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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.

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 breakdowns by being more aware of safety practices.

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

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JOHN
MANCZKO



COMMANDER'S CORNER

The No-Wake Challenge

The Tellico Village (TV) Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) Property Owners Association (POA) Board Liaison set forth a challenge to all TV boaters to minimize unnecessary wakes in and around No Wake Zones. Tellico Cruising Club, the predominant boating club in TV, has been a long-standing supporter of our community.

Wake Zones" essentially mean... Wave Zones. Creating wake in a marked no wake zone can damage property and result in a fine. You will likely see a buoy or sign attached to a dock or boat slip designating the area as a "Idle Speed - No Wake" or "Slow Down - Minimum Wake" zone. Upon entering these zones, it is expected to slow your vessel to maintain headway and steerageway. You will likely see these zones in areas of high boat traffic, swimming, or low-set structures like docks and boat slips. Expect to see plenty of these zones

Any area within 300 feet of a commercial dock is considered a no wake zone by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Large wakes around docks and other boats carry the potential for injury or damage, which is considered reckless operation. Reckless operation carries a \$2,500 fine and a year in jail for any act that endangers life, limb, or property.

Safety is our primary concern. Wakes can cause injury for people that kayak or paddle board around these no wake zones. I know you'll agree with me that we all just want to have fun and be safe on the water, while also respecting other people's property (boats and docks) on the lake.

If you see a fellow boater exceeding the No Wake speed, respectfully ask to SLOW DOWN. If that fails, consider documenting their actions by picture or video, noting the boat registration number (if possible) and send it the POA Help Spot <https://tvpoa.helpspot.com/>.

See you on the water, John Manczko
Commander - 847-997-5739

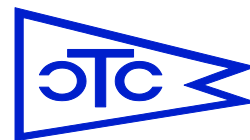
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The USCGA will be performing free vessel safety checks for the 2022 boating season at the following locations and times listed below. If these dates are not convenient, you may RSVP by calling 865-659-0862 to arrange for an examiner to meet you at your dock/slip or a convenient location. Also, TCC's very own **Bill Hall, TCC Bursar 318-458-8412**, is a USPS member and is qualified and available to conduct a free safety check of your vessel.

April 9	Tanasi (Restaurant) Docks	10 am-Noon
	Tanasi Basin Docks NQRST	1:30-3 pm
April 16	Tugaloo Docks	10 am-Noon
April 23	Kahite Docks	10 am-Noon
	Tellico Yacht Club Docks	1:30-3 pm
April 30	Rarity Bay	10 am-Noon
May 7	Fort Loudon Marina	10 am-Noon
	Wind River Marina	1:30-3 pm
May 14	Tellico Harbor Marina	10 am-Noon
	Sequoyah Marina	1:30-3 pm
May 21	Tellico Chatuga Docks	10 am-Noon
June 4	Tellico Yacht Club Docks	10 am-Noon

Consider scheduling your vessel safety check today. You can also perform a [virtual vessel safety check](#) yourself.

Burgees



Yacht club burgees are an identifying flag of a yacht club, usually triangular with a swallow tail. A Burgee is 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.



Anchoring Recommendations for Tellico Lake

by Mark Navas, Tellico Mobile Marine

There are a few things to consider when choosing the right anchoring system, aka “ground tackle” for your boat.

Anchor Types

Danforth Anchor: Long fluke side blades hold well on all bottoms. However, it can get wedged in underwater tree branches and you may need to cut the line.

Plow Anchor: Shaped like a field plow works well on all bottoms. However, it can get wedged in trees like a Danforth. It can be removed from trees if rigged to pull out backwards under load.

Mushroom Anchor: Round bottom shape. Works well on soft bottoms, less likely to get stuck in trees than a Danforth.

River Anchor: Similar to a Mushroom but with 3 scallop cut outs of the round bottom. This prevents rolling down a steep bottom slope and holds better than a Mushroom.

Anchor weight: Minimum, 1lb per foot of boat length up to as much as you can pull by hand.

Anchor Lines and Chain

Nylon: Good UV resistance and stretch for dampening shock. “3 Strand” is preferred.

Polyester: Not as strong as Nylon but has fair UV and abrasion resistance.

Line diameters: 3/8” or larger is typical. If the rope is too large it may not go through your cleat. The larger the line, the easier it is on your hands when pulling.

Line length: Anchor line, for the lake, should be at least 100’ or longer.

Chain: Standard 1/4” or 3/8” galvanized chain is recommended to help keep the **shank** of the anchor on the bottom, to prevent anchor drag. For lake use, try a chain length of 5’-10’.

For the ocean it should be the length of your boat or longer. **G4** style anchor chain links are used on most Windlass anchor motor cogs, standard chain links will not fit in a windlass cog. When anchor line and chain are connected together, it’s called “**Anchor Rode**”.

