



The Lake Murray Association, Inc. (LMA) is a non-profit, volunteer association formed in 1994. Its goals & objectives are to be the voice & watchdog in addressing environmental, lake level & safety issues on Lake Murray. LMA's mission and projects include the following:

LAKE LEVEL:

- Maintain consistent, year round minimum lake level of 354' or higher for recreational usage, safety reason, and to discourage Hydrilla growth.
- Meet with SCE&G on a bi-monthly basis and more often when the occasion arises to promote higher level as well as other lake issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Shore line and water quality

- Search and apply for grants that will fund TMDL's. to study and implement practices to address current water impairment. Currently, applying for a grant
- Promotes the control of noxious aquatic weed;
- Promoted Lake Murray becoming a "No Discharge Lake"
- Promotes and educates on the prevention of non-point source pollution to the public
- Conducted independent tests on the Lake for water clarity; currently pursuing more extensive testing
- Provides and maintains Osprey nesting sites;
- Promotes and educates the public and meets with DHEC on watershed protection;
- Assists SC Dept. of Natural Resources and SCE&G in annual shoreline planting to prevent erosion
- Participates in Beach Sweep – cleaning up the shoreline on the Lake.
- Monitor and investigate dredging of the lake for marinas etc. to insure habitat protection.
- Offer a phone line for lake users to report all areas of concern on Lake Murray

SAFETY:

- "Ladies Day on the Lake" educates women on boating;
- Participates with SC Dept of Natural Resources and other agencies in promoting and conducting an annual "Boat Safety Fair";
- Provides & maintains wind socks for 15 emergency helicopter landing sites on the Lake;
- Reports missing, misplaced and damaged buoys to SC Dept. of Natural Resources;
- Works with & assists various state; local and federal agencies to promote water quality on the Lake i.e., SCE&G; Lake Murray Power Squadron; Lake Murray Coast Guard Auxiliary; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; EMS; Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force
- Sells and promotes dock signs. This sign allows emergency & rescue services to quickly identify an address on the lake.

EDUCATION/MEMBERSHIPS:

- Produces "**Lake Link**" a quarterly newsletter to keep 1500 paid members informed;
- Conducts **Annual Public Meetings** in Saluda, Lexington, Newberry & Richland counties;
- Conducts "**4- H2O**" – a youth conservation education program on the Lake;
- Conducts annual "**Pontoon Tour of Homes**" on the Lake to fund its projects;
- Member of **North American Lake Management Society(NALMS)**, an international organization, that provides support and education of issues on fresh water lakes;
- Board member of **Lakes and Watershed Association of South Carolina**; Active participant in all state meetings and conventions which provides education to the professional and lay members
- Participates in **Annual Boat Shows** to promote water quality education and solicit and meet our members.

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