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TELLICO LAKE  
LOUDON, TN  
FOUNDED 1997



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# THE STORY OF TELLICO DAM

Source: TVA Website

Tellico Dam in East Tennessee transformed a stagnant region into a recreation wonderland, and provided much needed economic stimulus. But not without some serious controversy first.

Although the site on the Little Tennessee River had been studied as far back as 1936, the dam did not become a reality until more than 40 years later. Construction was delayed by World War II and took 31 years to finally start.

### Tiny Fish, Big Problem

The Tellico site lies at the confluence of Watts Bar and Fort Loudoun reservoirs in East Tennessee—about 30 miles southwest of Knoxville. Despite early studies of the site, the project didn't pick up speed until the mid-1960s when the dam received Congressional approval and construction got underway.

The dam and reservoir required the purchase of about 22,000 acres of land. Landowners who would be displaced had objections from the beginning, and they were joined by the Cherokee Indians, the trout fishing industry, and various environmentalist groups, all of whom had their own reasons for resisting the project.

Tellico Dam overcame all obstacles, until the summer of 1973, when a tiny, nondescript fish created a problem.

The snail darter—a three-inch-long member of the perch family that feeds on aquatic snails—was discovered living in the river. That same year, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was created, and the snail darter was on it. Dam opponents filed a lawsuit that went to the Supreme Court, which halted construction even though the dam was about 75 percent complete at the time.

TVA then documented its work in successfully transplanting hundreds of snail darters from the Little Tennessee to nearby rivers and streams. In 1979, with the help of Tennessee lawmakers, a bill was passed by Congress that exempted Tellico from the Endangered Species Act. Amid local, regional and national media coverage, the gates were finally closed on Nov. 29, 1979.

### Settling the Water

Today, at full pool, Tellico Lake has 361 miles of shoreline and covers portions of Blount, Monroe and Loudon counties. Smallmouth and spotted bass are present, and Tellico is known for its numerous, quality-size largemouth as well as abundant crappie.

The 4,800-acre Tellico Village was built in the 1980s, part of a plan by TVA to use the shoreline lands around the lake for industrial, residential and recreational development.

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JOHN  
MANCZKO



## COMMANDER'S CORNER

In 2021, the TCC Executive Team, lead by CMDR Glen Martin, continued to keep our organization on a steady course. Here are some MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 2021:

- DISPLAY CASE FOR PROMINENT BURGEES IN THE BAR AREA
- TCC MEMORIAL ROCK ENHANCEMENTS
- OPS MANUAL UPDATES
- PROVIDED A NEW BOATER / NEW VILLAGER ORIENTATION PROGRAM DURING THE PAUSE OF T-BART AND USCG.
- 189 MEMBERS ON TCC NEXT DOOR GROUP

### Here are the highlighted 2021 List of Events:

Installation of 2021 Officers  
St. Patrick's Day Lunch  
Lunch at Ironworks Grille  
Blessing of the Fleet and Picnic at Tugaloo  
17 Raft-offs May-September  
May 15 Memorial Service at the Rock  
Watts Bar Rendezvous  
Happy 90th Birthday Chuck!  
P/C Hot Dog & Corn Roast  
Venetian Night Cruise  
Poker Run & Shrimp Boil  
Lunch at Freddy's  
Halloween Party/Casino Night  
Overnight to Black Bear Inn  
Christmas Dinner/Dance  
JULIET'S Christmas Party

Raft-offs and special events are only successful if we have members willing to volunteer to "captain" an event. Contact our 2nd officer to set sail for your next event. Let's set our course for a tremendous 25th Anniversary year.

John Manczko  
Commander - 847-997-5739

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To carry out that commitment, TVA encouraged Loudon, Monroe and Blount counties and the Tennessee legislature to create the Tellico Reservoir Development Agency. It promotes the "Tellico Peninsula," the area adjacent to the reservoir, as an excellent location for corporate and industrial sites that have low impact on the environment. Unemployment in the region has fallen from 10.4 percent in 1982 to only about 4 percent today. (Before the Tellico project, unemployment in Monroe County was reported to be close to 24 percent.)

