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Using Your Handheld VHF Radio

Key Safety Equipment

Your VHF radio is the primary way for you to communicate with other boat operators or a bridge tender, lock operator and rescuing agencies like the Coast Guard or a towing service. Arguably the most important safety item onboard your boat, a VHF radio is far more reliable than a cell phone which suffers from limited on-water range and dropped calls. Rescuers like TowBoat U.S. and the Coast Guard monitor VHF transmissions, so it is easy to call for help in an emergency. **However, Tellico Lake is unique in having the Tellico Boating Assistance Response Team (T-BART) available for free towing assistance between the hours of sunup and sundown. T-BART can be reached by calling the Loudon or Monroe County 911 service by cell phone, who will dispatch a T-BART boat to assist.**



What are the limits of range and power?

Handhelds are limited to a transmit power of six watts, compared to 25 watts for fixed-mount radios. Remember, VHF range is more dependent on antenna height and antenna gain than on transmit power, so you can add significantly to your range by connecting an external antenna or by transmitting from the highest location available. For normal handheld use (at five-watt transmit power), figure on a three-to-eight mile range from a small boat, compared to 15 to 20 miles with a fixed-

mount radio (at 25 watt transmit power.) ICOM states that by switching from one watt to three watts of output you may gain 10 percent in range, but your battery life is dramatically reduced when you transmit at high power.

VHF Radio Operating Tips

Correct radio operation includes contacting the other boater on Channel 16 and then switching to a “working channel.” All radio operation, of course, requires that you first listen (30 seconds) before transmitting. There is more and more radio traffic on the most popular channels so TCC thinks it best for us to operate on channel 72 rather than channel 68.

Another thing to note is the requirement of all boaters with a VHF radio on board to monitor channel 16 while underway. Your safety and that of fellow boaters depends on someone hearing a call for assistance. Your listening on this channel makes sure that a large number of boats will hear an emergency call.

Radio checks are now available in channel 28. Key your microphone and say “This is “xxxx”, radio check”. An automated voice will respond that you have reached the Sea Tow automated radio check.



Raft-Off Activities



2021 Raft-Off Schedule
Powerline Cove,
1-4 p.m.
(Arrive at 12:30 p.m.)

Saturday, Aug 7
Saturday, Aug 14
Saturday, Aug 21
Saturday, Aug 28
Saturday, Sept 4
Saturday, Sept 11
Saturday, Sept 18
Saturday, Sept 25



RAFT-OFF PROCEDURES AND FAQs

The Cruising Club holds Raft-Offs frequently during the boating season. The purpose of the Raft-Off is to give club members the opportunity to get together and enjoy the lake.

What is a Raft-Off and what goes on there?

A Raft-Off is an opportunity to get together with fellow TCC members and have some fun with our boats on the lake. We tie our boats together (generally in a line) such that we can

walk from boat to boat. We swim, talk, eat, drink and generally have a lot of fun.











[Click here](#) for more helpful information on the TCC website about participating in TCC Raft-Offs.





August Activities Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5  TCC Corn & Hot Dog Roast 4 p.m. Social 5 p.m. Meal Toqua Golf Pavillion Captains: Past Commanders	6	7  Raft-Off , 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: Margaritaville Captains: Bob & Mary Reed
8	9	10	11  Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink 865-458-3225 TCC Social/ Membership Meeting 5/6 p.m. Yacht Club	12	13	14  Raft-Off , 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: TBD Captains: TBD
15	16	17  Juliets Steak & Chicken Frahitas 12:30 p.m. Host: Linda Hall Captain: Linda Knecht 614-371-7508	18  Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink 865-458-3225	19	20	21  Raft-Off , 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: Come For Fun & Sun Captains: Steve & Shari West
22	23	24	25  Poker Run/Shrimp Boil 1-4 p.m./5 p.m. Tagaloo Pavilion Captain: Stan Sech Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink	26	27	28  Raft-Off , 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: Mardi Gras Captains: Vanonis & Deans
29	30	31				



Upcoming Events

REMINDER: Don't forget to bring your check book to General Meeting if you plan to sign up for an event.



