

FOCL POINT



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Meet the Executive Director

Nice to meet you! I wanted to quickly introduce myself as the new Executive Director of FOCL since May 2021. I'm so thrilled to be able to serve our many supporters. Since being on with FOCL, I have learned so much about the mission and hope to help continue spreading awareness needed to help FOCL thrive.



Ciara Harris

I'm a Radford University alumni with a degree in Recreation, Parks & Tourism. Past experience includes years with the Lake Norman Tourism Bureau, along with other hospitality, special events and nonprofit organizations such as the Radford Chamber of Commerce. From weekends camping at the State Park as a child, to spending any free time on the water- I am excited to share the lake passion with you!

The dedication of our board of directors is unmatched and they continue to come up with ways we can help clean and sustain a beautiful Claytor Lake! Our community partners and local businesses continue to show appreciated additional support as well.

I hope to meet you soon and look forward to serving the lake community! If you have any questions, please reach out to me at info@focl.org or call 540-395-FOCL.

Get social & stay up to date with us! Email info@focl.org to be added to our email list.



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ABOUT US

Dedicated to conserving and protecting the quality, sustainability, and tranquility of the environment of Claytor Lake for all...



Clean Up 101:

The FOCL clean up crew of 5 works hard almost year-round on the water and in our debris pile locations to ensure Claytor is kept free of floating debris that inhibits navigation and a lot more! To date, the crew has collected more than 300 roll off loads of woody debris. Each roll-off load is 15 tons! The crew will work to gather up



the woody debris pile for the end of season burn and prep equipment for



spring. FOCL was able to utilize new and refurbished equipment this year. This includes the new Volvo excavator, safety additions to the push barge, new FOCL boat signage by Sign Systems, necessary repairs to the jon boat, the Miss Pulaski pontoon, new push boat, and a custom made rain shield for the crew by Bishop Marine.

We hope to cover more ground next season with two crews to help more residents, lake campgrounds, and visitors with keeping areas maintained and clean for everyone to enjoy. *Special thank you to our partners AEP and Pulaski County!*

If you have questions about clean up, give us a call! We are so thankful to have residents take such good care of our crew while they're on the water! Keep an eye out for pictures of the debris pile from the season, along with updates coming for next spring.



2021 SAFETY & COURTESY CAMPAIGN

This summer, FOCL kicked off National Boater Safety Week (week of May 22-28) by sharing graphics created to remind patrons of the lake about safety and courtesy. These reminders were shared via social media, email and on the FOCL website.

We have copies of the 'Know Before You Go' brochures, if you would like some to keep at your residence or business.

Visit www.focl.org to save graphics and share with family, neighbors and friends!

Thank you for helping us spread the word about safety and courtesy on Claytor!



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

BOAT SAFELY

- ↓ FOLLOW VA BOATING LAWS
(VA BOATER'S GUIDE: DWR.VIRGINIA.GOV/BOATING/WDG)
- ↓ PASS REQUIRED BOATER SAFETY COURSE
- ↓ JET SKI MINIMUM OPERATING AGE: **14** WITH COURSE
(DWR.VIRGINIA.GOV/BOATING/EDUCATION/REQUIREMENT/STEPS-TO-REQUIREMENT)
- ↓ "BE RIGHT, KEEP RIGHT"
RULES OF THE WATER
- ↓ BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS
- ↓ REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:
PFJ, THROWABLE, LIGHTS, FIRE EXTINGUISHER, WHISTLE ON JET SKIS, HORN ON BOATS.
- ↓ NO WAKE WITHIN 50 FT. OF DOCKS, BOATS & PEOPLE
- ↓ WATCH FOR FLOATING DEBRIS
- ↓ ALWAYS...OWN YOUR WAKE, FOLLOW ALCOHOL LAWS, NO JET SKIING/TOWING BEFORE SUNRISE/AFTER SUNSET

