



Tellico Cruising Club  
May 2023 Newsletter  
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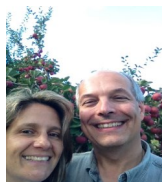
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## Commander's Corner

George Maresca

Well, it's now May and time to really get the boating season in high gear. Hopefully everyone has started working on their boats and fighting off pollen season. TCC had two successful boating garage sales at the March and April meetings where boating equipment was bought and sold and joy was had by all with their new-found treasures.

The May general club meeting will be abbreviated as we will start in the Yacht Club and then move to the memorial rock to remember our club members who have passed on. This annual ceremony is truly special and is unique in Tellico Village. Everyone is invited to turn out and pay their respects. Social hour will start at 5:00 PM, meeting starts at 6:00 promptly, and then go to the memorial rock around 6:15.

This month we would like to introduce Sue Weakley as our new Member At Large. Any member who has questions or comments for the executive committee can be relayed through the Member At Large. This is done on a confidential basis, the Member At Large will not reveal the name of the person with questions. Sue's contact information will be found on the TCC website.

And a great THANK YOU to Roberta Kasper for taking on duties as our Newsletter Editor. Going forward will see if this will continue to be a monthly letter or perhaps quarterly. Let us have your comments.

Mother's Day is coming up on the 14th and what better way to celebrate is take a special person on a boat ride to lunch or dinner. Sequoyah Landing is open as is Calhoun's, both with ample dock space.

See y'all on the water soon!

## FIRST OFFICER REPORT FOR MAY TCC MEETING- 2023

This is the last meeting before our first raft-off of the season! We have added a large number of new members during the last 2-3 year and very few have been to a raft-off. I will be the Captain of the June 3<sup>rd</sup> raft-off and will provide New Orleans Hurricanes for a late Mardi Gras. All our new members receive a Burgee as they join, but I am not sure its purpose has been clearly stated. It should be displayed on your vessel to identify you as a member as there are many boats in our vicinity. We raft-off in Powerline Cove which is opposite the silos as you go north from the yacht club. Before you depart your home site, you need to make sure you have a VHF radio, 4 bumpers, an anchor, a long boat pole and four lines to tie your boat to adjacent boats. You also need a long line that is about 2/3 the length of your boat to function as a spring line to prevent back and forth motion in some situations. You need to arrive at the cove between 11:15 and 11:30 as it takes some time to secure all the boats safely to allow swimming to begin at noon.

As you enter the cove slow down and begin to advance into the cove. Have your radio tuned to channel 72 and listen for conversations. When the channel is clear call the captain and share with him or her your boat's name, it's length and type so he can direct you to the proper location to tie up. ( 21 ft. pontoon named Daisy Mae) As you approach slowly be courteous of the other boats already anchored.

As you slowly approach the group, it is a good time to position your bumpers and tie up lines. Generally, the pontoons are on one side and the mono hulls on the opposite. As you approach you will make out a line of boats similar to yours. Get in a position to slowly follow the boat ahead of you. The Captain will determine the final decision when it is your turn to approach and tie up. It is very difficult for a single anchor to hold 15-20 vessels safely, so every 3-4 boats may be asked to also drop an anchor. This is not as daunting as it may seem. As you approach the column of boats coast about 3-4 boat lengths ahead, drop and anchor and slowly back down to the other boats. This will help secure your side of the boat column.

The approaching boat is expected to throw a line, usually at the bow to the already secured boat. It is imperative that you approach as slowly as your boat will still go forward. When you are 3-4 boat lengths away take it out of gear and coast as you provide steerage. Once you have secured your boat and you are ready to receive the next boat call the Captain on your radio and let him know that it is safe to signal the next boat to approach. It is important that you determine in advance whom you want to secure the lines in your boat to avoid confusion and prevent accidents.

Once your boat is secure you can turn off your engine and wait for instructions as to when to enter the water. You must remain in your boat until the signal is given that it is clear to enter the water. Swimming is almost always to the stern of all the secured vessels. Rarely adjustments may be required to the group of secured boat so it is wise to leave your radio on.

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When the raft-off is concluded you will be signaled that it is OK to depart. This is accomplished slowly with each of the boats on the outside releasing their lines and departing slowly in a forward direction. Last but not least everyone needs to use protection from the sun. As I never used sunscreen, I have had to have three Malignant Melanoma's removed. Sunglasses, hats , sunscreen, shirts or cover-ups are encouraged.

## TCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer's Corner

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer General Comments:

**G'Day TCC Members..** Wahoo! Spring is here (alas – still a bit chilly!!). The lake is at full pool – and - boating season is upon us!! And - TCC just completed a successful Blessing of the Fleet (BoF) & Potluck Luncheon on 24 April!

**2023 key TCC Event & Activities** planning remains on track with no major issues. Your TCC 2nd Officer's near-term effort will be focusing on (1) final coordination & sign up for the 17 May Dry RO at Iron Works Grille, and (2) continue pulling together a 2023 TCC raft-off plan. See the event flyers for details!

**We're starting to "fill in" our list of Raftoff Captains for the upcoming season. If we can find [volunteers for 2 more weekend \(7/1 & 7/22\)](#)**, then we're all set through the first week in August! Please contact me if you are willing to fill these dates or any other open dates on the flyer!

Working with the TCC EXCOM we continue to pull together a **2023 TCC CY 2023 Calendar/Schedule of Events (SOE)**. Now that we have set 26 July for the annual PC Hotdog & Corn Roast, we have all TCC key events locked through Sept!! Please see the TCC web site calendar and the "Save the Dates" flyer for details.

**For future planning, we are looking to lock in the following fall events for Sep – Nov 2023..** I will speak to these (again) at the May general TCC meeting. Currently we're thinking....

Late Sept / early Oct – a Fall Color Cruise (up Little TN to Chilowee Dam) & Dinner at Rick's Grill. (This event is weather dependent and will lock in late Sept!)

We're looking at the following ideas for TCC late fall events (Oct/Nov):

Mid-late Oct?

Titanic guided tour and lunch (Cost ~\$100/person)

Early Nov – Local Boat Manufacturer tour

We're always open to ideas - – let me know what you think!

Shawn Tallant  
Tellico Cruising Club  
TCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer  
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## Our Memorial Rock Team

P/C Wayne Geoffrey  
& P/C Tim Smith



## Some of Our Members Went to Lorenzo's After the April Meeting



New Members  
Greg & Heidi Watts

Please check out our website for additional photos  
[www.tellicocruisingclub.com](http://www.tellicocruisingclub.com)



## JULIET's Lunch at "The Cafe"



Please check out our website for additional photos  
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# Blessing of the Fleet & Potluck Picnic at Tugaloo



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**2023 TCC Key Events**  
**Save the Date**  
**(as of 4/28/2023)**

**TCC 2023 Key Events**

**What:** The below list provides “Save the Date” info for upcoming TCC Key Events

**Info at:** TCC Calendar info can be found on the TCC website @ <https://tellicocruisingclub.com/>

**When:** Save the Dates as follows

5/17: Dry Raft-off @ Iron Works Grille

6/18-22: Watts Bar RDV @ Terrace View Marina

7/26: TCC Hot Dog & Corn Roast @ Tugaloo

9/18: TCC Annual Poker Run & Shrimp Boil @ Tugaloo

12/13: TCC Christmas Party @ Yacht Club

***Signup will be at TCC General Meeting***

***Questions: Contact the TCC 2nd Officer***

***Shawn Tallant @***

***[tallantsrt@gmail.com](mailto:tallantsrt@gmail.com)***

## 2023 Season – Raft off Captain Sign-up (as of 5/2)

Raft-Off Date	TCC RO Captain	Boat Name	Theme	Contact Number
6/3/2023	Bill Hall		RO Training	
6/10/2023	Kendra Geoffrey	Living the Dream		
6/17/2023	John & Penny Manczko	John 6:20		
6/24/2023	Alan & MJ Buhrke	Miss My Money	Pirates & Wenches	
7/1/2023				
7/8/2023	Tim Smith		Birthday Party	
7/15/2023	Kenn Genge			
7/22/2023				
7/29/2023	Dennis and Julie Ricchio		Toga Party	
8/5/2023	Brian & Kathy Dean	Agave Blue	Mexican Fiesta	
8/12/2023				
8/19/2023	Bob Reed		Margaritaville	
8/26/2023				
9/2/2023				
9/9/2023				
9/16/2023				
9/23/2023				
9/30/2023				



