

## Lake Use Survey:

### Other Issues to be addressed by Marine Commission

- Too many boaters (many with skiers) come way too close to my dock and boathouse.
- Power poles on docks
- Need more enforcement of non-motorized boats to stay in no-wake zones.
- Should be more concerned with boats speeding too close to no-wake zones. Wake surfing is less dangerous than water skiing, etc.
- Too many non-motorized canoe/kayak with no registration obstructing the middle of the lake.
- Regular patrols for regulation violations, paddle boarders in middle of lake and with no life vest, require rental owners to supply boating regulations to renters, timely repositioning of no-wake buoys
- Many tubes are equipped to carry more than 2 people with one rope - they should be allowed
- The cost of licensing 4 commercial kayaks was \$600. 2 are very small. I feel this is too much of a charge.
- No need to get me started
- Wakes destroy shoreline!
- Should be a maximum speed for operations on Lake Lure since it is so small.
- What is happening with the dam, bridge, sewer, taxes, and tour boats?
- Please, do not allow more boat slips at the marina. I have lived on Lake Lure over 60 years.
- We need competition on the lake for gassing up boats.
- Large wakes can be dangerous to small boats and swimmers, especially children. Do not allow!
- Lake silt
- I also have to be careful to look for wake boats so I'm not caught in their wake. They have no regard for me as I am leisurely boating on this small lake in a kayak. These boats should be on a larger lake.
- Number of boats on lake
- Please, don't allow activities that could make it worse. Would like to see more patrols on lake during summer to help control some of the reckless behavior (too fast, too close to other boats, teenage drivers (underage), alcohol, etc.).
- Lake is getting too crowded with boats. Please, consider limiting the number of public permits and marina docks. Also, Lake Lure Adventure Company boat makes a huge wake and creates same issue wake surfing presents.
- Cost of permits was up 50% this year. It may have been communicated why but if so, I missed that.
- Please, better enforce the "no-wake" zones. Violators cause lakefront property owners thousands of dollars to repair seawalls.
- Lake Lure is too small of a lake permit wake surfing, which produces massive waves that damage seawalls and moored boats. About time something is done about it.

- Why does marina turn off gas pumps? Can this be changed? Let's make this a positive issue for our younger generations allowing them to wake surf and wake board. It's great entertainment on the lake and truly a talent. Let's keep Lake Lure a great place to have fun.
- Better boat wake speed awareness. Noise control on loud music on boats. Just as jet skis were done away with wake boarding and wake surfing should be prohibited. Too many boats on the lake with large wakes is dangerous and bad for lakefront properties. It makes it hard to paddle board and kayak, as well.
- Have owned property since 2013 and owned boat since 2008. My family enjoys wake surfing and wake boarding. That is why we are living on the lake. I don't want to be told I can no longer enjoy these activities. The Lake Lure Tour boats are larger and heavier than wake boats, give off larger wakes, and are on the lake 9 months a year. If we are talking about banning boats, I want those on the list, also.
- In the last 5 years, there is a noticeable increase in boat traffic on Lake Lure. The peacefulness and privacy was one of the main contributing factors we chose to buy lakefront property. It's almost not enjoyable to go on the lake between 11 am and 5 pm on weekends during the summer.
- I am very concerned that there is a movement to eliminate v-drives, wake boarding, etc. and this is just the 1st step in doing so.
- Pontoon boats pulling tubes creates a lot of waves, too, causing damage to seawalls and boats. The Commission needs to proceed carefully. The lake is overcrowded.
- This is a relatively small lake. With slip expansion in Washburn Marina and more kayaks/canoes, the overall increase in lake traffic places an even greater emphasis on minimizing wakes to the extent possible.
- No rental boats: reduce boat traffic
- Dead deer sat in the lake for 2 weeks last fall. Reported it and no one was in a hurry to do anything about it.
- Would it be possible to have carts at Washburn Marina to assist boat owners/slip renters with transporting coolers/fishing gear, boat covers, etc. back and forth from parking to slips? Some of newer slips are quite a distance from parking area.
- The people that wake board have no regards to anyone. They always stay close to the wake areas. They do not stay in the middle of the lake causing large waves against boats fishing or paddle boarding. If they set timer to allow wake boarding, all this type activity should be 9 am to dark and be enforced by police to stay in the middle of lake area they are using.
- Widen boat entry ramp by 4'. Relocate pedestrian walkway at boat ramp and construct railings to keep pedestrians a safe distance away from vehicles backing in/pulling out boats at ramp area.
- Enforce the rule of leaving wake close to fishing boats.
- Continue stocking of baitfish (shad, minnows) and possibly stocking walleye in lake Lure. The lake is cold and clean and would be an ideal walleye fishery.

