



Tellico Cruising Club
May 2024 Newsletter
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Commander's Corner

Bill Hall

MAY COMMANDERS REPORT

It is good to be back to the TCC after my surgery. Several people at the last General Membership meeting that had just returned from locations like Florida were commenting on the RAIN. Yes, we have really been "blessed" during this early Spring. As I looked out at my dock this morning, I noted the rain from yesterday and last night raised the water level over a foot. Fortunately, the sun is now shining but the weather report calls for more clouds and possible rain next week. YUK, but it is helping us get ready for boating season and the Blessing of the Fleet on the morning of April 26th. Despite the rain, Reverend Schalk blessed the boats as they passed my dock. Everyone appeared to enjoy this annual event for all boats on Tellico Lake. We even were able to bless the T-Bart vessel, but the individual that had requested permission to bless her kayak failed to fight the rain. The follow-up Pot Luck get together at Tugaloo was well attended as this event is a great beginning for our boating season.

Next month's meeting will be shortened to allow everyone to move outside to the "Rock" where we celebrate those active members that have passed. The ceremony is always moving and will be led by Past Commander Stu McFadden (1999). The TCC is very proud of our Rock as it has a special and singular significance here in Tellico Village.

We will begin raft offs on May 18th. Second Officer David Knight will be the Captain and set the tone for our Raft Off season. We would like to offer an opportunity to participate in a get together on the water and possibly on my pier to review and practice together on the technique of participating in a raft off. A little practice makes perfect for everyone and especially our new members to increase the comfort level of participating with your fellow TCC members! Just contact David or myself and we can set up an event.

I noticed at the last meeting we routinely use the phrase: "it's on the website". I'll be honest with you when I admit that I didn't know where to find the site, nor had I remembered an explanation as to where to look. The web site is Tellico Cruising Club.com on the internet. Once there, look for the heading "Newsletter" and then select the latest entry for current upcoming events. The Calendar on the Homepage is obsolete and has proven to be a challenge to remove.

I hope to see a good turnout for our first visit to Powerline Cove on the 18th of this month for the first raft off for 2024.

MAY 2024 2ND OFFICER REPORT

So far we have dates for:

*Dry Land raft-off at Ironworks Grill – May 15th

*First Raft-off – May 18th

*Past commanders Hotdog and Corn Roast – July 24th

*Christmas Party on December 11th

Events to be on the lookout for

In September – Poker Run and Shrimp Boil

Watts Bar Rendezvous

Other events could include:

Fall Color cruise - Sept/Oct

Parade of Lights

Sea Ray Factory Tour

Transit the FT. Loudon Lock

****Be on the lookout for the monthly Romeo and Juliet Events.**

Check the calendar on the website for the most up to date information.

Flyers and details on how to sign up for events will be posted as they become available.

****We need Raft off Captains and Anchor Boats for the upcoming boating season. There will be signup sheets at the meetings; and if you're wondering about what it entails, there are veteran captains you can talk to. We will also, if there is interest, conduct an on the water training day for those that want to "try out being a captain", and for those who want to see what it's like to raft off with TCC.**

The Club needs the involvement of the membership to help it move forward. Please think about how you can become involved. I'm looking for volunteers to help organize activities. If interested, please contact me.

David Knight, 2nd Officer

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RAFT-OFF INFORMATION

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 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.

Caution: Weekend and holiday traffic can be heavy in and around the vicinity of Power Line Cove (PLC) and on the lake in general. PLC is a popular anchorage for area boaters. Be vigilant for swimmers, kayakers, and paddle boards. Watch for other boats coming and going as you enter and exit any anchorage.

Raft-Off Arrival Times

So that 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.

Important: A VHF RADIO IS REQUIRED.

Tune to channel 72. Contact the raft-off captain when nearing the power lines or have the raft insight. Listen to and follow the instructions given. Be flexible.

Approach the raft SLOWLY!!!

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!

Once you are secure to the "host boat" you should immediately prepare to receive the next incoming boat. Plenty of time to socialize after the next incoming boat is secured.

DO NOT ENTER THE WATER UNTIL THE SIGNAL IS GIVEN BY THE RAFT-OFF CAPTAIN!

For more helpful information on the TCC website about participating in TCC Raft-Offs. [Click Here](#) and go to safety/training

If you have any questions or concerns contact me at 4dkknight@gmail.com or a short text at 724-513-5316 and I will call you back.

ROMEO's Lunch at Windy City Grille



JULIET's Lunch at Kahite



New Members -->

Tom & Sue Pace

Blessing of the Fleet & Picnic at Tugaloo





TCC Dry Raft-Off

Luncheon @ Ironworks Grill

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 @ 12:00PM

1641 Cherohala Skyway, Tellico Plains, 37385

Signup at General Meeting, but not necessary to attend.

