



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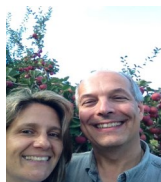
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## Commander's Corner

George Maresca

Ahoy Everyone!!

It's June and wet react off season has begun!

Our first on water raft off was a big success with 21 boats coming out. Thanks to Bill Hall for captaining the event and offering all who dared some delicious hurricanes!

It promises to be a fun summer on the water, a few days ago it was registering 77 degrees!

A few things to remember -

- Be safe
  - Remember to use sunscreen every 2 hours
  - Keep hydrated (hurricanes don't count)
  - Make sure your radio is charged and tuned to channel 72
- Arrive early to the raft offs, 12:30 is a good target

Most of all, HAVE FUN!

See y'all on the water,  
George

## FIRST OFFICER REPORT

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 12:15 and 12:30 as it takes some time to secure all the boats safely to allow swimming to begin at 1:00. 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. ie:( 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 as to 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 an 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 is possible for your boat to 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 or her 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.

2. 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.

**Tellico Cruising Club (TCC)**  
**June Newsletter**  
**TCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer's Message to TCC Members**

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

**G'Day TCC Members..** Wow! June is here - the lake is at full pool – and - boating season is upon us!! Your TCC completed the final spring dry raft-off in May at the Iron Works Grille! It was a great event where about 45 members and spouses gathered for fun and comradery!

Excluding a few raft-off dates, we have **TCC key events locked through Sept!!** See the TCC web site calendar and the "Save the Dates" flyer for details. Also see the flyer for the 15 July VFW "BoatRides4Vets" event where many TCC Boaters volunteered their boats in past years to get "veterans and their families a "day on the lake"!

**2023 Future Key TCC Event & Activities** remains on track. No major issues. Near term your 2<sup>nd</sup> Officer effort will be focused on (1) continuing to pull together a seamless 2023 raft-off plan and 2) Coordinate the contract and sign up for the proposed 10/23 Titanic Museum Event. See the event flyers for details!

**We are doing well progressing in our goal to "fill in" our list of Raft-off Captains for the upcoming season.** If we can find **volunteers for 2 more weekend (7/15 & 8/12)**, then we're all set through the month of August! (We can worry about the month of Sept next month!!)! Please contact me if you are willing to fill these dates or any other open dates on the flyer!

**As requested by our Members - we are now working the contract for a 23 Oct TCC Dry Raft-off at the Titanic Museum.** As you recall, we've voiced this raft-off opportunity at the past couple meetings where we've received positive feedback and a good "show of hands" in support of "making this event happen". Please see the "save the date/info flyer for details. We will start sign-ups and money collection at the July meeting. Key note: As we get into October, I'll also be working the coordination for the December TCC Holiday Party! So - **I'm looking for an event volunteer who can assist me with the Titanic Museum event** handling RSVP's and money collection. Please contact me directly if you are able to assist!

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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**2023 TCC Key Events  
Save the Date  
(as of 5/30/2023)**

**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

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

7/15: VFW BoatRide4Vets @ WindRiver

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

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

10/23: Proposed Titanic Museum Event

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)**

**703-399-1826**

## 2023 Season – Raft off Captain Sign-up (as of 6/5)

Raft-Off Date	TCC RO Captain	Boat Name	Theme
6/3/2023	Bill Hall		RO Training
6/10/2023	Kendra Geoffrey	Living the Dream	
6/17/2023	John & Penny Manczko	John 6:20	Summer Solstice Fun in the sun attire
6/24/2023	Alan & MJ Buhrke	Miss My Money	Pirates & Wenches
7/1/2023	Glenn & Kay Martin	My Girl	Red, White & Blue
7/8/2023	Tim Smith		Birthday Party
7/15/2023			
7/22/2023	Randy & Gloria Haas		
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 & Mary Reed	Golden Ears	Margaritaville
8/26/2023	Genge & Rosen	Jokers Wild	Hillbilly Raft-off
9/2/2023			
9/9/2023			
9/16/2023			
9/23/2023			
9/30/2023			

## Preparing for the Cruising Club Raft-Off season

The Cruising Club Raft-Off season is upon us! The purpose of a Raft-Off is to give club members the opportunity to get together, socialize, 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.