- No wake boarding boats should be allowed on Lake Lure. Too small of a lake for boats that create such waves.
- As a kayaker, I would appreciate no more wake activities.
- It seems the crappie population is down. Any chance that it can be looked into?
- Please, make no wake in winter to 9:00 and summer to 10:00. For fishing and moving on the lake, 7:00 in spring is not long enough, if nothing else use daylight savings time.
- Thank you for placing additional wake buoys across the entire entrance to the dam cove. I am concerned about the pace and extent of shoreline erosion, particularly the undeveloped shoreline on the west side of the "resort" channel.
- What fish are being restocked besides threadfin shad?
- Additional truck and trailer parking for longer vehicles.
- Tour boats need to be removed.
- We are happy with the way this issue is being addressed. Also, happy with the overall Police protection and lake management.
- It would be nice if someone - anyone had communicated a hike on sticker fees. It appears you (Lake Lure) are trying to make this a private pond. We didn't receive a paper for price increase. Keep in mind, we aren't all millionaires.
- The marina and entrance areas are very shallow and need dredging. I think the Town of Lake Lure, including the Parks, Recreation, and Lake Department does a great job. I also appreciate being given an opportunity to provide input via this survey.
- I would love for the day pass rate to be reduced.
- Canoes with trolling motors must be registered with the State, which I would gladly comply, but the sticker for Lake Lure is considered a motorized craft. I think this is too much to pay for a sticker for a canoe and would like to see much lower fee for motorized canoe.
- Fee for non-motorized kayak/paddle board passes annually are exorbitant. You have lost the money you would have made off my 3 kayaks and paddle board for annual passes because it became too steep. I now tube the Green River or go hiking or rock hop in the Rocky Broad at my place instead - unfortunate.
- The tour boats need to be removed. The wake from them is causing erosion.
- Map of Lake Lure for boater information. I am willing to pay for one.
- Town boats making too many waves to shoreline
- Enforce the permit laws! Numerous boats with no or expired permits. Regulate non-motorized boat traffic. Require permits and enforce that they stay close to shore.
- Future surveys should be sent to all tax paying property owners, not just current boat permit holders.
- I would like to see tour boats become a part of this discussion and required orientation/training/education class be required for all boat permits.
- Refrain from tyrannical behavior.
- Removal of tour boats, as they are a nuisance to the lake and cause a greater issue of wake than other boat activity on the lake and primarily only financially benefit the concessionaire. Removal of the additional boat slips added to the marina, as they have caused increased traffic and wake

issues well beyond the single activity of wake surfing. Only permit boats on the lake for residents and tax payers of Lake Lure.

- Commercial rather than recreational interests are overrepresented on the LAB. As was made clear in the LAB's discussion of wake surfing, obvious conflicts of interests are ignored.
- I only wake boarded twice last year and only wake surfed once, but I should be able to when I want, as should my 3 teenage daughters.
- Drinking while boating - crazy reckless driving.
- Allowing fishing only permitted boats to launch at ramp by ABC store.
- Ski boats not recognizing right of way to other boaters in narrow parts of the lake. Kayak boaters not adhering to distance regulations.
- Ensuring bulbs are replaced in marker buoys as needed promptly.
- Parking lot needs video cameras - had my trailer damaged by a pontoon, crushed my trailer fender and messed up my axle seal. The person did not leave a not, just drove off.
- Develop some guidance for pontoon boaters to stay to the right up and down the lake and not wander in front of boats pulling skiers.
- If you want Lake Lure to be like it is up North, then y'all need to move back up North. We love Lake Lure the way it is. Quit trying to change everything.
- The lake needs to be stocked with bass, white bass, and trout.
- Our property has experienced damage to the seawall, dock pilings, and the pontoon, which is not on a boat lift, from the wakes of large surf boats. Most of the wakes are caused by just the size of the surf boats, regardless of whether there is someone surfing or not. The size and weight of the surf boats is as much of an issue as the actual surf activity.
- Boats designed to create large wake are dangerous to other boats, destructive to shorelines, and destructive to property.
- Enough restrictions, rather, let's work together to try to solve the dam and sewer before it's too late. By attempting to restrict wake surfing, you will be restricting wake boarding, as well. Otherwise it could be viewed as illegal discrimination against people that wake surf. The town already restricted wake surfing/boarding to 75 feet or more from the shoreline, banned 95% of all wake boats by implementing a boat size and weight restriction, and restricted the hours to between dawn and dusk.. These restrictions are enough. If the issue is the size of the wake, the town must focus on what's causing the biggest wake (other than weather) which is the tour boats, not wake surfing/boarding boats. Additionally, there are large pontoons loaded with lots of people that also cause a wake. Are you looking to ban those next? I hope not. I really hope the rumors that Town Council is attempting to ban or greatly restrict all water sports, including fishing, are not true. Additionally, are there going to be limitations on the distance people can paddle board, kayak, and fish since they come literally next to people's dock? I hope not. I am concerned that the word spreading through the community, Asheville, Charlotte, and Greenville that the lake is becoming a non-motorized sport lake. The word is that wake surfing is just the beginning of the limitations and soon skiing and tubing along with wake boarding (of course, because to do it, you must have a "wake") will be restricted or eliminated. Please, show these people that the rumors are false. If wake surfing is restricted any more than it already is and if

