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# Questions to Consider when Shopping for a Boat

*By Brian Gordon for West Marine*

## Should you purchase a new or a used boat?

New boats offer the advantage of starting with a clean slate—with a boat that you can rig and customize the way you want. Purchasing a new boat also eliminates questions regarding sketchy maintenance such as improper winterization or faulty repairs. Buying a new boat also provides peace of mind in the form of a manufacturer's warranty that protects you should problems arise.

While buying a new boat might seem like an open-and-shut case, savvy boat shoppers know that previously-owned boats can provide tremendous bang for the buck. First, used boats have already taken a hit to their value post purchase—like what happens when you buy a new car. Second, used boats often include expensive hardware upgrades and electronics that would cost a pretty penny when purchased off the shelf. Third, but somewhat costly, questions regarding past maintenance and the "health" of the boat can be answered by hiring a marine surveyor who will inspect the boat and provide you with a detailed report before you sign on the dotted line. A surveyor is not normally needed for smaller boats and pontoons.

## Go to a Boat Show

If you are new to boating, attending a boat show is a great way to become familiar with the latest boats

of the type that interests you. Boat shows, especially regional boat shows, can be really big—so prioritize ahead of time what you want to see and make a beeline for those boats first. If you are ready to buy, before "talking turkey" with a dealer, if the boat will be financed, know ahead of time how much you can put down and the monthly payment you can afford. You should also know other costs in advance, such as insurance, maintenance, fuel costs and marina or storage fees. Remember that the dealers are there to sell boats and often will be willing to make deals that may not be available outside the show. But be careful not to get sucked in by the "sizzle". Rather than making a deal when you are tired at the end of day, come back the next day or ask the dealer if you can discuss the sale outside the show in a quieter setting.

## Outboard Motors, Sterndrives and Inboard Engines

Depending on the type of boat you select, it could be powered by a sterndrive (also called an Inboard/outboard or I/O), an outboard or an inboard engine. There are pros and cons to each.

## Outboard Motors versus Sterndrives

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haul-outs must be considered. When it comes to space utilization, the architecture of sterndrives permits installation of a swim platform that spans the full width of the transom. While this is a great feature for swimmers and divers, it comes at the expense of deck space and access to the transom which is blocked by the engine compartment. This is why many anglers prefer outboards which allow unrestricted access to the back of the boat. For boats that are berthed in the water, especially those in saltwater marinas, outboards experience fewer problems with galvanic corrosion. This is because unlike sterndrives, most outboards can be raised completely out of the water when not in use. Routine maintenance is also easier for outboards which offer unrestricted access, unlike most sterndrive engines which are located in the frequently-cramped space of an engine compartment.

## Inboard-Powered Boats

If the boat you are considering has an inboard engine, it will most likely have a direct-drive or a V-drive design.

Direct-drive inboard engines have a straight prop shaft that passes through the hull toward the back of the boat. Examples of boats with direct-drive inboard engines include wet-stored sailboats and large powerboats. Because the direct-drive design produces very little wake, it is also popular for use on ski boats.

Boats with an inboard engine V-drive (also called a reverse drive) locate the engine at the back of the boat. This puts more weight toward the stern. V-drives are often installed in boats designed for wakeboarding. These boats have a specially designed hull which when used with added ballast produces the ideal wake for wakeboarding or tubing. "Crossover" V-drive boat models exist that have a modified hull that improves performance for waterskiing when ballast is removed.



*Typical items needed when commissioning a boat.*

## Where will you keep it? Larger boats versus trailered boats.

If you purchase a trailered boat, you will have to keep it in a storage yard or covered facility. Be sure to determine the cost of the latter before you buy.

In temperate climates like East Tennessee, boats that are too large to trailer are frequently stored "wet" in a marina all year long. The larger size of wet-stored boats coupled with the constant exposure to the marine environment and the cost of periodically hauling the boat out for bottom painting makes wet-stored boats more expensive to maintain. Before you buy, make sure you know the cost of storage in advance.

## Boat Survey and Sea Trial

If the boat "feels right" to you, consider asking the owner for a sea trial. This is where the two of you will take the boat out on the water so you can get a feel for what soon might be yours. You will be able to see how the boat steers, how the engine sounds and speak with the owner, who in addition to regaling you with "sea stories" may reveal important information about the boat.

To make sure that your boat is equipped with all the gear it needs to meet U.S. Coast Guard requirements, see [U.S. Coast Guard Required Equipment for Recreational Vessels](#).



# Raft-Off Activities



**Raft-Off Captains Needed!**

We are now signing up captains for this summer's Raft-Offs. Send us an e-mail at [tellicocruisingclub@gmail.com](mailto:tellicocruisingclub@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://tellicocruisingclub.com/?page\\_id=481](http://tellicocruisingclub.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.

### **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.**

### **2021 Raft-Off Schedule** **Powerline Cove, 1-4 p.m.**

- Saturday, June 5
- Saturday, June 12**
- Saturday, June 19**
- Saturday, June 26**
- Saturday, July 31
- Saturday, August 7
- Saturday, September 4
- Saturday, September 11

We'd love to see raft-off captains step forward to claim these dates, especially the June dates as we are getting close!

