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Selecting Boating Flags

By Tom Burden for West Marine

The Ensign

For most people's boats, flag etiquette begins and ends with the problem of which ensign, or national flag, to fly and where to fly it. Sailors and all other boaters who are United States citizens may choose between two flags, the usual 50-star national flag known as the ensign, or a special flag called the yacht ensign that, in place of the 50 stars standing for the states, depicts a fouled anchor on a field of 13 stars.



The story of these two ensigns is an interesting one. In the early to mid-19th century, most yachts looked like fishing boats and other commercial vessels. Ports charged a local duty to visiting commercial craft, whose skippers often attempted to convince customs officials that they were pleasure sailors. The officials ignored those claims and collected fees from all entering boats, including yachts. Under pressure from yachtsmen, the American and British governments independently approved special national flags to be flown only from yachts. In the United States, the yacht ensign was designed by the officers of the New York Yacht Club in 1848. It remains a legal national flag for boats in US waters.

Everyday Flag Etiquette

All boats operating in inland waters can fly the U.S. "Old Glory" 50-star flag, or the U.S. Yacht Ensign, the 13-star "Betsy Ross" flag with the fouled anchor. Flags are flown, traditionally from 8:00 a.m. to sunset, from the stern staff when under way or occupied, or on a halyard just behind the tuna tower on sportfisherman.

How large of a flag for my boat?

For aesthetically pleasing proportions, we recommend a flag that is 1" long for every 1' of boat length. The staff should be twice the length of the flag's vertical edge. For example, a 33' boat should fly a 24" x 36" Yacht Ensign nautical flag on a 48" flag staff. A shorter staff may be used if there is insufficient space.

Burgees



Yacht club burgees are flown from the masthead, the **bow pulpit**, or from under the starboard spreader (below any courtesy flags). It should always be flown higher than the Ensign.



Silver Carp Update

Our members **Joe McCaul** and **Stan Sech** have been following the regulatory response to the Silver Carp invasion of the Tennessee River system. At the TCC March membership meeting, Joe provided an update, and has now posted additional comments about the lack of any effective ongoing legislative efforts to STOP the silver carp from advancing into our upper Tennessee River lakes.

It appears that April 1 is the date of the Tennessee Governor's Silver Carp Advisory Committee meeting with Gov. Lee. We want to encourage calls to Gov. Lee at (office) 615-741-2001, and your local Congressmen to support efforts listed below. If your Congressman is Tim Burchett, TN 2nd District, office phone is 202-225-5435. or, Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, TN 3rd District, office phone is 202-225-3271. Also, TN Congressman for the counties around Watts Bar Dam and lower lake area is: Scott DesJarlais, TN 4th District, office phone 202-225-6831.

The TWRA says they want to "limit upstream movement of carp". Not good enough! We want to STOP upstream movement. WBEFC reports that calls with Congressman Chuck Fleischmann and Congressman Tim Burchett's Chiefs of Staff indicate calls for temporary lock closures have practically ZERO chance of happening at this time. They don't have the political influence/clout to make it happen in this Congress. All eyes need to be on the April 1 meeting of Gov Lee's Asian Carp Committee to hear exactly what the TWRA wants to do with the \$25 million in federal funds already allocated ... ([learn more](#)).



Watts Bar Dam Lock

These are the three recommendations we're asking TCC members to support:

1. The lock at Watts Bar Dam must be closed as soon as possible. This would be a temporary closure until an electric barrier is constructed. Silver carp were reported below Watts Bar Lake

necessitating the temporary closure.

2. Electric barriers should be constructed in dam locks to prevent upstream migration of the silver carp. Though it is more expensive than a bioacoustics fish fence (BAFF), it will stun the fish, preventing migration, rather than just deterring the fish. There are more than 50 electric barriers in the US, and they can be 100% effective, whereas a BAFF is likely to be 90-95% effective.

3. The first barrier constructed must be in Watts Bar Dam lock. This locates the barrier in front of the silver carps' upstream migration. Barriers downstream of the fish do not stop silver carp population growth and must not take precedence over placing barriers in front of the invasive silver carp.

Pandora Vreeland, Vice Chairman of the Watts Bar Ecology and Fishery Council, also urges TCC members to contact their U.S. Congressman and ask for the temporary closure of Watts Bar Lock to be included in the upcoming Infrastructure Bill. The lock would need to remain closed until a barrier is constructed there. Closing the lock will keep the Asian Silver Carp from migrating upstream into Watts Bar Lake, Tellico Lake, Ft. Loudon Lake and Melton Hill Lake.

For more in-depth information about the Silver Carp invasion of the Tennessee River, see the website for Watts Bar Ecology and Fisheries Council at wbefc.org



Boating Safety

Get a Vessel Safety Check

Before you launch this spring, get a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) from a qualified vessel examiner of the *United States Power Squadron*, America's Boating Club. If your boat has the proper safety equipment, you will receive a current VSC decal to display on your vessel. If not, you'll know what safety equipment you should add to keep yourself, your boat and your passengers safe. You won't be fined, penalized or reported to any other agency for a failed VSC.