other sports continue to be attacked, our property values will decrease for sure. Tourism will slow down and our city will be in even more financial trouble than it is. We don't need realtors and others to spread the word and refer their clients to other lakes rather than ours.

- The price to obtain an annual kayaking permit is rather high. Perhaps this can be addressed.
- Improve fishing by adding fish attractors, stock hybrid bass.
- The large tri-toons with engines above 250 HP are creating large wakes, as well, and are also too fast for the lake.
- I also find these people a bit reckless and totally self-absorbed.
- Too many boats on lake
- Have more enforcement of rules during busy times like weekend. More "no-wake" zones and slower speeds on lake.
- More enforcement
- Speeding in and out of our cove (Sunset Cove) has dramatically increased the last 2 years. I wonder if we need additional buoys in our cove.
- No wake zones in coves
- Please, protect the homeowners. My cost in 2020 for seawall repair was excessive - lots of huge waves in my cove. (I did not receive this survey until April 24th for a return by April 30th.)
- Boat owners may need to be educated about the hazards of wake surfing to our shoreline.
- As lakefront owners since 1962, our family respectfully requests that the rules remain as-is. For safety, I think the governing boss of the lake should consider enforcing non-motorized boats staying inside of the no-wake zones during peak times and/or requiring a flag if passing through main channels. Paddle boarders lying flat on the boards and non-moving kayaks can be very hard to see on sunny days. These types of activities can be a major safety risk to all parties and seem to be increasingly more common. I would love to see any violators politely reminded by the police boat, etc.
- If large wakes become your concern - remember the tour boats wake is large and occurs every 15 minutes.
- Should consider limits (speed or engine HP) to avoid damage to boat houses, boat slips, and shoreline (erosion).
- We don't need more wakes created by boats like those created by tour boats crossing our path and swamping our boats/kayaks.
- I purchased our lake house and boat after reviewing all the rules and what was allowed/permitted. I don't think it's right to ban wake surfing, especially for reasons being listed. It is unfair to people like myself who just purchased a \$100,000 boat with the understanding of what was allowed/permitted.
- Increase patrol - the additional non-resident pontoons and rentals have increased boating density - they don't respect private property and should be limited. Revisit findings of Lake Use Survey.
- Revisit allowing jet skiing.
- The tour boats can do a better job of managing their wakes.
- Dredge cove at 2012 Memorial Hwy. It's a beach, not a lake cove.

