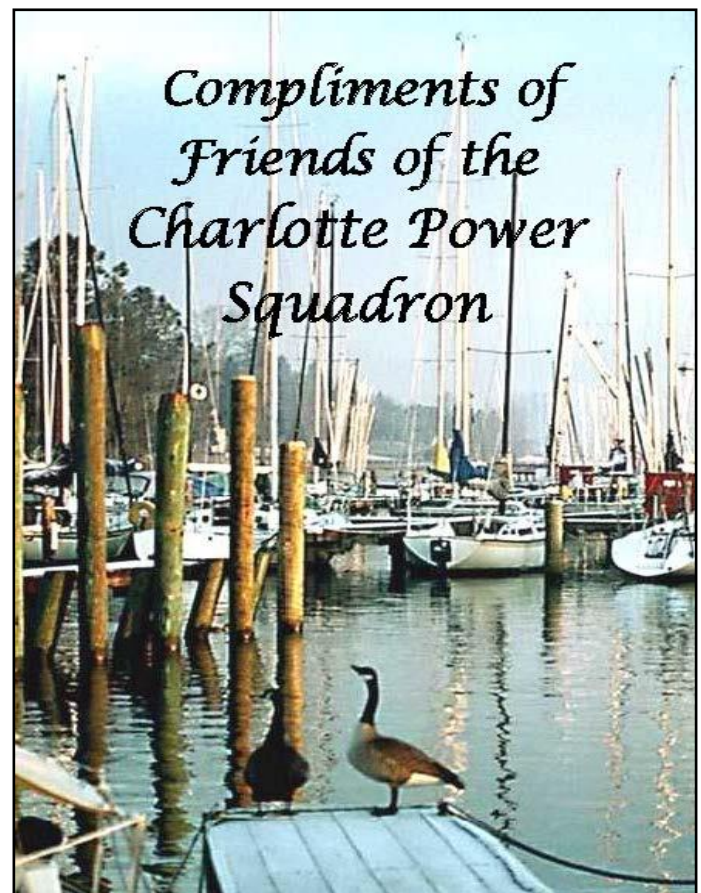
Below are the remaining items that we have  
for sale in our Ship's Store

- 1 - Khaki baseball cap
- 2 - Red baseball caps \*\*
- 6 - Blue baseball caps
- 1 - Khaki bucket hat (size-small)
- 1 - Men's white short-sleeve golf shirt (size-med) \*\*
- 1 - Sweat shirt-light grey (size-3 XL)
- 1 - Fleece vest-navy (size-XL) \*\*
- 1 - Men's jean shirt-long sleeve (size-XL)
- 1 - Women's jean shirt-short sleeve (size-med)
- 1 - Navy jacket (size 2XL)

\*\* Old burgee-no gold border

Contact David or Paula Stewart, Co-Supply Officers, if  
you are interested in any of these items. Prices are  
negotiable or make us an offer.

In the future, we will NOT be maintaining an inventory,  
but any item you have (shirt, blouse, bag, hat, etc.)  
CAN be embroidered with the Charlotte Power  
Squadron logo. Please see David or Paula for details.



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