**Raft-Off Arrival Times** are critical so that there are no delays & people can be in the water by 1 p.m.. Everyone needs to follow the schedule below.

- > Raft-Off Captains should arrive by noon.
- > Cruisers should arrive by 12:15
- > Pontoon & Deck Boats arrive by 12:30
- > Runabouts & PWCs arrive by 12:45

**Late arrivals after 1 p.m. will not be allowed to join the tied-up boats for safety reasons.** They can anchor nearby. When the event is over, the procedure is reversed for disembarking.

**Things you need!** Most importantly, a VHF radio tuned the channel 72 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. 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. An extendable boat hook is handy for transferring lines and pulling boats together. You should have an anchor appropriate for your boat with sufficient line (generally 100' or more). Finally, don't forget your TCC burgee!

Click this link more helpful information on the TCC website about participating in TCC Raft-Offs: <https://tellicocruisingclub.com/>

2023 Raft-Off Captains Needed!!!

We are still signing up captains for this season's Raft-Offs. Raft-Off Captain responsibilities can be found on the TCC website @ <https://tellicocruisingclub.com/>. Signup at TCC General Meeting or Contact: 2nd Officer – Shawn Tallant @tallantsrt@gmail.com / 703-399-1826



## JULIET's "Women Who Wine"



## Lunch at "Iron Works Grille"



## New Members



Bill & Tami Berrigan



Richard & Kathy Karinek



## ROMEO's Lunch at "Blue Moose"



## ROMEO's Lunch to "Lakeside Tavern" by Boat

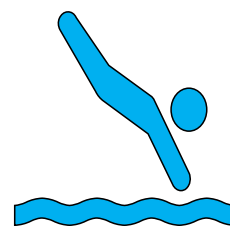
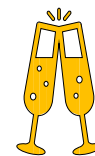


Please check out our website for additional photos from this year  
& years past at: [www.tellicocruisingclub.com](http://www.tellicocruisingclub.com)





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



**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*

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual TCC Corn & Hot Dog Roast



**Captained by:** TCC Past Commanders

Come join your fellow TCC members for an old fashioned Corn & Hot Dog Roast

**When:** Wednesday July 26, 2023

**Location:** at the Toqua Golf Pavilion

**Time:** The Pavilion will open for socializing  
at 4 pm

The food will be served at 5 pm

**Cost:** \$12.00 per person

Bring your own beverages (no alcohol)

**Come and join the fun!!!**

Sign up at the TCC monthly meetings in June and July

For additional information call  
P/C Chuck Zimmerman at 458-8598





# **ROMEOs June Lunch**

**Tuesday June 22, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**The Patio**

**107 College Street**

**Madisonville, TN 37354**

**Bob Reed**



**Monday, Oct 23, 2023  
12:00 PM (Dry Raft-off)**

**October 23, 2023**

**(Proposed) TCC Dry Raft-off  
Titanic Museum Luncheon & Museum Tour @ Titanic  
Museum, Pigeon Forge**

- **When:** 10/23, 12:00PM at the Titanic Museum, Knoxville
- **Where:** 2134 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863
- **Lunch:** Titanic Secret Dining Room
- **Menu:** Formal Meal – Filet & Chicken plus sides (see menu)
- **Cost:** \$100/person (tax & gratuity included)
- **Museum Tour:** Guided tour (included)

***Signup at TCC General Meeting  
or***

***Contact: 2nd Officer – Shawn Tallant @  
[tallantsrt@gmail.com](mailto:tallantsrt@gmail.com)  
703-399-1826***

# 9th Annual BoatRides4Vets

Sponsored by the Tellico Village VFW Post 12135

**FREE** boat rides, fishing, tubing and swimming for all veterans, military and veteran/military families on Ft. Loudon and Tellico Lakes. Spend an hour or the entire day!

