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Entertaining Aboard

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Mention the fact that you own a boat and invariably your friends' eyes will light up. People are excited and attracted by the romance and adventure that boats represent and, regardless of your boat's size or type, most will jump at the chance to attend a floating party! Attracting guests is easy. However, a bit of planning and preparation is required to assure a hassle-free event.

Getting Ready

When preparing a boat for entertaining, try to maximize the available space. To eliminate cardboard clutter, food items should be removed from their packaging and placed in dedicated, airtight, food-grade polyethylene or plastic containers. Of course, this will also help to keep these items fresh. When organizing your boat, keep this maxim in mind: "a place for everything and everything in its place."

Food Preparation

If you plan on entertaining at the dock or during a day cruise, one way to minimize the work is to prepare as much of the meal as possible in advance. If your boat is equipped with a propane grill, check to ensure that your LPG reserves are adequate for the event. The only way to accurately gauge this is by weighing the fuel tank. The pressure gauge remains



relatively constant at all fuel levels, so it is not a useful indicator of how much fuel you have. The innovative design of some of these barbecues permits use of standard pots and pans, so in addition to standard grilling, you can fry, sauté, simmer, stew and even bake! Perishables, especially meats, should be kept cold until ready to cook or reheat. If your boat doesn't have refrigeration, a cooler with plenty of ice will do the trick.

Ambiance

Creating the right ambiance for entertaining is easy, as your boat and the water will have done most of the work for you. Boats, after all, ARE ambiance! A fun touch at the dock is a nautical-themed welcome mat. These mats are available in vinyl or embroidered polyester. In addition

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to providing a colorful welcome to your guests, they will help ensure that your guests don't track dirt and sand onto your deck. For daytime, consider "dressing ship" with a colorful set of nautical code flags. When night falls, you can enhance the atmosphere with the warm glow of a kerosene lantern or hang a traditional anchor light at the stern. If the cry of gulls or the sweet sound of water or If lapping against the hull isn't enough, then bump it up a notch with a marine stereo. Unlike automotive stereos, marine stereos feature circuit boards that are coated against corrosion. Complement the stereo with one or more pairs of marine speakers. In addition to being waterproof, marine speakers are now available with full-spectrum programmable LED backlighting so you can create a multi-color backdrop to your evening soirée.

Creature Comforts

For your guest's comfort, and to avoid the unsightly black marks that footwear can leave on gelcoat, encourage your guests to wear soft, non-

marking shoes. Plan for the weather. In case the air takes a chill, it's good to keep an extra coat or blanket on hand. Other items to have on hand include sun block and an extra pair of sunglasses.

Enjoy Yourself and Be Safe

When having fun on the water it is important to put safety first. If your party will include the consumption of alcohol, drink responsibly and when away from the dock, make sure there is a qualified non-drinking person at the helm. Equipment violations can be costly, so make sure your boat is "Coast Guard-legal" by equipping it with all required safety gear and by meeting life jacket requirements for every person onboard.

The excitement of catching a big fish, riding a wake or rounding a mark are all part of the enjoyment of owning a boat. So are the good times and more importantly, the friendships you will forge when you entertain aboard.





T-Bart Lake Orientation

Saturday, July 17 1 p.m., Kahite Community Center

No Reservations Needed



Raft-Off Activities



2021 Raft-Off Schedule Powerline Cove,

<u>1-4 p.m.</u>

(Arrive at 12:30 p.m.)

Saturday, July 3

Saturday, July 10

Saturday, July 17

Saturday, July 24

Saturday, July 31

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.

<u>Click here</u> for more helpful information on the TCC website about participating in TCC Raft-Offs.





July Activities Calendar













SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	Raft-Off, 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: Red, White & Blue Captains: John & Penny Manczko
4	5	6	Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink 865-458-3225	Juliets Sip & Swim 12:30 p.m. Host: Paulette Jennings Captain:Linda Knecht 614-371-7508	9	Raft-Off, 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: TBD Captains: Brad & Linda Knecht
11	12	13	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	Raft-Off, 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: Ricchio Rodeo Captain: Dennis & Julie Ricchio
18	19	20	Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink	22	23	Raft-Off, 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: Christmas in July Captains: Pam Schell & Jim Bates T-BART Lake Orientation, 1-4 p.m. Kahite Com. Center
25	26	27	Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink	Juliets Island Time Kabobs 12:30 p.m. Host: Pat Freeman Captain:Linda Knecht 614-371-7508	30	Raft-Off, 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: TBD Captains: TBD









Sign up at monthly meeting or call

P/C Chuck Zimmerman, 865-458-8598



New Members from June Meeting



Peter & Ellen Thompson



John Hall & Holly Seguine



Steve & Terry Haag



John & Anita Brots



Kevin & Julie Claus



Keith & Theresa Cole

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



June 5th RO









June 12th RO











Watts Bar Rendezvous









June 19th RO











2nd New Member Raft Off















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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

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