- Limit the number of power boats/permits on Lake Lure.
- We need more inspections of boats safety equipment. Have observed old fire extinguishers, bilge pumps that don't work, and not enough PFD for people.
- Need more buoys in the cove areas - boaters come into "no-wake" areas way too fast.
- Since the city made it's "money grab" by installing far too many slips in Lake Lure cove, the lake is more crowded with boats plus the cove looks uglier.
- More enforcement of "no-wake" areas. Numerous violations in Garner Cove. Property trespassing also an issue.
- Boats going faster than "no-wake" after 9 pm. This does not appear to be enforced anymore.
- I would like to see lower kayak launch fees. I don't see why the fees needed to quadruple since I started kayaking on the lake 12 years ago. Don't understand how the current fee is justified. Since the fees have skyrocketed, I no longer steer out-of-town visitors to Lake Lure like I used to.
- Any possibility of resurrecting Greene's Boat Landing to give access to gas pumps at both ends of the lake? My family has been on the lake since the 40's - seen a lot of change.
- It is disrespectful to me as a taxpayer in Lake Lure for you to send this out with no context and such short time window to respond. Shame on the Marine Commission/Town Council. I hope you hold a public hearing with notice prior to taking any action.
- Thanks for letting me express my opinions.
- How do we eliminate the geese that continue to come into our boathouse and poop all over walkways and our boats? I have tried every kind of deterrent available. It's nasty and disgusting to clean up every week.
- You ban personal watercraft, why not wake boats?
- Many more boats and they don't seem to know lake rules. Boats have gotten bigger with bigger motors, too. Wake surfing makes it impossible to pull skiers and tubers safely. Channels are not wide enough for this. Thank you for addressing this issue.
- The wake from "ski boats" causes excessive erosion. The noise pollution distracts from the beauty of the lake and quality of life. A fatal boat accident is very likely with the crowded conditions.
- Powered boats too close to "no-wake" zones. Personal (unpowered) boards and kayaks out in middle of channels.
- Enforcement of the rules of "no-wake" zones near boathouses and shorelines.
- Loud music being played on boats operating on the lake.
- More dredging in west channel between north and south shores (between Mark Twain/Seton Road Ridge and the Firefly Cove side.
- Have not noticed any additional wake from wake surfing. The wind causes more problems with enormous waves than anything else. It seems adding all the berths at the marina may have potential for harm by adding to additional traffic on the lake.
- An input ramp for kayaks and boards away from new marina.
- I pay for 2 annual paddle board passes. Please, consider us who enjoy this beautiful lake for leisure. I support all sports but notice a lack of monitoring/safety watch as most boats disregard the "no-wake" zone.

- Lake Police need to be increased to enforce current regulations.
- Let people have fun on the water. We fisherman go early, anyway.
- Use of alcohol by boaters.
- You are all doing a fine job.
- Longer hours for gas pump
- Better access to fishing opportunities.
- Thanks to the Commissioner's for this chance to easily voice our views.
- Another public entry point on the lake.
- We would also support a boating speed limit, since lake Lure is a small lake.
- Please, regulate swimming in the middle of the lake and open areas.
- Commercial fishing boats tied up to personal dock, climbing on board dock, and fishing
- Way, way, way too many boats on such a small lake. You cannot even enjoy the lake anymore, especially on weekends/holidays.
- Wakes of speedboats are both annoying and hazardous to kayaks and canoes.
- Thanks for sending this out. I think Lake Lure is going to grow a whole lot due to COVID and that we should relook at this 5 years from now.
- Recommend amending Lake Use Regulation Section 4.03(G) to read "All water vessels must be operated at "no-wake" speed from 7 pm to 7 am during the months of November through March and 9 pm to 7 am during the months of April through October." With daylight savings time in effect from early March through early November, most boaters routinely violate this regulation in April and October. Perhaps, April and October require a separate 3rd category. With respect to "motorized" watercraft on the lake, we think we should adopt the philosophy that "we want to consider allowing it" rather than "not allowing it." Evolving electrical and battery technologies are greatly facilitating quiet, efficient, clean propulsion for fishing boats, launches, and e-foil craft. We strongly believe that we will encourage new generations of water enthusiasts to enjoy our lake and its amenities and that the future of our town is dependent on positive inclusion rather than the notion that "we have always done it that way." As an example, we think that linking e-foil craft with jet skis is sending an incorrect message regarding a new, innovative, fun way of enjoying the lake. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
- Many parts of lake Lure are not wide enough to allow other boaters to avoid large wakes of these boats. Also, "no-wake" zone buoys were not originally placed to account for these particular boat's wake. I have been docked well with-in "no-wake" zones in our marina and not able to stand on my boat when the wake from one of these boats passed. Needless to say, damage to docks and marinas is more substantial for these boats.
- Reduce number of rental boats on the lake. I would be fine with eliminating all rental boats. Dry weight for boats 4,000 lbs. when ballast are filled on surf boats, it adds additional 3,000 lbs. I have property damage to my seawall and a huge concrete step going to the beach. Step has separated from the wall and stone veneer on sea wall has been knocked off due to impact of waves created by surf boats. Is the lake going to help in the cost of these repairs? If the owners of the surf boats live in a cove, they have no idea the damage they are creating to people's property and the shore.