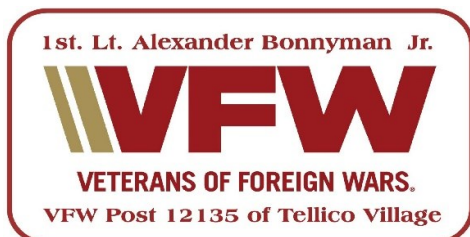
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2023. 9AM-3PM**

*Hosted by: WindRiver Lakefront & Golf Community, 350 Lighthouse Pointe Dr., Lenoir City, TN 37772 (On Rt. 321. five miles SE of the bridge.).*



For additional information call 520-444-9333 or send a message to Matt "Mutt" Manifold [muttf16@gmail.com](mailto:muttf16@gmail.com).



Volunteer boat captains are needed!!!!!!



# *Invasive Silver Carp Symposium*

**Please Join Us**

**July-13 – 6PM**

**at**

**THE VENUE**

**7690 Creekwood Park Blvd.**

**LENOIR CITY, TN 37772**



## **PRESENTERS/SPEAKERS**

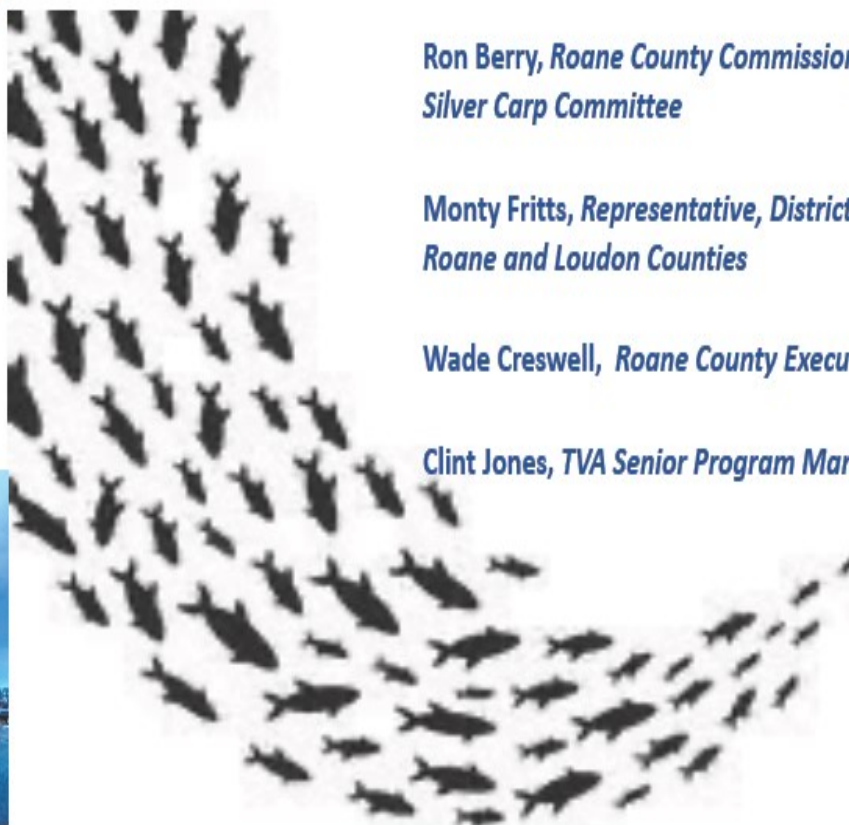
**Dr. Timothy Joseph, Fisheries Biologist**  
*Chairman-Watts Bar Ecology & Fishery Council*

**Ron Berry, Roane County Commission,**  
*Silver Carp Committee*

**Monty Fritts, Representative, District-32**  
*Roane and Loudon Counties*

**Wade Creswell, Roane County Executive**

**Clint Jones, TVA Senior Program Manager**



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