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Docking Essentials for New Boaters

By Brian Gordon for West Marine

When outfitting a new or previously-owned boat for the dock, <u>dock lines</u>, <u>fenders</u> and a quality <u>boat hook</u> at the top of your list. Of course, there are also plenty of other items to consider.

Nylon versus Polypropylene Dock Lines

In general, nylon lines are best for docking applications.



This is because the elasticity of nylon enables nylon dock lines to absorb the shock loads generated by wind, current and waves—which in turn reduces stress on cleats and other deck hardware.

Three types of dock lines: Top: Single braid, sold as "Mega Braid". Middle: Double braid. Bottom: Three strand. All include a pre-spliced, 12" diameter eye.

The principal advantage of polypropylene dock lines is their low cost. However, polypropylene has only about 60% the strength of nylon, degrades quickly in the sun, does not hold knots well and lacks the stretch required to absorb the shock loads encountered at a dock. For

these reasons, put performance ahead of price and choose polypropylene dock lines for light-duty, inland applications only.

Chafe Protection

Chafe guards shield your dock lines against damage due to chafe, which can occur wherever lines rub against cleats, chocks and other rough surfaces. Chafe guards provide a sacrificial surface that can take the damage without reducing the breaking strength of the line.

Boat Hooks

All but the smallest of boats can benefit from having a boat hook onboard. Boat hooks give you the ability to grab lines, retrieve objects dropped in the water and safely push your boat away from nasty hazards like dock pilings. Select a boat hook that can float since sooner or later, like many boaters, you might drop yours in the water. Telescoping boat hooks feature anodized aluminum tubing that extends quickly and twist-locks securely. Glass-filled nylon heads are curved to aid in line retrieval and soft tips prevent scratches.

Boat Fenders

Fenders are inflatable vinyl chambers that protect boats by acting as a cushion between other boats, docks, pilings, sea walls and most everything else that a boat





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can scrape or crunch up against. Sausage-shaped cylindrical fenders are the most popular. Choices also include round fenders and specialty fenders. Most fenders include an inflation valve that enables adjustment of their firmness. Fenders should be firm, not hard, to absorb the boat's motion. Inexpensive fenders may not be adjustable.

What size fenders do you need?

A "ballpark" recommendation is roughly 1" of diameter for cylindrical fenders or 2" of diameter for round fenders for every four-to-five feet of boat length. Fender size also depends on location, boat weight and conditions.

Fender Whips, Fender Height Adjusters, Fender Covers

Rail fender height adjusters enable easy adjustment of fenders to the desired height. This model locks the fender whip in place with a jam cleat.

Fender whip is the nautical name for a rope that you use to hang a fender. While you can make your own fender whips with cut lengths of line, you can also buy pre-



spliced fender whips. These come with a spliced eye at one end, which makes for easy fender attachment without hard-to-untie knots. **Fender height adjusters** are used to hang and adjust your fenders to the height you need to best protect your boat. Most are designed to slip over a lifeline or rail and include a mechanism that locks the fender whip in place with the fender at the height you wish. **Fender covers** keep fenders from getting dirty and protect the topsides and hull from unsightly fender scuff.



Dock Boxes

Most boaters who wet-store their boat in a slip would find it hard to be without a dock box. Dock boxes are like mini storage sheds that house items that you will frequently need but that are not kept on a boat.

Conclusion

As you and your boat settle in to life at the marina, there are plenty of other items that you may want to consider. This might include docking lights for your boat or maybe a set of solar-powered <u>dock lights</u> for your dock. If your property fronts on a waterway, heck you might even decide to build your own private dock!

BOATING CLASSIFIEDS

Boat for Sale

2004 Chaparral model *265 SSi* Cuddy Cabin (mini cruiser)

350 MerCruiser / Bravo 3
Double bimini, Cockpit Cover, Full Camper
Canvas, Pump-out Porcelain Head,
AC/DC Refrigerator, 1500 W. Inverter,
1000 W. Microwave
SSi Convenience Package / Tilt wheel,



Digital Depth Indicator, Compass SSi Premium Package/ Pull-up Cleats, Docking Lights, Remote Stereo & Power Tilt \$21,750 Firm. 865-458-0861



KAREN FLOOD SHOME, 100 Methi Way (MIALAQOO 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



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 <u>bring a brunch</u>
<u>food item to share</u>
(\$5 covers **BloodyMary/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



Boat Rides 4 Vets

More captains and boats of all kinds are needed!

