



Tellico Cruising Club
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Commander's Corner

COMMANDER-PAST COMMANDER REPORT

January 2025

WOW! It's already the new year-2025. I vividly remember the concerns that were being expressed and in some circles panicking over the turn of the century for the year 2000. There was fear that the internet and all our computers would collapse. It's been a quarter of a century and we are still "trucking along" quite well. In the year 1997, Chuck Zimmerman circled up a bunch of Tellico Village boaters and formed the Tellico Cruising Club. He passed away on October 28, 2024 and we recently had a brief ceremony at our ROCK in November for him and two of his nephews. Additionally, on October 07, 2024 we lost Jodi Seymour who with her husband Glen ran our Ship's Store for years and arranged our Watt's Bar Rendezvous for an even longer time. Glen arranged a Celebration for her also in November at the Clubhouse in Kahite. Otherwise, 2024 was another great year for the TCC.

We successfully updated and made a few revisions of our Operations Manual and the Bylaws which serve to guide our actions through the years. We had a busy summer dodging thunderstorms for a summer full of fun raft offs. The Blessing of the Fleet was performed by Reverend Ingrid Schalk in the spring to kick off the raft off season. The Poker Run arranged by Stan Sech was a great success as was the Shrimp Boil that followed at Tugaloo. The Past Commander's Corn Roast was also well attended at the Toqua Pavilion and enjoyed by all.

The Reed's have revitalized and expanded the Romeo's and Juliet's gatherings this past year with great success. We had a very large attendance for our annual Christmas Party at the Yacht Club thanks to the efforts of our Second Officer David Knight and his committee. Good food, service and music! Also as we begin to decrease our accumulated financial reserves, the evening was subsidized by the membership's treasury.

I was blessed beyond expectations with gifts from the membership at the Christmas Party for my year as your Commander. It was an honor to serve and thank you for that opportunity. We have a new slate of officers for 2025, headed by Commander Richard Pope. I look forward to an enjoyable 2025 for the Tellico Cruising Club.

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WATeR has received numerous observations of new formations of hydrilla, an invasive, non-native aquatic plant. Hydrilla propagates in 3-8 feet of warm, sunny water with high levels of nutrients. It will also spread rapidly if disturbed, and pieces are broken off. Hydrilla was first observed in Tellico Lake in 2023 in a few limited locations, but by the end of 2024, it had become established in many different locations around the reservoir. WATeR maintains a map of invasive aquatic vegetation sightings [here](#).

Hydrilla has been established in many areas of the Tennessee River System for decades. While it may be considered beneficial for fish and wildfowl populations, it can impede swimming and recreational boating activities. TVA manages aquatic plants that hinder public access to the river system but does not manage private or commercially developed shorelines. TVA management may include herbicide treatments and/or mechanical harvesting of areas that impede public access [boat ramps] or navigation. TVA is aware of the situation in Tellico Reservoir, but they have not seen any public access areas affected and did not treat any areas on the reservoir in 2024.

Private and commercial property owners on Tellico Reservoir can hire private contractors to treat or harvest aquatic plants from their shoreline areas. These private contractors are regulated by the State of Tennessee through licensing and certification with the TN Department of Agriculture and permitting treatments through TDEC. Anyone paid to treat aquatic plants with herbicides on public waters legally must be certified and licensed through the State of Tennessee and permitted to do the application through TDEC. Although property owners can treat with non-restricted use herbicides that are labeled for aquatic use around their property, TVA does not recommend this as that person will be liable for any misuse and/or issues arising from their use. TVA has no regulatory authority over the use of aquatic herbicides and does not maintain a list of TN-licensed and certified applicators.

Unfortunately, the reservoir's conditions have developed to favor the propagation of Hydrilla. The average temperature of Tellico Lake has risen by over 5 degrees Fahrenheit over the past 20 years. Moreover, residential development has replaced forested shorelines with hundreds of acres of non-native turfgrass maintained with chemical treatments, creating nutrient-charged stormwater runoff.

Private property owners can take action to reduce their impact. More information can be found [here](#) on the WATeR website.

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JANUARY 2025 2ND OFFICER REPORT

Again, I want to send a special thanks to Pat Ezell, Julie Ricchio, and Kathy Whipple, along with any others that helped with set up and the final details for the Christmas Party.

Also, Mary Smith for her help in the initial planning.

The events throughout the year just don't happen. They require planning. The event captain can, in many cases, spend a lot of hours organizing all the details. Please volunteer to help out.

A special thanks goes out to Bob Reed, who along with the Romeo duties, will be stepping up to fill the 2nd Officer position. The 2nd Officer position needs to be filled every year and it's a commitment. Please thank him and give him your support. Also, be sure to thank and support those who are filling other vital positions: Bursar: David Leftwich, Communications officer: Glen Hukins, Scribe: Terry Ylvisaker, and Member at Large: Paulette Jennings.

Kathy and I also want to thank all who helped out with the events of the last year.

The Club needs the involvement of the membership to help it continue to move forward. Please think about how you can become involved. We always need volunteers and ideas for future events.

As I move into the position of 1st Officer, I am going to try to bring informative articles and talks about safety, seamanship, boat maintenance, and other topics of interest having to do with boating.

David Knight, 2nd Officer

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Chinese New Year Dry Land Raft Off

Thursday February 6, 12:30 PM

Fulin's Asian Cuisine

2060 Town Center Blvd

Knoxville, TN 37922

Captains Bob & Mary Reed

Sign up at January Meeting

ROMEOS

Thursday January 16, 2025 11:30AM

El Senor Rancho

149 Kelsey Lane #108, Lenoir City, TN



JULIETS LUNCHEON
CARMICHAEL INN
Thursday, January 23, 2025
12:30



WHERE: **CARMICHAEL INN**
600 HACKBERRY STREET
LOUDON

WHEN: **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025**

OTHER: **PLEASE INDICATE ENTRÉE CHOICE**
FROM ATTACHED MENU BELOW

Questions? **Mary Reed (630) 240-2072**
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ROMEO's Lunch at Hooter's



Christmas Dinner & Dance



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