TCC Venetian Night

Friday August 20

Gather at 7:00 p.m. near Poplar Springs boat ramp. Prizes awarded for the best "deck"-orated boats

Event Captains: John & Penny Manczko

Questions, call or text John 847-997-5739 or Penny 847-997-7369

Parade our lighted & decorated boats from Poplar Springs to Jackson Bend back to the Yacht Club.

The event is modeled on the Christmas boating event in Venice, Italy.

Think of a parade on water.

Decorate your boat with parade float-like themes and elaborate light displays.



Juliet's Event:

Steak & Chicken Fajitas

Tuesday, August 17, 12:30 p.m.

(Eat, Drink & Swim)

Host: Linda Hall, 222 Dudala Way (South End)

Parking: If possible, please car pool and remember to park on the same side of the street

\$15 for food & Margarita.

Signup at TCC General Meeting

Write checks to Linda Knecht, non-refundable.



1 - 4 P.M.

Wednesday,

August 25

\$20 per person

Poker Hands \$5



5 P.M., TAGALOO

Sign up at monthly meetings, or contact Stan Sech, 865-556-8066 zachsam@yahoo.com



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Questions: Linda Knecht, 614-371-7508

Juliet's Sip & Swim Event: **Tennessee Barbeque**

Thursday, September 2, 12:30 p.m.

**Host: Julie Ricchio, 154 Inagehi Way
(South End)**

HALLOWEEN & CASINO EVENT

(Dinner Buffet & Costume Party)

Sunday, October 31, Yacht Club

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and close at 10:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. - Cash Bar

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Casino

6:30 p.m. - Dinner Buffet (Cheeseburgers, Brats or Chicken)

8:00 p.m. - Announce Original Best Costume Winner(s)

9:00 p.m. - Announce Raffle Winner(s)



Everyone must come dressed in a Halloween costume!

Each attendee gets \$25,000 in chips to play Black Jack, Craps, Roulette, 3-Hand Poker.

Each raffle ticket is a \$5,000 chip.

\$50 per person (No Refunds)(Limit 140 people)

Write checks to Tellico Cruising Club

Pay by mail or at the TCC monthly meeting.

For questions contact:

Linda Knecht-614-371-7508, George Maresca-973-919-9009 or Dianna Vanoni-720-237-4359



Photo Gallery

New Members from July Meeting



Richard & Jan Moore



Scott & Colleen Brown

Red, White, & Blue Raft Off



NOTE: Club photos are posted on the TCC website and available for download.

July 10th Raft Off



Ricchio Rodeo Raft Off





Photo Gallery

Playboy Raft Off



2018 P/C Casey Kelly
passes "Miss Schelly"
to 2019 P/C Pat Ezell

Additional photos at: www.tellicocruisingclub.com



Ship's Store

Your One Stop Shopping for the Best in TCC Logo Cruising Wear



Ship's Store Ordering Information

(see samples & place/pick-up orders in the ship's store at monthly meetings)

- Lake Charts \$5 Burgee \$25 Hats \$20
- Visors \$18 Cover-Up \$22
- Wind Jacket *(both men & women)* \$45
- Sweatshirts *(both men and women)* \$55
- Polo Shirts *(both men & women)* \$45

*(Embroidery of the TCC logo is included in the price of all clothing.
\$9 extra for your name or boat name, both are \$14.)*

(Checks Only)

Captains: Glen and Jodi Seymour
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TCC Anchor Boats

The following captains have volunteered (if available) to be anchor boats for Raft Offs when needed:
P/C Stu McFadden, Bill Hall,
P/C Errol Keith, John Krathwohl

TCC Men's Lunch Group (ROMEOS)

Captain: Ken Kofink 865-458-3225

TCC Women's Lunch Group (JULIETS)

Captain: Linda Knecht 614-371-7508

Boating Classes

Knoxville Power Squadron:
Tom Dietrich 865-657-9190
Coast Guard Auxiliary:
Mike Colacone 352-804-8257



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