Sunday, June 6 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

WindRiver Marina will host *Boat Rides 4 Vets* sponsored by **Tellico Village VFW Post 12135**. All veterans and their families living in East Tennessee are invited to enjoy a free day cruising, tubing and fishing on Tellico and Ft. Loudon Lakes. WindRiver Marina will be the boarding and departure point for all boats. Please spread the word to any East Tennessee veterans you know. This event originated as a way for boat owners to say, 'thank you,' to our veterans and has become a blessing to

For more information or to volunteer your boat, call 865-408-8061 or send a message to tellicovfwpost@aol.com.

everyone involved - veterans, families and

volunteers alike.



WATTS BAR RENDEZVOUS

3367 Euchee Chapel Road Spring City, TN 37381

www.terraceviewmarina.com

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.

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 1617_	_1819, or if a day trip, which day(s)
	Number attending Frida	y group dinner
How do you	plan to travel to Terrace Vie	w: Own Boat Others Boat Trailer Boat Car
Accom	modations: Dockside N	Notel Day Trip Only
(There is a \$	1.00 per foot daily dockage f	mp No power (check one) ee. There is also a pump out fee of \$10. on the purchase of a gas fill up.)
Boat Name	Length_	BeamType
	to will be made by the Cavice	Captains. Please do not call Terrace View

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

Glen & Jodi Seymour - 423-884-6978 gsey@tds.net

(If you are coming by boat, ask about free boat dockage with your room rental.)



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 <u>information on the TCC website</u> <u>about participating in TCC Raft-Offs.</u>

2021 Raft-Off Schedule

Powerline Cove, 1-4 p.m.

Saturday, May 15
Saturday, May 22
Saturday, May 29
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!





May Activities Calendar













SU	UNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
2		3 offering a new fe y General Sessic		Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink 865-458-3225	6	7	8			
9	During th (prior to opportun or practi	"This is Knots". The social part of the other start), we'll he ity for our memberice certain knots a 50/50 raffle ticket a cleat and line for	e meeting nave a an ers to learn nd earn a t.	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	13	14	Raft-Off. 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: TBD Captain: TBD			
16	This month is "Securing your boat using the Cleat Hitch Knot". Cleat Hitch Instructions Take the rope around the near horn and take front from the far horn back it to the back			Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink Juliets Women Who Wine Luncheon, 12:30 pm, Captain:Linda Knecht 614-371-7508	20	21	22 Raft-Off, 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: New Member Captain: Bill Hall			
30	Make a loc	through the	Pull the tag end to complete the hitch	Romeos 11:15 A.M. Meet at H dock, Yacht Club Captain: Ken Kofink	27	28	Raft-Off, 1-4 p.m. Powerline Cove Theme: TBD Captain: TBD			

Lunch at Ironworks Grille



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Welcome our New Members



Carl & Sally Keil



Doug Schindler (Karen not present)



John & Sue Humphries



Larry & Maribeth Jewell

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



The Blessing of the Fleet & Picnic at Tugaloo

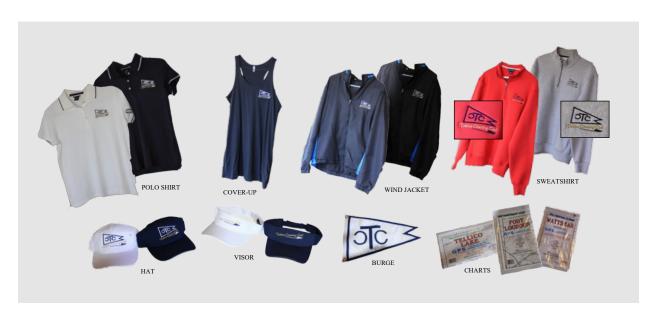


Thank you Pastor Ingrid Schalk from Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church.

A total of 21 boats were blessed.



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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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SOAST

Vessel Safety Inspections

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