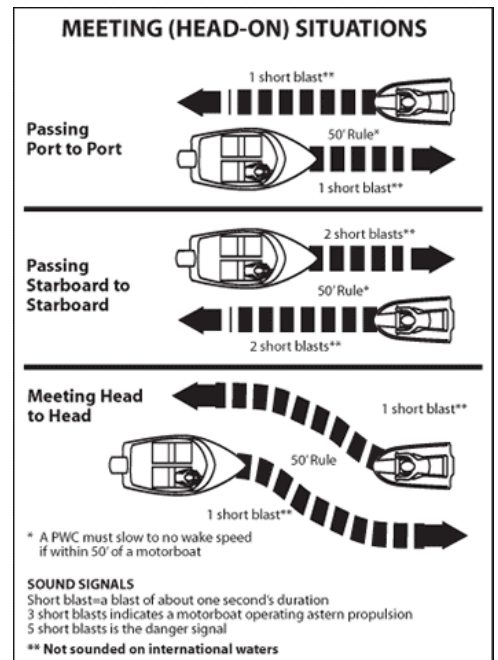
Logos for FOCL, DWR, and other organizations are at the bottom.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

BOAT FRIENDLY

- ↓ USE COMMON SENSE & COURTESY
WAKES CAN ENDANGER PEOPLE & PROPERTY
- ↓ STAY CLEAR OF SHORELINES, PROPERTY AND WATERCRAFTS
(RECOMMENDED IS 200 FT.)
- ↓ KEEP MUSIC AT REASONABLE LEVELS
- ↓ RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY, INCLUDING DOCKS... STAY OFF UNLESS INVITED
- ↓ DON'T LEAVE FISHING HOOKS LYING AROUND DOCKS
- ↓ DON'T SHINE LIGHTS INTO HOMES & PROPERTY
- ↓ DON'T MAKE A SPLASH WITH TRASH
#KEEPCLAYTORCLEAN

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JULY- CLEAN UP MONTH!



Under normal circumstances, FOCL usually hosts a day long event for lake clean up. This year, we decided to do a month long campaign to continue the efforts in a competitive way! All Lake Clean Up focuses on

pulling trash from the lake, while our crew continues to pull woody debris out. We had a number of participants send in their trash pick up photos and accept participant t-shirts and goodies provided by our wonderful partners such as Mountain 2 Island and Conrad Brothers Marina! We appreciate the efforts and hope to continue the campaign each year. Need trash bags? We can

help supply! Keep those pics coming to info@focl.org all year and especially in July to help #keepclaytorclean.



A LETTER FROM A SUPPORTER..

Dear Claytor Lake Neighbors and other Friends,

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful summer and that you have been able to spend lots of time on the lake. It has been an especially pleasant summer for our family, reminding us of our good fortune to be able to escape life's too-often hectic pace in such a lovely spot.

Dottie and I have retired after careers with three different, very fine, not-for-profit organizations. During those years, we developed a keen appreciation for non-profits that have clear and admirable "mission statements"; and that actually seem to accomplish their stated mission. We are always especially impressed by those organizations which are also good stewards of the charitable dollars entrusted to them. For us, FOCL is just such an organization.

As a fly fisherman, I'm particularly grateful for FOCL's efforts in keeping the Lake's wonderfully rich coves relatively free of debris. In the "old days", when my father-in-law and I would fish those coves, they were notorious for shagging our flies and popping bugs. Not so today.

This is my long-winded way of saying I'm a big fan of FOCL and for the wonderful work it does to clear debris from the lake . . . especially from my favorite coves.

If you are already a member of FOCL, I join in thanking you for your support. You are helping make this good work possible. If you are not yet a member, I urge you to join. As one of my sweet grandmothers was fond of saying: "Many hands make light work", and it is so true. FOCL is already doing a lot of good work, but with your added investment it could do even more. I use the word 'investment' because your tax-deductible charitable dollars in support of FOCL really are an investment. Dottie and I watch the FOCL barges hauling tons and tons of debris from the lake, and we know that the dollars we invest in their work provide us with a great return. Join us, and we thank you in advance for your anticipated support.



Sincerely,

Ty and Dottie Tysinger
Owens Road

EVENTS!

ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, July 31 2021, FOCL held our annual meeting for 2020-21 at the State Park. 56 attendees were present during the review of FOCL activities and clean up. There were recognitions given out and merchandise available! Huge thank you to our partners, prize donors, (Conrad Brothers Marine, Mountain 2 Island, Cheri Strenz, Laura Walters, Pat & Cecil Doyle) vendors, (Lindy's Catering & state park) and attendees!



Visit www.focl.org for the complete meeting minutes



POKER RUN

FOCL was excited to host a second poker run on Saturday, August 28th at Mountain 2 Island at Rock House Marina! We had 22 boats and 79 individual participants. Huge thanks to Rock House and FOCL board of director volunteers for helping make the event a huge success. Everyone shared their excitement for the event to be back and we look forward to another one next year. Thank you to our prize donors and all of the participants for the continued support!