Tellico Dam diverts the river flow through a canal into nearby Fort Loudoun Lake, adding 23 MW to the hydropower at Fort Loudoun Dam. Tellico's reservoir also provides additional flood storage above Chattanooga, formerly one of the most flood-prone cities.

### Facts About Tellico Dam

- Located on Little Tennessee River arm of Watts Bar Reservoir, .3 miles above the confluence with the Tennessee River in Loudon County, Tenn.
- The dam is 129 feet high and stretches 3,238 feet across the Little Tennessee River.
- The reservoir has a flood storage capacity of 120,000 acre-feet.
- Although there are no power generating facilities at Tellico Dam, most of the water is diverted through the canal into Fort Loudoun Lake, and thus the flow regulation provided by Tellico Reservoir significantly increases hydroelectric production at Fort Loudoun Dam.

# February Activities Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2  <b>Fulin's Restaurant</b> Noon, Knoxville	3  <b>Chattanooga Boat Show</b> 2-8 pm Chattanooga Convention Center	4  <b>Chattanooga Boat Show</b> 12-8 pm Chattanooga Convention Center	5  <b>Chattanooga Boat Show</b> 10 am-8 pm Chattanooga Convention Center
	6  <b>Chattanooga Boat Show</b> 11 am-8 pm Chattanooga Convention Center	7	8  <b>Now In Command</b> USCGA, 1-4 p.m. Yacht Club, 5th Flr.	9  <b>TCC Social/ Membership Meeting</b> 5/6 p.m. Yacht Club	10	11
13	14	15  <b>Juliet's Luncheon</b> noon - Loudon Vittorino's Italian Restaurant  <b>Boat America</b> USCGA, 1-5 p.m. Yacht Club, 5th Flr.	16	17  <b>Boat America</b> USCGA, 1-5 p.m. Yacht Club, 5th Flr.	18	19
20	21	22  <b>Personal Watercraft</b> USCGA, 1-3 p.m. Yacht Club, 5th Flr.	23	24  <b>Romeos Luncheon</b> 11:30 am Jake's Place, Maryville	25	26
27	28					



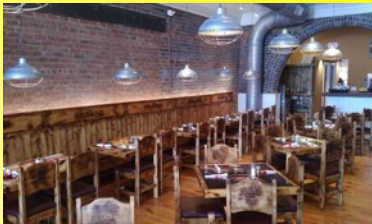
# Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING  
UP**

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

## VITTORINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT



2761 TN-72, Loudon

(CLICK ON PHOTO TO VISIT WEBSITE)

### Juliets Event

**Tuesday, February 15, 12:00 noon**

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

#### LIMITED SEATING

First come, first served  
(Order your lunch as you arrive.)

Next ROMEOs Lunch

### Jake's Place

**Thursday, February 24, 11:30 AM**

**5030 US 411 South, Maryville**

**Sign up at February meeting or contact Bob Reed**

## Romeos Lunch Group Returns

Hello from your new Romeo's Captain. My plan is to re-invent the group a bit by taking a page from the Juliets. Instead of meeting weekly, for now we will have one planned event per month with a signup sheet either at the monthly meeting or by contacting me. I want to make sure that we have a good count so we can give the restaurant owner/manager advance notice. I'm a big fan of the show Diners, Drive-ins and Dives. We will avoid the chain restaurants, and instead patronize those little family owned places, some of them in "out in the sticks" locations. I've got a pretty good list for at least the first six months. Suggestions are always welcome.

As we move forward, we will pick different days of the week, in order for those who might have conflicts on a certain day (golf tee times, etc.) to participate. Also, if there is enthusiasm to meet more frequently, we can add more events.

Looking forward to some good food, fun and conversation.

Bob Reed, Captain

865-738-3643

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### Juliets Event

Meet to socialize and play games - Hand & Foot,  
Mexican Train, & 5 Crown (other games are welcomed).

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022 1 pm**

At Karen Sue Keith Home  
200 Ooligila Place  
(South-end of Tellico Village)

Bring a snack to share. Some beverages will be offered,  
but feel free to bring your own. Wear your name tag.