Or

Contact: David Knight, 2nd Officer

4dkknight@gmail.com

16th 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 24, 2024

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: \$13.00 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 Tim Smith at 865-458-4313



ROMEOS May Lunch
Tuesday May 21, 2024 11:30AM
Bert's Grill
902 Tellico Street South, Madisonville TN 37354

	 <p>JULIETS WOMEN WHO WINE TUESDAY, MAY 14 12:30</p> 
<p>WHERE:</p> <p>INFO:</p>	<p>Mary Jane Buhrke's Home 312 Okema Way Coyatee Hills Neighborhood</p> <p>1.  Bring a Bottle of Wine</p> <p>2.  Bring Your Own Wine Glass</p> <p>3.  Bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share  </p> <p>OTHER: 36 Person Limit</p> <p>Questions? Mary Reed (630) 240-2072 gaphound@sbcglobal.net</p>

T- Bart Tellico lake Orientations:

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.

T-BART provides several Lake Orientations annually. For 2024 the schedule is:

March 9th, Tellico Village Yacht Club, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

April 20th, Kahite Community Center, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

June 1st, Tellico Village Yacht Club, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

July 20th, Tellico Village Yacht Club, 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Open to the public. Space is limited. **Please register** your attendance at [**TBARTlakeorientation@gmail.com**](mailto:TBARTlakeorientation@gmail.com)



2024 USCG free Vessel Safety Check Schedule

Your Tellico Village U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting free Vessel Safety Exams for the boating public in 2024.

4/27/24- Sat	Tugaloo Beach A, B & C Docks	10AM-1PM
5/04/24-Sat.	Rarity Bay- Montview & Bay View Docks	9AM-1PM
5/11/24- Sat.	Tellico Village Yacht Club Basin Docks D, E, F, G, H, I, J & K	9AM-1PM
5/18/24 Sat.	Tanasi Clubhouse Basin Docks L, M, & WW	10AM-1PM
6/01/24- Sat.	Tanasi Basin Docks Docks N, P, Q, R, S, T & U	10AM-1PM
6/08/24-Sat.	Tanasi Lagoon Assoc. Piers 1&2	10AM-1PM
6/15/24-Sat.	Chatuga Association Bokeshe Docks	10AM-1PM
6/22/24-Sat	Kahite Docks A, B, C & D	10AM-1PM
6/29/24-Sat.	Fort Loudon Marina	10AM-12PM
6/29/24-Sat.	Wind River Marina	1PM-3PM
7/13/24-Sat.	Tellico Harbor Marina	10AM-12PM
7/13/24-Sat.	Sequoyah Landing Marina	1PM-3PM

Vessel Examiners will ensure that all boaters meet the Tennessee Boating Laws and Responsibilities according to the Tennessee Boating Handbook. This is not an enforcement activity. Simply, it is to ensure boaters have a safe, enjoyable boating season.

All Boaters may go to any location for the Vessel Safety Check. Please RSVP by messaging Craig Anderson at 260-336-2608 or tellicocoastguardaux@gmail.com to avoid long waiting times.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

Tellico Lake

Boating Classes

2024 class schedule

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

100 Sequoyah Rd.
Loudon, TN 37774

Fri. 1/9	Now in Command	1-4 pm
Tu. 1/23 & Thu. 1/25	Boat America	1-5 pm each day
Tu 2/6	Now in Command	1-4 pm
Tu 2/27 & Thu. 2/29	Boat America	1-5 pm each day
Tu. 3/5	Now in Command	1-4 pm
Tu. 3/26 & Th. 3/28	Boat America	1-5 pm each day
Th 4/25 & Fri. 4/26	Boat America	1-5 pm each day
Th 5/23 & Fri 5/24	Boat America	1-5pm each day

FOR COMPLETE SYNOPSIS AND OTHER DETAILS SEE FLIERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ON TELLICO LIFE AS WELL AS ADVERTISED ON NEXTDOOR AND THE TELL-E-GRAM.

DISTRIBUTION OF CLASS MATERIAL AND RECEIVING PAYMENTS WILL BE SCHEDULED TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO CLASS DATES.

Call for reservations:

Mike Colacone @ 352-804-8257 Mc195@aol.com

Or Wallace Weakley@ 601-408-8477 judgetweak@gmail.com



Tellico Cruising Club Merchandise

There is now a new way to get TCC items: polo shirts, jackets, t-shirts, hats, sweat shirts, wind-breakers, etc.

Members can now go to any store and purchase the items that they want. There can't be any other logo where the club insignia will go. ***Polo shirts and hats must be either white or navy. All other clothing items may be the color of your choosing.***

The club logo will be in color: 78.9 mm wide and 46.4 mm high. Your name, or boat name, may appear on the chest or sleeve. There are two fonts to choose from: Russ Times or Phoenix (see below), 11 cm tall and three colors: White, Navy or Gold

After purchasing your items take them to:

Embroidery Boutique

141 Brooklawn St.

Farragut, TN 37934 (in the Kroger shopping center on Kingston Pike)

Phone 865-392-1024

You will be charged \$12.00 to add the TCC insignia. Name and or boat name can be added for \$7.00 each. You will be called when your item is ready (usually a week or less).

We hope this new procedure will be a simpler way to get what you want in a more timely fashion. Questions? Contact Glen Hukins.



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