- Make sure all boat drivers understand the purpose of the "no-wake" buoys and what the term "no-wake" means.
- With "no-wake" zones along the shore, we do not need wake regulating in the main body of the lake.
- Seems to be many more boats than in the past few years parked at the marina. How crowded will it become? Waves are already constant and wash away our rock.
- I feel more education needs to be looked at prior to jumping to a conclusion. I do not recall receiving a survey prior to the town allowing 110 more boats at the marina. All the additional boat traffic limits the safe operation of tubing, water skiing, and wake boarding. Wake surfing is done at a slow speed (9 mph) and does not require 30 - 40' wake room behind the boat that other water sports require. I am in great hopes that a compromise can be made in this big decision.
- Wake surfing is much less disruptive than skiing, wake boarding, and tubing as it is much slower and does not require navigation around tubers, skiers, and wake boarders from a safety aspect, given the rider is close to the boat. To limit this 1 activity makes absolutely no sense, given the minimal noise, and footprint while not putting restrictions on other water sports. There is no reason to limit time/areas for any of our motorized sports.
- Continue to keep jet skis off Lake Lure.
- Canoes/kayaks in main channel conflict with boat traffic and are in danger of being hit.
- I believe it would also interfere with the other types of boating that the lake is currently used for. The lake is too small, in my opinion, to offer this activity.
- Boat traffic remains very high.
- Speeding boats after dark. Paddle boards/kayakers in middle of the lake. Pontoons from marina have nowhere to go other than just ride around - so they park in the middle of the lake and dump their kids, floats, etc. in the lake. This is dangerous in my opinion. One pontoon tied up to my dock - said he was tired of riding around and wanted to park and go swimming. Thank for addressing these issues.
- No jet skis - too noisy
- Night speeding
- In the last year, noise on the lake has increased exponentially. The reason for having a house on the lake is because it's nice, quiet, and serene. A place to regroup and enjoy peace and solitude.
- Limit the number of tour boats to no more than 1 per hour per tour agency.
- We have a terrible problem with debris washing up under our boathouse. Just where we are on the lake (Charlotte Drive). But we have a tough time getting things hauled off and it is a lot of work getting stuff out from under the boathouse.
- All we need is more control and regulation
- Enforcement of rule against paddle boarders in middle of lake
- Why is there not some requirement for home/land owners to maintain property? Boathouses that are rotting away into the lake are not only unsightly, but also a potential cause of injury and contamination of the lake.



- My children and I myself only want to wake surf. Additionally, I just purchased my permit. This discussion should have happened months ago.
- Please, establish max limits of outboard engine size. The capacity of ballast tank boats to transmit unwanted plant and fungus from other water bodies necessitates the need to ban non-local ballast tank boats from the lake. Please, consider banning non-resident ballast tank boats to preserve the health of our lake. The tour boats require improved management. The size of their wakes and the amount of sediment they stir up is unhealthy for our lake.
- Please, report all people's rights to use the lake to have fun - wake surfing, too. I truly feel if you pass this it's just a matter of time before you move on to the next restriction.
- More "no-wake" signs, especially in coves
- We find it interesting that this survey was sent to all boat owners and not lake front property owners. If the issue with wake surfing is wake size, that has a direct impact on lake front property owners, not boat owners. Wakes produced from ski/wake boarding/tubing boats, especially large pontoons that tow tubes are just as destructive to shoreline as those from wake surfing. Our family owns 2 lake front properties. As such, we were and are fully aware of the erosion issues caused by all boat traffic. We knew that risk when we purchased our properties. We own multiple wake boards and surf boards and have used them for years. The more experienced wakeboarders and surfers want higher wakes, so putting restrictions on or prohibiting just wake surfing isn't really fair, nor will it solve any issues with shore erosion since there will still be wake boarders and tubers. From Boats.com "Wakeboarders want air, and lots of it. But as any accomplished boarder will tell you that to go really "big" you need a launch ramp. Enter your boats wakes - and everything you can do to make them larger." Another important factor to consider is the economic impact to the community. Some lake front property owners buy lake front property not only for the beauty of Lake Lure but also because they love water sports. We need to continue to attract new residents to our area. We should be developing and implementing policies that support the establishment and growth of our community, otherwise our property values will drop and our local economy will become stagnant. We strongly support wake surfing, and personally feel it's much safer than wake boarding. Boat owners who have enjoyed either or both of these sports should not be restricted or prohibited from doing so. We welcome a public forum where these issues can be addressed.
- Safety should be of major concern.
- The lake area by Rumbling Bald Resort boat docks should be a "no-wake" zone. Ski boats constantly come into that area causing boats at the docks to be to bang against the dock and other boats. Establish a larger "no-wake" zone.
- Cleaning and/or dredging silt and removing obstacles around this lake, fallen trees, etc.
- Education about what "no wake" zones mean. This is not enforced and even the lake patrol disregards it.
- Better enforcement prohibiting boats on lake with no permit.
- Do not lower the lake more than 2 feet unless a 30 day notice is given to the public.
- Regarding safety on the lake this summer, could the police be more present and visible? There are many boat renters with no boating skills. Please, help keep our residence safe.