When anchoring, the USCG recommends at least a **7:1 scope**. Scope=Depth of water x 7’. Ex: 20’ depth needs 140’ of rode out. Beware that the more line that is out can snag trees and rocks on the bottom and have a larger “**swinging circle**” when the wind shifts. When setting the anchor, let out rode until the anchor hits bottom. Put the boat in reverse and pay out a good scope length. Put the boat in neutral and wrap the line around the front cleat. Feel the anchor grab the bottom and stop the boats momentum. If your anchor is stuck, try reversing the direction the rode was paid out, take the line slack out and tie off to a strong rear cleat. Motor forward to pull it loose. Watch the propeller doesn’t get fouled with line. If it won’t come free, tie a buoy to the line and leave it until someone can help you retrieve it. Mark its location with GPS.

When connecting the chain to the anchor, use a galvanized **shackle** with thread locker or safety wire on the bolt. When tying the line to the chain you can braid it to the 3 strand Nylon line (recommended for a Windlass) or use an **Overhand Loop** or **Figure 8 Loop** knot. **Do not use a Bowline**, it will work loose off the chain.

Need help rigging your anchor system? Give me a call any time at 865-454-9496. Safe boating!



April Activities Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SAVE-THE-DATE  T-BART Lake Orientation May 7th, Tellico Village Yacht Club, 1:00 pm			BoatRides4Vets Sunday, July 17 WindRiver Marina (More details to follow.)  Tellico Village VFW Post 12135		1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9  Vessel Safety Check, USCGA 10 a.m.- noon, Tanasi Restaurant Docks 1:30 - 3 p.m. Tanasi Basin Docks
10	11	12  JULIETs Luncheon 12 noon The Mansion Sweetwater	13  TCC Social/ Membership Meeting 5/6 p.m. Yacht Club	14	15	16  Vessel Safety Check, USCGA 10 a.m.- noon, Tugaloo Docks
17	18	19	20  ROMEOs Luncheon 11:30 a.m. Vittorino's Italian Restaurant, Loudon	21	22	23  Vessel Safety Check, USCGA 10 a.m.- noon, Kahite Docks 1:30 - 3 p.m. TV Yacht Club Docks
24	25	26	27  Blessing of the Fleet , 9:30 a.m. Yacht Club Marina TCC Fellowship Picnic , 12 noon Tugaloo Pavillion	28	29	30  Vessel Safety Check, USCGA 10 a.m.- noon, Rarity Bay



Upcoming Events



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



JULIETs Luncheon

Tues, April 12, 12 noon

**The Mansion Restaurant
118 W North St, Sweetwater**

www.facebook.com/Upstairsmanion/

Limited Seating

**Sign-up at TCC General Meeting
or contact
Linda Knecht, 614-371-7508**



TCC "Blessing of the Fleet"

Open to ALL Vessels on Tellico Lake

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

9:30 A.M. - Vessels gather outside the Yacht Club Marina entrance, then at **10:00 A.M.** follow lead boat and proceed "in trail" to the **Blessing** at Bursar Bill Hall's private dock across from J Dock. Hold up a sign with the name of your boat.

Blessing conducted by Rev. Paula, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church
(Free will donations will be appreciated and accepted.)

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 Larry Harlan (541-281-9393).**

JULIETs EVENT:

Women Who Wine

**A WINE TASTING EVENT
WITH A TIFFANY'S THEME
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 - 12:30 PM**

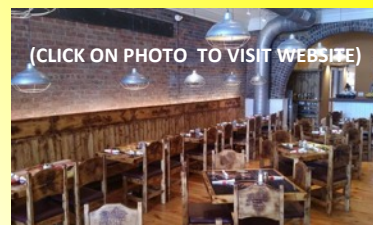
**YOUR HOSTESS IS
KATHY SECH, 132 NOYA PLACE
(MIALAQUO NEIGHBORHOOD)
DOOR PRIZES!**

**(WEAR YOUR BLING [TIARA, JEWELS, ETC.]
AND BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOTTLE OF WINE
AND AN APPETIZER TO SHARE). ALSO, BRING
A WINE GLASS AND WEAR YOUR NAME TAG.**

**IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE CAR POOL.
IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL, PLEASE
DO NOT ATTEND**

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

VITTORINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT



(CLICK ON PHOTO TO VISIT WEBSITE)

2761 TN-72, Loudon

ROMEOs Luncheon

Wednesday, April 20, 11:30 a.m.

Sign-up at monthly meeting or call Bob Reed, 868-738-3643



Upcoming Events

25th Anniversary Cruise Event

Monday, May 16th on The Star of Knoxville



**Tickets are \$25 per person
(No refunds after April 15)**

Includes:

- Socializing on the Dock from 1 pm to 1:45 pm
- Cash Bar
- 2-hour Cruise begins at **2 pm Sharp**
(If you are late, you miss the boat!)
- 1 Champagne beverage (Toast)
- 1 Plated Hors d'oeuvres (Antipasto kabob, fruit kabob, mini chicken salad croissant, & 2 BBQ meatballs)
- 1 Plated 25th Anniversary Celebration cake
- Unlimited non-alcoholic beverages

**Write checks to TCC and signup at the General Meetings
and/or contact**

Larry Harlan at: Ldharlan@charter.net
or **Nancy Campbell** at: nancycamp133@gmail.com

**Location for parking: 300 Neyland Drive, Knoxville
(next to Calhoun's on the River)**



Upcoming Events



Raft-Off
Captains Needed!