FYI... DRAWDOWN + DREDGING

To allow for shoreline maintenance, a temporary, nonemergency 5 foot **drawdown** of Claytor Lake was proposed for Saturday, Nov. 6 through Sunday, Nov. 14.

According to the plan submitted to FERC, the lake was drawn down starting Wed. Nov. 3 at 1.6 ft a day until it reached 5 feet down by 9 a.m. Sat. Nov. 6. It remained at 5 feet down until 10 p.m. Sun. Nov. 14 when the lake will be allowed to start refilling. Targeted return to normal elevation is 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, depending on inflow. Please continue to record mussels salvaged and reason for utilizing drawdown on our website!

As mitigation for drawdown, property owners are always encouraged to walk along the shoreline and gently toss into deeper water stranded mussels. No need to salvage snails or the small round Asian clams.

(photo courtesy of NRCC)



DREDGING

If you are interested in dredging or if you have a permit in process that has not been completed, please contact Laura Walters at claytorlakegirl@gmail.com. Laura is working with Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, Dirk Compton to come up with a more efficient plan to dredge. In addition, we are collecting information to see if there are enough interested property and homeowners for Virginia Shoreline to purchase the equipment to dredge.

If you are not familiar with the permitting process, please see our website www.focl.org under the Information tab. This is a helpful guide to assist you in filling out and completing permits. The U.S Army Corps of Engineer contact for permitting is Chet Bigalow, 540-982-3841, or chester.c.bigelow@usace.army.mil. An AEP permit is also required. Lisa Hammock is the contact for that at 540-489-2556.

FYI

Thank you Linda Hall for the use and donation of the beautiful picture of Claytor Lake that we recently used for our annual meeting invitation.



This beautiful picture will be available for purchase at our Spring Splash in May. **FOCL greatly appreciates your talent and support!**



Towards the end of the season, the FOCL clean up crew was able to pull out a floating, 55 inch in diameter stump out of a cove. The stump was in the way of navigation and could've really done damage to boats and more.

We are thankful they were able to safely remove this GIANT!

Did you know?

FOCL works with BASS and DWR to help fund and install fish habitat and native vegetation structures on Claytor.

Visit DWR.VA.GOV for the Claytor lake habitat map!

MOSS BACK STRUCTURES

Lat	Long
37° 3 224E N	80° 37 2224 W
37° 3 2150 N	80° 37 2277 W
37° 3 2044 N	80° 37 2607 W
37° 3 2638 N	80° 38 3026 W
37° 3 2414 N	80° 38 3389 W
37° 3 2259 N	80° 38 3378 W
37° 3 2129 N	80° 38 3383 W
37° 3 2229 N	80° 38 5481 W

TREE REEF SITES

Lat	Long
37° 3 5635 N	80° 37 0069 W
37° 3 4917 N	80° 37 1141 W
37° 3 4414 N	80° 37 1787 W
37° 3 4258 N	80° 37 1678 W
37° 3 4036 N	80° 37 1458 W
37° 2 9152 N	80° 37 5456 W

SPIDER BLOCKS

Lat	Long
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37° 2 4623 N	80° 42 0384 W
37° 2 4621 N	80° 42 0425 W

