



The ANCHOR

President's Watch—Janie Griffin

July 4th Issue

I want to take this opportunity to introduce the new Lake Safety Chairman and his committee. Tom Nowell has agreed to serve as chairman while Peter de'Guzman will continue to work with our boat and buoys, Mike Hyjak will conduct the mandatory lake safety courses and Don Whitman will share his institutional knowledge providing much needed continuity.

We would like to thank Peter for his years of serving as chairman and acknowledge that we had a much safer place to live and play due to his leadership and dedication.

Many, many thanks Peter!

Comments and Concerns

My phone rang constantly in late May and early June as residents expressed their concerns about what they viewed as a serious escalation in unsafe boating and/or personal watercraft practices. In a two-week period in May, we had at least three (3) incidents/

accidents on the lake resulting in thousands of dollars of damage to boats and personal watercraft. It is a miracle that there were no physical injuries or worse!

Also, it is obvious that many of us are driving our boats without current decals. Remember, a current decal is the only way we have of monitoring/controlling who uses our lake. This year the BOD voted to require proof of insurance and proof of ownership. This is our attempt to protect you the homeowner and lake user.

As a result, the BOD of LSCA has asked Tom Nowell to work with his committee and our safety patrol to make our lake safer. We have asked specifically that the safety patrol:

- issue citations rather than warnings for violations of the safety rules as they are written in the LSCA Rules and Regulations
- have boats operating without a current decal be escorted off the lake immediately.

Reminder:

Copies of all citations and their points are kept on file. An accumulation of 15 points could result in a loss of lake privileges. Violating or ignoring the loss of lake privileges could result in criminal trespass charges.

As residents, neighbors, concerned parents and friends you should know that **this BOD is willing to back up our Rules and Regulation with legal action**, if that is what it takes to save one of our own from serious injury or worse.

Let's all work together to avoid tragedy! Please abide by the rules and support Tom and his committee.

Have a Happy July 4th and we look forward to seeing you at the Annual Fireworks Show

VP of Safety—Tom Nowell

As we approach the mid summer season on the lake, I hope all of you are enjoying the pleasures that our beautiful lake has to offer. With the pleasures, responsibilities are not too far behind. As property owners, we have been given the right to use the largest private lake in the Atlanta area and that right should be taken seriously. As we all leave our docks heading out on the water, I don't think anyone is intentionally thinking how unsafe or irresponsible they can be. Our main intent is to see how much enjoyment we can have, but sometimes we tend to leave the "basics" of boating on the dock. The young season attests to the fact that we are not 100% serious about acting in a responsible manner while on the water. If our attitude toward safety doesn't take a turn for the better, we may be in a position as we were in 2004.

Many residents will recall that we had an individual fall out of a ski boat and drown after midnight following our fireworks display. This incident was tragic and had a profound effect on many people during the recovery period. When this gentleman left his dock, I'm sure he expected to return without having any problems, but, unfortunately, he failed to practice the "basics" of safe boating. This accident, more so than words, serves as a reminder for **ALL OF US TO BE RESPONSIBLE BOATERS!!**

My intent is not to put a damper on the 2007 season, but to remind

everyone to THINK and to not act in an unsafe manner. Below, are some of what I call the "basics" of boating and if they are followed by ALL, there is a strong chance that you will return to your dock in the same condition as when you left.

THE NEVERS:

- NEVER** drive in excess of 5 mph at night.
- NEVER** operate a personal watercraft after sunset or before sunrise.
- NEVER** race another watercraft.
- NEVER** operate any water craft in excess of 5 mph within 100 feet of other watercraft (INCLUDING PERSONAL WATERCRAFT), docks, persons in the water, or the shoreline
- NEVER** allow a guest to operate your watercraft without first briefing them on the lake safety rules. Keep in mind, we are responsible for anyone that operates our watercraft.
- NEVER** operate or anchor your watercraft after sunset without the proper running lights.
- NEVER** allow anyone under the age of 12 to drive any type of watercraft.
- NEVER** allow anyone between the ages of 12 and 15 to operate a personal watercraft without the proper credentials (passed the DNR approved course and attended the LSCA safety course) which must be carried by the operator.

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NEVER drive a watercraft while consuming alcoholic beverages.

NEVER drive on the wrong side of the lake (follow the counter clockwise traffic pattern with all red guide buoys on the left side of the your watercraft).

NEVER create an excessive wake in a NO WAKE area, idle speed only.

NEVER follow directly behind a towing device, always maintain a safe distance.

NEVER allow just anyone to operate your watercraft. Just because they have a driver's license, doesn't mean they can properly operate a watercraft.

MEMBERSHIP COURTESY

- If your watercraft is within the boundary of the lake make sure your decals are for the current year
- Remember, the patrol officer is on patrol for your safety.
- Try to maintain speeds to avoid excessive wakes or "flooding".
- Do not use the entrance to coves, such as the Bay View marina area, as full speed turnarounds.

Overall, I ask that each member take responsibility for their family to review the rules and make sure all potential watercraft operators within your family are fully informed.

If you witness an unsafe boating act, please contact the Safety Patrol or I can be reached at 770-477-1265 or 678-725-5187. Please provide as much information as possible with your name and contact information.

Lake Spivey Safety Contacts

Tom Nowell, VP Lake Safety, 770-477-1265

Peter De Guzman, Lake Safety Maintenance, 770-471-9066

Mike Hyjek, Lake Safety Trainer, 770-356-4358

SAFETY PATROL LINE: 404-790-2842

Safety Patrol Team: Steve Maddox, Jimmy Trollinger & Jeff Brewer

Lake Safety Training Course: Mike Hyjek

To date, we have had one Lake Safety training course that was taught by Mike Hyjek. At this time, we have not officially scheduled an additional class, but would like to request any individuals who want to take the course to sign up with Brent Benedetti via phone at 770-477-1100 or email at administrator@lakespivey.org We will then schedule a training date.