

## Security Commission Monthly Meeting

August 9, 2022/ 6 PM at CSCD Office

**In Attendance:** Matt Peterson, Harry Sherman, Marcia Harper, Cathie Brown, Kaye Gaither (CSLOA), Brittany Bay (CSCD Dir. of Admin. & Finance) Guest: Freeholders; Thomas Rhode, Doug Thompson and Carrie Vavul

### Approval of Minutes:

7-12-22 Minutes Cathie Brown motioned to approve, Matt Peterson second, all approve

### Freeholder Concerns:

-Thomas (Tom) is Lake Patrol and gave us his concerns and as a freeholder and patrol person. He knows there is a rule about wake surf boats not using the ballast. To go around this rule, freeholders are putting a lot of people in the boat to act as a ballast which gives a very large wake. Since the No Ballast rule has not be enforced and there is a work around, he suggest we just say "No Plowing". It's the 10 mph that is causing the huge waves. He sees boats going fast to pull a tube, because they are planing instead of plowing, the waves are not as large. He also suggest pontoons be allowed to have a 150 horsepower motor instead of the 90 horse power allowed. This is for the same reason. The faster you go the less you are plowing and causing bigger waves. We also discussed warning vs. tickets and when that applies specifically for him, which may be different than another lake patrol persons idea of how they decide to ticket vs. warning. He likes the new text message system being used to document prior warnings to inform them of prior offenses by a boater.

-Doug was skiing and another boater cut them off. They were the only two boats on the lake at the time. So, it was not an issue of the other boat getting out of the way of someone else. The lake patrol, Vince, saw the tail end of what happened and gave the other boater a warning. Doug thinking it was intentional, wants this offense to be a ticket instead of a warning. The committee agreed since lake patrol witnessed the event and will let the other freeholder know the warning is now considered a ticket. The other freeholder sent communication to Brittany and Matt but did not come to the meeting to share his side of the story. It was suggested to Doug to let lake patrol know next time they are skiing to keep an eye out so this incident is not repeated.

### Chief Deputy Report:

No Report

### Old Business:

#### Wake Surf Boats

-Kaye printed up a copy of Lake Lemon's rules regarding wake boats and wake surfing. Wikipedia list their lake as 1,650 acres the 11th largest in the state. So, even though their rules may not match up to what would apply on our under 300 acre lakes - it's a starting point. For example, they do not allow wake surfing in the middle/ widest parts of the lake or 100 yards (a football field length) from shore. These two guidelines would rule out wake surfing all together on our lakes.

-Repeated discussion that most all of us at one time or another have witnessed boats draining their ballast, even though it's supposed to be permanently disabled.

-Repeated discussion about boats weighing over 4000 lbs designed to creat large wakes, even without wake enhancing devices.

-Repeated discussion of most of us witnessing a boater using wake enhancing devises when only 2 people in the boat and the back end of the boat is really low to create a wake.

-Repeated discussion that most all of us have seen wake surfing boats loaded with 10 or more people to get the added weight they need in lieu of using their ballast to create the larger wakes.

#### Construction Boat ramps

-Still seeing construction barges use the main boat launches that tie up the launch while they load or unload. Brittany will send a letter to all companies that have a barge permit to notify her first if they need to use the main launch. This will let us know of any issue that may need taken care of on the construction launch.

### Private Boat Launches on our Lakes

-Repeated discussion about what can be done to secure private boat launches that have been around the lakes for many years after a picture was presented of someone using one of the launches a couple months ago. We'll have Roger Young send a letter to the property owners that have these launches on their property, something to the effect of "Secure your ramp, or let us help you do that." There will be a time limit so it does not drag on, usually 10 days. A suggestion from Cathie was one large post driven into the lake on the waters edge that sticks enough above water (maybe 4' or so) that would block a boat trailer and not be a safety issue itself. We can also use the same reflective tape at the top that we are using on the buoys.

### New Safety Rules

-Repeated discussion that only Matt and Harry were on this committee in 2018 when the new rules were agreed on by the safety committee and passed onto the board. The committee would like chapter 3 of the new rule book to review for any updates. Boats are ever changing and new products (ie., Lilly pads) that have become a safety issue that were not available or prevalent in the past that need to be addressed now. Matt has said multiple times there are things he would add to the rules now that were not an issue 4 years ago. It's impossible to foresee what the next "new" thing is that will present a safety issue around the lakes.

### Safety Course

-Repeated discussion of what a boat safety course would look like that include our specific lake rules along with known boat safety and etiquette. Matt knows someone at Heritage lake that has such an online course. He will check with this person to see if we can learn from their process and course to give us a starting point.

### Record Keeping for Lake Patrol

-Repeated discussion of how lake patrol keeps track of educations and warnings to notify them if this is a repeated offense for this particular boater. They share that information with the next shift but a solution was necessary to track repeated offenses over the summer and past summers. The goal is safety, making education a priority. By tracking the educations you can see if someone has disregard for the rules if they have been educated more than once. Even though this was part of the training, the log books have not been used or spotty at best over the last 3 years not giving us an idea of tickets vs. warnings/ educations. A new system has been put in place where the patrol person text a reported incident to the group and someone in the office is then in charge of adding it to a spreadsheet for distribution. This has been the first month of using this system, which everyone seems to like so far. We'll review the system at the end of the season to see if any adjustments are necessary.

### 2023/2024 Budget

-The board asked if we could make cuts to decrease the security budget from 2.4 to 2.1 million. One area we could cut back on was the maintenance as well as replacement of tires and brakes on patrol cars. Given the low miles our patrol cars are driven at slower speeds around the lakes, that number was seen as too high based on data of actual past maintenance over the years. We certainly would not have the officers driving an unsafe car. This area was just seen as over estimated.

### **New Business:**

-Marcia made a motion we purchase 6" Fluorescent yellow green DG3 reflective tape for all buoys, using black vinyl to number each buoy to better assist lake patrol in the event of an accident or a boater in need of assistance. Cathie second. All approve. On certain buoys where this tape partially covers up the word Slow, the letters will be removed or covered up by the tape for a neater appearance.

-Harry made a motion we no longer give warnings rather tickets to anyone breaking one of the Top 10 Violations that have been distributed to freeholders since 2018. Marcia second. All approve. We agreed this is a good place to start for enforcing our rules. Brittany will post this Top 10 List again on the website.

-14 new buoys have been ordered to replace broken ones and fill in the gaps where other are missing. Josh and his crew made an extensive inventory spreadsheet on each lake to note which manufacture and condition the buoys are in as we plan to install reflective tape and numbers.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM**

**Next Meeting: September 13, 2022 at 6PM**