Displaying the decal doesn't guarantee that you won't be boarded, but you'll have peace of mind knowing that you have the required safety equipment to handle an emergency. You'll also know where the equipment is located when you need it.

As part of the safety check, the vessel examiner will clarify federal, state and local regulations. He or she may also discuss the purpose of the required marine safety equipment, answer safety-related questions, and be a resource for local boating conditions and information.

Benefits of a VSC

A vessel safety check can help keep you safe and save you money:

- By ensuring that your boat meets federal, state and local safety equipment requirements, you can prevent equipment-related citations.
- You may be eligible for boating insurance discounts.
- You can avoid accidents and costly breakdowns by being more aware of safety practices.

- By learning the use of safety equipment and safe practices, you can better avoid accidents.

What a VSC covers

A vessel exam only takes 15 minutes and covers:

- Numbering
- Registration
- Life jackets
- Visual distress signals
- Fire extinguishers
- Ventilation
- Backfire flame arrestor
- Horn
- Navigation lights
- Pollution placard
- Trash placard/plan
- Marine sanitation device
- Navigation rules
- State and local requirements
- Overall vessel condition

Consider scheduling your vessel safety check today. TCC's very own **Bill Hall, TCC Bursar**, is a USPS member and is qualified to conduct a free safety check of your vessel. You can also perform a [virtual vessel safety check](#) yourself.



April Events

IRONWORKS GRILLE on The River

TCC Dry Raft-Off

Thursday, April 8 - 1 p.m.

IRONWORKS GRILLE ON THE RIVER

1641 Cheronhala Skyway, Tellico Plains

Hosted by Knecht's & Maresca's
(Wear Blue and your Name Tag)

Free parking and open seating. Order off the menu.

<https://ironworkstellico.com/menu>

contact **Linda Knecht (614-371-7508)**
or **George Maresca (973-919-9009)**



TCC "BLESSING OF THE FLEET"

Open to ALL Vessels on Tellico Lake

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

9:30 A.M. - Vessels gather near mile marker 8
(Sinking Creek Inlet), then at 10:00 A.M.
follow lead boat and proceed "in trail" to the
Blessing at TV Yacht Club visitor's dock.

**Blessing conducted by Rev. Ingrid Schalk,
Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church**

*Note: Please use TCC VHF communication protocol
when approaching the gathering site. ([View here](#))*

12:00 P.M. - Meet at Tellico Village
Tugaloo Pavilion for picnic fellowship
with other participants. Bring your
own meal and beverage.

Signup at the TCC Membership Meeting or contact
2nd Officer George Maresca (973.919.9009).



JULIETS LUNCHEON EVENT CHESAPEAKE'S RESTAURANT

9630 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, 37922

Wednesday, April 21 - 12 noon

Sign-up at TCC General Meeting
or contact Linda Knecht, 614-371-7508,
to pay \$5 for sign-up
(Checks are preferred and returned at
restaurant. No refunds for cancellation)

NOTE: If you are not feeling well,
please do not attend.
Masks must be worn while
moving around the restaurant.

Questions: Linda Knecht, 614-371-7508



JULIETS EVENT:

Women Who Wine

A WINE TASTING EVENT
WITH A TIFFANY'S THEME
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 - 12:30 PM

YOUR HOSTESSES ARE
KAREN FLOOD
& CARLA BARNETT
KAREN FLOOD'S HOME,
110 INAGEHI WAY
(MIALAQUO NEIGHBORHOOD)

(WEAR YOUR BLING [TIARA, JEWELS, ETC.]
AND BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOTTLE OF WINE
AND AN APPETIZER TO SHARE.)

SIGNUP OR QUESTIONS:
LINDA KNECHT, 614-371-7508

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WATTS BAR RENDEZVOUS

June 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, 2021 (Depart on the 20th)

You can come by boat or car and stay for as little as one day
or for as long as four days and nights.

Scheduled Events

- Wed:** Arrival and pot luck dining up on the restaurant patio. Beer available, wine BYOB.
Thu: Lake/swimming pool activities, Sunset dock party.
Fri: Sand Island Raft Off, Group Dinner/sunset dock party.
Sat: Relaxing on the dock, card & board games by the pool, etc. Dine at one of the many local marinas and enjoy the sunset dock party.
Sun: Depart

Reservation for 2021 TCC Watts Bar Rendezvous

Names (if others are traveling on your boat please include their names)

Phone _____ email _____ cell phone _____

Check the nights you will be staying 16__17__18__19__, or if a day trip, which day(s) _____

Number attending Friday sunset dock party group dinner _____

How do you plan to travel to Terrace View: Own Boat _____ Others Boat _____
Trailer Boat _____ Car _____

Accommodations: Dockside _____ Motel _____ Day Trip Only _____

Dockside Requirements: 30amp _____ 50amp _____ No power _____ (check one)
(There is a \$1.00 per foot daily dockage fee. There is also a pump out fee of \$10.
The pump out fee is waived with the purchase of a gas fill up.)