**May 17, 2023**

**TCC Dry Raft-off  
Luncheon @ Ironworks Grille on The River**

**When:** 12:00PM at the Ironworks Grille

**Where:** 1641 Cherohala Skyway, Tellico Plains, 37385

**No Host:** Order off the Menu (<https://ironworkstellico.com/menu/>)

**Free:** parking and open seating

**Show your pride:** Wear your TCC Nametags!

***Signup at TCC General Meeting***

***or***

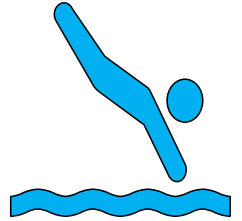
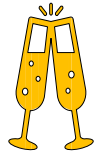
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***JULIETS SIP & SWIM  
THURSDAY, JUNE 22  
12:30 - 4:00***



***Eat, Drink, & Swim at JULIETS Sip & Swim Event  
Featuring A Catered Breakfast / Brunch***

***MENU: Bloody Mary's, Mimosas, Egg/Sausage Casserole,  
Bacon, Grits, Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit Bowl, Cinnamon  
Rolls PRICE: \$20 For Food & Beverages***

***Checks Payable to Mary Reed ( NO REFUNDS )***

***PLACE: Vicki Stevens  
123 Coyatee Circle ( North End )***

***PARKING: If Possible, Please Car Pool & Remember  
To Park On The Same Side Of The Street***

## **ROMEOs May Lunch**

**Tuesday May 23, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Blue Moose Burgers & Wings**

**334 Fountain View Circle**

**Alcoa, TN 37701**

**[Bluemooseburgersandwings.com](http://Bluemooseburgersandwings.com)**

## **Bonus ROMEOs Event!**

**ROMEOs H2O at Lakeside Tavern**

**Wednesday 5/31**

**Travel by boat weather permitting.**

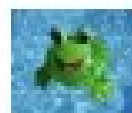
**More details at the meeting.**





**JULIETS SIP & SWIM**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 18**

**12:30**



## ***Eat, Drink, & Swim at JULIETS Sip & Swim Event***

**MENU:** *Fried & Grilled Chicken, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes,  
Biscuits, White Sangria*

**PRICE:** *\$20 For Food & Beverages  
Checks Payable to Mary Reed ( NO REFUNDS )*

**PLACE:** *Paulette Jennings  
325 Okmulgee Circle*

**PARKING:** *If Possible, Please Car Pool & Remember  
To Park On The Same Side Of The Street*

**OTHER:** *Bring Towels, Swim Noodles / Floats, & Lawn Chairs*

# **ROMEOs H<sub>2</sub>O**

## **Cruise to Lakeside Grill (Concord)**

**Weds, May 31, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

### **Overview of the Event:**

#### **Captains:**

- We will need volunteer ***Captains*** to cruise to Lakeside Grill
- Sign up at the TCC Member Meeting on May 10, or send an email to [wgeoffre@gmail.com](mailto:wgeoffre@gmail.com)
- Provide number of passengers that you can comfortably accommodate

#### **Passengers:**

- Sign up at the TCC Member Meeting on May 10, or send an email to [wgeoffre@gmail.com](mailto:wgeoffre@gmail.com) (If you request a specific captain please include it in your request)
- Passengers will comp the Captain \$10.00 each to offset the cost of fuel

#### **Departure Logistics (Meet at Tellico Village Yacht Club Guest Docks):**

- Captains will meet at the Tellico Yacht Club Guest docks at 9:45am
- Passengers will board boats at 10:00am for departure

#### **Weather**

- Captains and the Event Coordinator will begin assessing the potential weather several days prior to the event.
- The Event coordinator will send update emails to participants beginning Monday, May 29 with a rolling assessment of potential departure on May 31
- If there is potential for inclement weather, the trip will be re-scheduled for an alternative date.

**Event Coordinator: Wayne Geoffrey**

**734-812-0858**

[wgeoffre@gmail.com](mailto:wgeoffre@gmail.com)

Below are Ship's Store items available for purchase.

Many can be custom embroidered.

For full details, please contact Jody or Glen Seymore to order  
or to discuss embroidery pricing.

Our home number is 423-884-6978 and Jody's cell number is 423-920-5886.  
We have some items in stock and can place custom orders at your request. Thank you.

Jody and Glen  
Your Ship Store Managers

Polo Shirts - ladies or mens	\$45.00
Female Cover-Ups	\$13.00
Sweatshirts - ladies or mens	\$55.00
Jacket - ladies or mens	\$45.00
TCC Burgees	\$25.00
Tellico Lake Charts	\$5.00
Fort Loudon Charts	\$5.00
Watts Bar Charts	\$5.00
Blue Hats	\$20.00
White Hats	\$20.00
Blue Visors	\$18.00
White Visors	\$18.00