We are now signing up captains for this season's Raft-Offs.

Send us an e-mail at tellicocrusingclub@gmail.com or contact Larry Harlan

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.





Upcoming Events



T-BART -Tellico Boaters Assistance Response Team

2022 BRATFEST FUND RAISER

Monday, May 2nd, 2022 Tellico Village Yacht Club 3:30 to 7 PM

BEST DEAL ON THE LAKE (And for a good cause):

Beer, brats, baked beans, American and German Potato Salad, and Sauerkraut, with DJ Steve providing the music all for a \$15 per ticket donation.

WINE AND ICE CREAM NOW AVAILABLE:

Wine (Cabernet Sauvignon & Chardonnay) will be available for \$3.00 per glass donation. And once again, *TicToc Ice Cream* will be on hand selling ice cream cups and ice cream waffle cones and they're donating a portion of the proceeds to TBART.

RAFFLE PRIZES:

Show your support for TBART and grab a chance to take home one of the many fantastic Raffle Prizes being offered this year, including a Tennessee Seaplane Adventure.

PARKING & FREE SHUTTLE:

Parking at the Yacht Club is limited, so we're encouraging people to park at the Community Church of Tellico Village parking lot. Tennessee Luxury Coaches (TLC) is providing a free shuttle service to and from the Yacht Club and The Community Church at Tellico Village parking lot.

Shuttle Service begins at 3:00 PM and continues until 7:30 PM.

SHUTTLE PARKING DIRECTIONS:

From Hwy 444 Tellico Parkway: Turn on Ritchey Road, then turn immediately Right onto Chota Center Rd. Go past the Public Library to the Community Church Parking Lot.

TICKETS: (Many TCC members are T-BART members.)

Tickets are available from TBART Members. TBART Members live throughout Tellico Village neighborhoods, Rarity Bay, and other Tellico Lake communities.

TBART is a nonprofit organization [501(c)(3)] composed of volunteers from communities around Tellico Lake in both Loudon and Monroe Tennessee counties. TBART works closely with the local city and county emergency response agencies to provide nonmedical/nonemergency assistance to stranded boaters, thus freeing those agencies for their more critical roles. TBART performs this service at no charge to boaters and relies on member dues, donations, and an annual Bratfest fundraiser for funding.



Upcoming Events

WATTS BAR RENDEZVOUS

June 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2022 (Depart on the 16th)

Enjoy beautiful Watts Bar Lake and the serenity of Terrace View Resort and Marina. You can come by boat or car and stay one day or as many days as you like. Some even make it a day trip.

Terrace View Marina



3367 Euchee Chapel Road
Spring City, TN 37381
(423)365-6060

- Enjoy a raft-off at Sand Island.
- Card and board games poolside
- Pot Luck dinner, sunset dock parties
- Relaxing by the pool or on the covered deck
- Dining at one of the local marinas

Reservation for 2022 TCC Watts Bar Rendezvous

Name _____

(if others are traveling with you, please include their names) _____

Check the nights you will be staying 12__13__14__15__, or if a day trip, which day(s)_____

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

Trailer Boat _____ Car _____

Accommodations: Dockside _____ Motel _____ Day Trip Only _____

Dockside Requirements: 30 amp _____ 50 amp _____ No power _____ (check one)
(There is a \$1.00 per foot daily dockage fee.)

Boat Name _____ Length _____ Beam _____ Type _____.

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

Accommodations are each individual's responsibility Remember, rooms fill up fast!!

Please return your reservation ASAP at meetings, by mail, or email before June 1st.

Your Captains:

Glen and Jodi Seymour
200 Ganega Trail
Vonore, TN 37885

Home (423)884-6978

Cell (423) 920-5886

gsey@tds.net

St. Patrick's Day Lunch at Calhoun's



Captains Jerry & Nancy Campbell



ROMEO's March Lunch



NOTE: Send your event photos to Cathy DeBoer at: tccfunpix@gmail.com.

New Members



Bill & Estefania Nance



Dick & Sherry Robbins



Don & Kate Merritt



Paul & Peggy Zurakowski



Cheryl Ulmer



Kevin & Marita
Gruhn-Kelly

NOTE: Send your event photos to Cathy DeBoer at: tccfunpix@gmail.com.



Ship's Store

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



SALE Out-Of-Date Inventory

	<u>Was</u>	<u>Now</u>
Shirts (7)	\$45	\$30
Jackets (2)	\$45	\$30
Sweat Shirts (2)	\$55	\$35
Women's Cover-ups (4)	\$22	\$13

Sale begins April 13
Quantities Limited
First Come-First Served

Checks Only

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

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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Officers & Volunteers

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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 (ROMEOb)

Captain: Bob Reed 865-738-3643

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



Vessel Safety Inspections

Coast Guard Auxiliary:
Peter Kraslawsky 865-964-5558
Knoxville Power Squadron:
Bill Hall 318-564-8412