Sign-up at General Meeting or contact  
Linda Knecht, 614-371-7508 to advise attendance.  
If possible, please car pool.

**NOTE: If you are not feeling well, please do not attend.**

## Annual TCC Boaters Luncheon for St. Patrick's Day 2021



**Wednesday, March 16 - 11 A.M.**  
**Calhoun's Restaurant, Lenoir City**

Order Off the full menu

#### **INCLUDING CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE!**

We will be seated together in the deck area so let's show our club colors, or at least our TCC name badges, to help identify our group. We will need a good head count, so **we are requiring a sign-up at the February and March meetings to pre-register.**

**Contacts: Jerry & Nancy Campbell**

**865-458-0861**

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# Upcoming Events



## Chattanooga Boat Show

**February 3 - 6, 2022**

Thursday, February 3 - 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Friday, February 4 - 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Saturday, February 5 - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
 Sunday, February 6 - 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

### Location:

Chattanooga Convention Center  
 One Carter Plaza  
 Chattanooga, TN 37402

### Admission:

Single Day Tickets \$12.00 Adults and age 11 & up. Weekend Passes \$20.00  
 Children 4-10 and younger - \$5 infants and Toddlers 4 and younger FREE



## Knoxville Boat Show

**March 3 - 6, 2022**

Thursday, March 3 - 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Friday, March 4 - 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
 Saturday, March 5 - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
 Sunday, March 6 - 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

### Location:

Knoxville Convention Center  
 701 Henley Street  
 Knoxville, TN 37902

### Admission:

Single Day Admission: \$12  
 Weekend Pass: \$20  
 Children 4-10 - \$5  
 Tickets are available ONLINE ONLY this year



## T-BART Lake Orientations

T-BART provides several Lake Orientations annually. The 2022 schedule is as follows:

**March 19th, Tellico Village Yacht Club, 1:00 pm**

**May 7th, Tellico Village Yacht Club, 1:00 pm**

**July 16th, Kahite Community Center, 1:00 pm.**

Other sessions may be scheduled as needed.

Date, time and location will be announced. These free public seminars include descriptions of Tellico Lake, potential boating hazards on the lake, general boating safety information, key services around the lake, such as marinas and ramps, as well as boating organizations active on Tellico Lake. Open to the public. No registration required.



## United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Tellico Boating Classes

### 2022 Class Schedule

All classes will be held at the Tellico Village Yacht Club in the top meeting room unless otherwise indicated below:

<b>Tu. 2/8</b>	<b>Now in Command</b>	<b>1-4 pm</b>
<b>Tu. 2/15 &amp; Th. 2/17</b>	<b>Boat America</b>	<b>1-5 pm</b>
<b>Tu. 2/22</b>	<b>Personal Watercraft</b>	<b>1-3 pm</b>
<b>Tu. 3/8</b>	<b>Now in Command</b>	<b>1-4 pm</b>
<b>Tu, 3/15 &amp; Th. 3/17</b>	<b>Boat America</b>	<b>1-5 pm</b>

FOR A COMPLETE SYNOPSIS AND OTHER DETAILS, FLYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TANASI BAR & GRILL AS WELL AS ADVERTISED ON NEXTDOOR AND THE TELL-E-GRAM.

The USCGA mandated masks and sanitizer are to be utilized by attendees.

Call for reservations:

Mike Calacone @ 352-804-8257/  
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Wallace Weakley @ 601-408 8477/  
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## Installation of Some 2022 Board Members



Commander  
John Manczko



1st Officer  
George Maresca



2nd Officer  
Larry Harlan



Communications  
Jerry Campbell



Immediate P/C  
Glen Martin

Twelve of Our Past  
Commanders  
(P/C Bob Bray filled  
in for P/C Chuck  
Zimmerman)



**NOTE: Send your event photos to Cathy DeBoer at: [tccfunpix@gmail.com](mailto:tccfunpix@gmail.com).**



# 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

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 Memorial Rock**

Past Commander's  
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P/C Tim Smith  
Al Sponholz

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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: Bob Reed 865-738-3643

### **TCC Women's Lunch Group (JULIETS)**

Captain: Linda Knecht 614-371-7508

### **Boating Classes**

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