ROCK MOUNDS

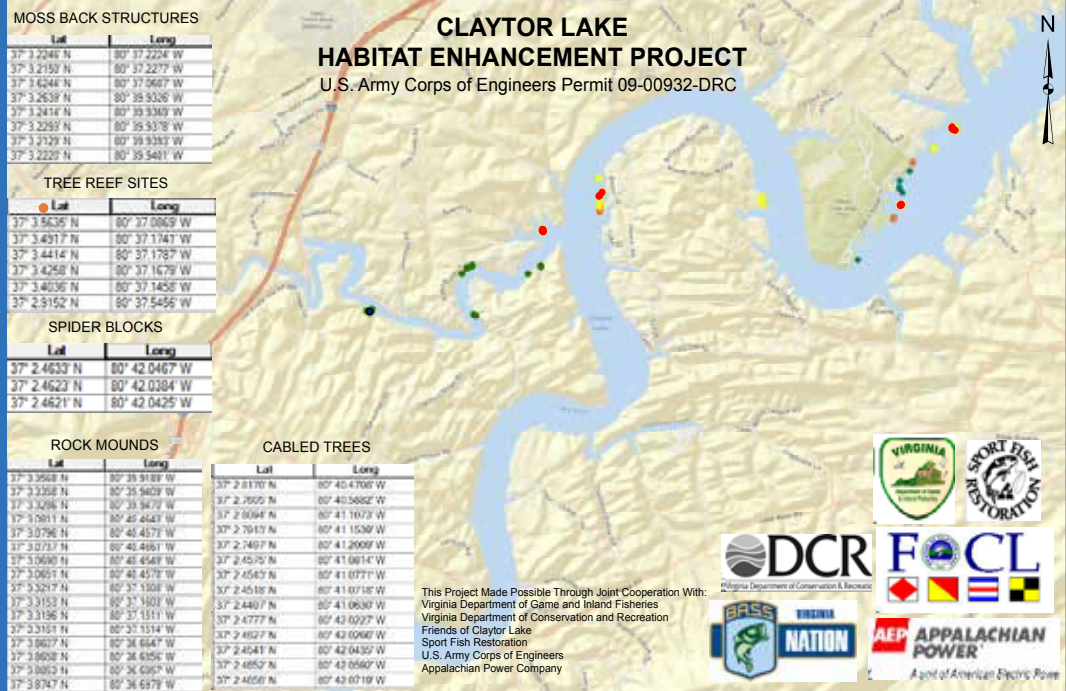
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37° 3 2352 N	80° 38 5409 W
37° 3 2096 N	80° 38 5479 W
37° 3 2014 N	80° 40 4527 W
37° 3 0796 N	80° 44 4572 W
37° 3 0737 N	80° 44 4661 W
37° 3 0680 N	80° 44 4548 W
37° 3 0651 N	80° 44 4578 W
37° 3 0217 N	80° 37 1308 W
37° 3 0152 N	80° 37 1303 W
37° 3 0196 N	80° 37 1311 W
37° 3 0151 N	80° 37 1314 W
37° 3 0078 N	80° 38 0549 W
37° 3 0058 N	80° 38 0556 W
37° 3 0053 N	80° 38 0567 W
37° 3 0047 N	80° 38 0379 W

CABLED TREES

Lat	Long
37° 2 8170 N	80° 40 4700 W
37° 2 7950 N	80° 40 5802 W
37° 2 7694 N	80° 41 1073 W
37° 2 7013 N	80° 41 1530 W
37° 2 7497 N	80° 41 2009 W
37° 2 4575 N	80° 41 0814 W
37° 2 4543 N	80° 41 0771 W
37° 2 4518 N	80° 41 0718 W
37° 2 4407 N	80° 41 0630 W
37° 2 4777 N	80° 42 0227 W
37° 2 4827 N	80° 42 0260 W
37° 2 4641 N	80° 42 0435 W
37° 2 4857 N	80° 42 0560 W
37° 2 4658 N	80° 42 0719 W

CLAYTOR LAKE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit 09-00932-DRC



This Project Made Possible Through Joint Cooperation With:
 Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
 Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
 Friends of Claytor Lake
 Sport Fish Restoration
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 Appalachian Power Company



Sources: Esri, DeLorme, HERE, iCORS, Intermap, increment P Corp., ANICAN, Esri, Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), Esri (Thailand), TomTom

FOCL MERCHANDISE...

NOW AVAILABLE!



2022 Claytor calendars are also back!

Call or email to place an order.
Special thanks to our supporters
who sent in favorite lake photos
to be considered for the calendar!



**CONTACT INFO@FOCL.ORG or 540-395-FOCL
TO PLACE AN ORDER!**

We have hats, visors, floating keychains, No Wake dock signs and koozies! Items can be paid for over the phone and mailed to your address for convenience. Items can also be picked up at the FOCL office at 6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 318 in Fairlawn. We accept check payment as well. Let us know if you'd like to carry items at your business.

We appreciate the support!



Support the Claytor Lake Environment!

Pick your level

Admiral \$5,000 & Up

Captain

Commander

Lieutenant

Ensign

Crew starting donation at \$50

Name:

Mailing Address:

Lake Address (if different):

Phone:

Email:

Lake Living Status (circle one): **Full Time** **Part Time** **Renter** **Visitor**

Comments: _____

Please make checks payable to FOCL, (a 501c-3 charitable organization) with your contact info to:
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We appreciate the support very much!