Boat Name _____ Length _____ Beam _____ Type _____.

Dock assignments will be made by the Cruise Captains. Please do not call Terrace View.

Motel: Accommodations are each individual's responsibility, on a first-come, first-served basis.
Tell Terrace View you are with TCC as we currently have a block of rooms available.
(If you are coming by boat, ask about free boat dockage with your room rental.)

Please return your reservation ASAP at meetings, by mail, or email before June 3rd.

Your Captains, Glen and Jodi Seymour
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A graphic with a teal background. On the left, a cartoon man in green shorts is on a purple and white striped inflatable ring. On the right, a cartoon woman in an orange bikini is on a similar ring. In the bottom right corner, there is a small red and white striped ball. In the center, the text reads: **Raft-Off Captains Needed!**
We are now signing up captains for this summer's Raft-Offs.
Send us an e-mail at tellicocrusingclub@gmail.com or contact George Maresca, Second Officer (973-919-9009) if you would like to captain a Raft-Off. (Raft-Off Captain responsibilities can be found on the TCC website at http://tellicocrusingclub.com/?page_id=481)

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. Below are some of the frequently asked questions to help you feel more comfortable with the Raft-Off process.

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.

Do I need any special equipment on my boat to join a Raft-Off?

Any equipment needed for a Raft-Off should already be on your boat. Most importantly, a VHF radio is required. In addition, you will need fenders, lines, a boat hook and potentially an anchor. You

should have at least four fenders of the size appropriate for your boat. However, more fenders and larger ones allow you to better buffer your vessel. You'll need at least 3 lines - a bow line, a stern line at least 15' long and at least one spring line at least 25' in length. Lines should be of the size recommended for your vessel. Additional lines can be helpful to better secure your vessel. An extendable boat hook is handy for transferring lines and pulling boats together. You can be asked to set an anchor when joining the Raft-Off, so you should have an anchor appropriate for your boat. The anchor should be properly rigged and have sufficient line (generally 100' or more). Finally, don't forget your TCC burgee!

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





April Activities Calendar



Attention Boaters! ... there is a new law that takes effect **April 1, 2021**. It requires anyone operating a vessel under 26' to wear a engine cut off device when the boat is underway. [Learn more here.](#)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 T-BART Lake Orientation Classes Resume With the easing of some COVID restrictions, Lake Orientation Classes will resume for this year. There will still be the requirement for limiting the classroom size (50 people), masks, social distancing, and pre-registering for the class. However, this is an excellent class for <u>new residents and new boaters</u> on Tellico Lake. All classes begin at 1 p.m. The Lake Orientation Class dates are as follows: Wednesday, April 28, Kahite Community Center; Saturday, June 5, Tellico Village Yacht Club; Friday, August 6, Tellico Village Yacht Club. For more Information, contact Jim Riley (815-830-3228) or jcrskier@gmail.com .				1	2	3
4	5	6	7  Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink 865-458-3225	8  Dry Raft-Off 1 P.M. Ironworks Grille on the River, Tellico Plains Now in Command Zoom Course 1-3 P.M. 	9	10
11	12	13	14  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	15	16	17
18	19	20	21  Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink Juliets Noon, Chesapeake's Restaurant Captain: Linda Knecht 614-371-7508	22	23	24  Blessing of the Fleet 9:30 A.M. Meet at Mile Marker 8 Tugaloo Pavilion Picnic 12 Noon
25	26	27	28  Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink T-BART Lake Orientation Class 1 P.M. Kahite CC 	29	30	

Installation of More of Our New Board Members

Presented by P/C Errol Keith in Chuck Zimmerman's absence



2nd Officer
George Maresca



Immediate Past Commander
Wayne Geoffrey

St. Patrick's Day Lunch at Calhoun's





Photo Gallery

Welcome Our New Members



Bill & Kathy Mascio



Vince & Arlette Boehning



Jeff & Eileen Thomas



R B & Carolyn Hankes



Bill Franken & Cathy Williams



Photo Gallery

Welcome Our New Members



Dan Andrews



Shawn & Joanne Tallant



Carla Barnett

Joe McCaul updated the membership on the current crisis of the Asian Silver Carp





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FOR RE-STOCKING**

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...ver-Up \$20 & \$22
... (both men & women) \$52
... (both men and women) \$50 & \$55
Polo Shirts (both men & women) \$40 & \$45

*(Embroidery of the TCC logo is included in the price of all clothing
unless otherwise requested. \$5 extra to add your name.)
(Cash or Check only)*

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TCC Anchor Boats

The following captains have volunteered (if available) to be anchor boats for Raft Offs when needed:
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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

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