



LAKE WYLIE
MARINE COMMISSION





MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROMOTE PUBLIC POLICIES AND
SUPPORT REGULATIONS FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF LAKE WYLIE AND ITS
WILDLIFE AND FOR THE **EDUCATION AND
SAFETY** OF THE CITIZENS WHO USE THIS
BEAUTIFUL NATURAL RESOURCE.

CHARTER BOAT AND VESSEL RENTAL REGULATION

NEED FOR REGULATIONS BECOMING EVIDENT

- **REQUESTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT**
- UNSAFE VESSELS – UNQUALIFIED CAPTAINS
- 5,000 + BOATING ACCIDENTS YEARLY IN THE U.S.

PURPOSE:

- ENSURE THOSE WHO RENT VESSELS DO SO **SAFELY**
- ESTABLISH A COMMON SET OF STANDARDS FOR
RENTED VESSELS

REGULATION ENHANCES SAFETY

UNSAFE RENTALS BY INDIVIDUAL ENTREPRENEURS

- AT BOAT RAMPS FROM TRAILERS
- FROM HOMES, VRBOS, AIRBNBS

LAKE NORMAN MARINE COMMISSION

- 2024 RENTAL BOAT REGULATION TO ADDRESS SAFETY ISSUES
- DOCUMENTED INSTRUCTION, INSURANCE, SAFETY CHECKS

JET-SKI INSURANCE FOR RENTERS AND RENTEES

- NOW STANDARD ALL ACROSS LAKE WYLIE

NC 75A-13.3 - EXISTING STATUTE

LWMC REGUALTION OF JANUARY 1, 2025

NO CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT ENACT LOCAL
TRADE REGUALTIONS

ANY SUCH ACT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WILL BE VOID (*INITIALLY MISINTERPRETED*)

INTENT: KEEP THE GENERAL ASEMBLYFROM
BOGGING DOWN WITH LOCAL ISSUES

LAKE WYLIE RENTAL VESSEL REGULATION
WOULD REQUIRE STATEWIDE LEGISLATION

THREE CATEGORIES OF VESSELS

1. CHARTER BOATS – PROPRIETOR PROVIDES
USCG CERTIFIED CAPTAIN (AND CREW IF
NEEDED)
2. BAREBOAT CHARTERS – RENTEE PROVIDES
USCG CERTIFIED CAPTAIN AND ANY CREW
3. RENTAL VESSELS (MOTORIZED ONLY)
INCLUDES PONTOON BOATS, INBOARD AND
OUTBOARD MOTOR BOATS, JET SKIS

WHO ARE THE PROPRIETORS?

ESTABLISHED COMPANIES / MARINAS

INDIVIDUALS

- WEBSITES
- AT THE ACCESS RAMPS

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

- VRBO
- AIRBNB



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REGULATION REQUIREMENTS

DISPLAY LWMC STICKERS ON CHARTER BOATS,
BAREBOAT CHARTERS, AND RENTAL VESSELS

USCG CERTIFICATION FOR CHARTER BOAT CAPTAINS
AND BAREBOAT CHARTER CAPTAINS

FORMAL TRAINING & INSURANCE FOR PROPRIETORS

VESSEL SAFETY INSPECTION BEFORE EACH RENTAL



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REGULATION REQUIREMENTS

PRE-RENTAL VESSEL FAMILIARIZATION AND
ON-WATER DEMONSTRATION

BRIEFING ON NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, RENDERING
ASSISTANCE

MAP OF LAKE WYLIE TO RENTEE

PWC INSURANCE FOR RENTEES

REVISIONS AFTER COUTNY BRIEFS

ADDS BAREBOAT CHARTER REQUIREMENTS

DELETES NON-MOTORIZED VESSEL REQUIREMENTS

BIENNIEL RENEWAL OF PERMITS

PROVIDES PRE-RENTAL SAFETY/PRE-RIDE
CHECKLIST

REVIEWS

DRAFT REVIEWED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

- USCG, GCPD, YCSO, NCWRC, CMPD

- COMMERCIAL MARINA OWNERS

- USCG LICESNED CAPTAIN

DRAFT ACCORDS WITH USCG & STATE LAWS



**We Protect, Preserve, and Promote
Lake Wylie as a Clean and Safe Recreational
Waterway**

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