**\* Red denotes we still need captains**





# June Activities Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	<b>2</b> <b>Romeos</b> 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink 865-458-3225	3	4	<b>5</b> <b>Raft-Off</b> , 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: TBD Captain: TBD <b>T-BART Lake Orientation</b> 1 p.m. Yacht Club
	<b>6</b> <b>Boat Rides 4 Vets</b> 9-5 p.m. Wind River Marina TV VFW	7	8	<b>9</b> <b>Romeos</b> 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink 865-458-3225	10	11
13	14	15	<b>16</b> <b>Romeos</b> 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink 865-458-3225 <b>TCC Social/ Membership Meeting</b> 5/6 p.m. Yacht Club <b>Watts Bar Rendezvous</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Watts Bar Rendezvous</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Watts Bar Rendezvous</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Raft-Off</b> , 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: TBD Captain: TBD <b>Watts Bar Rendezvous</b>
<b>20</b> <b>Watts Bar Rendezvous</b>	21	22	<b>23</b> <b>Romeos</b> 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink <b>Juliets Breakfast Brunch</b> , 12:30 pm. Captain: Linda Knecht 614-371-7508	24	25	<b>26</b> <b>Raft-Off</b> , 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: New Member Captain: Bill Hall
27	28	29	<b>30</b> <b>Romeos</b> 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink			





# June Events

## Terrace View Marina



3367 Euche Chapel Road  
Spring City, TN 37381

[www.ferraceviewmarina.com](http://www.ferraceviewmarina.com)

## 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.

Please contact Glen & Jodi Seymour - 423-884-6978 [gsey@tds.net](mailto:gsey@tds.net) for reservations.



### JULIETS BREAKFAST BRUNCH EVENT SIP & SWIM

(EAT, DRINK & SWIM)

Wednesday, June 23, 12:30 p.m.

Place: Vickie Stevens  
123 Coyatee Circle (North End)  
(Signup at TCC General Meeting)

Pay \$5 & signup to bring a brunch  
food item to share  
(\$5 covers Bloody Mary/Mimosa,  
paper products. No Refunds)

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

Questions: Linda Knecht, 614-371-7508



### NEW MEMBER RAFT-OFF

Saturday, June 26

1 - 4 p.m.

Powerline Cove

This event is designed for new members  
to learn how to raft-off.

Come learn from the "Old Salts" (and  
maybe teach us some new party tricks!)

We are looking to make this one  
of our biggest raft-off events,  
so come out and join us!

Start lining up at 12:30 p.m. Use TCC VHF  
protocol (see page 3).

**SAVE-THE-DATE**



## Upcoming Events

Juliet's Event:

### *Sip & Swim*

#### Sandwich & Salad Event

(Eat, Drink & Swim)

**Thursday, July 8, 2021 12:30 p.m.**

\$15 for pre-made sandwiches, side items, beverages, including sangria & paper products.

**Host: Paulette Jennings,  
325 Okmulgee Circle (North End)**

Parking: If possible, please car pool and remember to park on the same side of the street and don't forget to bring your folding chair and water floatation

\$15 Signup at TCC General Meeting.  
Write checks to Linda Knecht, non-refundable.

Questions: Linda Knecht, 614-371-7508



Juliet's Event:

### *Island Time Kabobs*

(Eat, Drink & Swim)

**Thursday, July 29, 2021 2:30 p.m.**

\$15 for chicken and shrimp kabobs, side items, beverages, including punch & paper products.

**Host: Pat Freeman,  
215 Coyatee Shores (North End)**

Parking: If possible, please car pool and remember to park on the same side of the street and don't forget to bring your folding chair and water floatation

\$15 Signup at TCC General Meeting  
Write checks to Linda Knecht, non-refundable.

Questions: Linda Knecht, 614-371-7508



### TCC Corn & Hot Dog Roast

**When: Thursday August 5, 2021**

**Location: Toqua Golf Pavilion**

**Time: Socializing 4 p.m.**

**Food served at 5 p.m.**

**Cost: \$9 per person, BYOB**

**Captained by TCC Past Commanders**

**Sign up at monthly meeting or call**

**P/C Chuck Zimmerman, 865-458-8598**



**1 - 4 P.M.**

**Wednesday,**

**August 25**

**TBD**



**5 P.M., TAGALOO**

Sign up at monthly meetings, or contact  
Stan Sech, 865-556-8066 [zachsam@yahoo.com](mailto:zachsam@yahoo.com)



# Photo Gallery

## New Members from May Meeting



Charles & Hanna Smith



Tom & Beth Engel



Pat & Laurie Dowe



Dan DeLapp & Tina Venetis



Mark & Robin Rosselet



Joe & Sally Tursi



Jill & Kurt Becker

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





# Photo Gallery

## Mello-Jello-Fellow Ship RO



## New Member RO







# 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**  
423-884-6978 [gsey@tds.net](mailto:gsey@tds.net)



# Officers & Volunteers

## 2021 OFFICERS

### **Commander:**

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### **TCC Memorial Rock**

Past Commander's Club  
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Al Sponholz  
P/C Tim Smith

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### **TCC Webmaster**

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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**

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