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Tellico Cruising Club  
March 2026 Newsletter

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The boating season is coming fast. The lake level is inching up. Now is a good time to think about your boat equipment and what might need some attention. Better now than when you need to use it. That is especially true of your safety equipment, including your VHF radio.

Just a reminder: All proposed changes to the By-Laws must be submitted to the Executive Committee by the May membership meeting.

The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on March 17<sup>th</sup> was well attended. We were honored to present Nancy Campbell with a book of our wonderful memories of Jerry.

Our first water activity is the Blessing of the Fleet on May 12<sup>th</sup>. A Potluck will follow at the Tugaloo Pavillion at 1:00.

VHF radios are required for the raft-offs. If you would like to test your VHF radio, charge it up and bring it to the membership meeting. After the meeting, I will be available for a radio check.

On the horizon, we are teaming up with the POA to help celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the USA. We will be organizing a boat parade for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rick Creange has stepped up to lead the planning committee. Bill Whipple has also volunteered to help. If you are interested in being part of the organizing committee, please let Rick know. Details will be up coming.

As usual, we are seeking Raft-Off Captains for our weekly raft-offs. Please contact Jeff Atwell or look for signup sheets at the membership meetings. It's vital that we have enough captains to cover these events that start in May and run through September. If you haven't captained a raft-off before, contact us to see what it entails.

As always, keep safety as a priority.

David Knight

Commander

## First Officer Report – April 2026

Not much to report this month as we all anxiously wait for the water to come up. Remember that the water is still very cold, so wear your life jacket if going out on the lake.

Some of you may have noticed that I let my beard grow this winter. I did this based on “expert” predictions of a long, cold, cruel winter. Well, the “experts” were wrong, so I am proclaiming myself a weather expert. I predict a warm sunny spring, followed by a hot dry summer, with no rain or thunderstorms on Saturdays. If I’m right you can thank me later.

As a final note, I want to let you know that I am not great with responding via text or cell phone. Most of the time my cell phone is sitting on the kitchen counter charging while I am elsewhere. Because of my tech background, I am always more accessible via email at [saxhound@sbcglobal.net](mailto:saxhound@sbcglobal.net).

Bob Reed – First Officer

# New Members



Chris & Maureen Costello



Bill & Deb Rickert



Dave & Karen Proulx



Ron & Thelma Svoboda



Richard & Leigh Smith

# St. Patrick's Day Lunch at the Yacht Club



## JULIET's Lunch at The Local Bite



## ROMEO's Lunch at Tennessee Tap House



# ROMEOS April Lunch

Tuesday April 14, 2026 12:30 PM

Jim & Nick's Bar-B-Q



**JULIETS LUNCH AT  
BELLA HIBACHI  
Wednesday, April 22  
12:30**



**WHERE:** **BELLA HIBACHI**  
**175 Kelsey Lane**  
**Lenoir City**

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, April 22**  
**12:30**

**Questions?** **Mary Reed (630) 240-2072**  
**[gaphound@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gaphound@sbcglobal.net)**



**JULIETS WOMEN WHO WINE**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 15**  
**12:30 - 3:30**



**WHERE:**

**SALLY HARRIS'S HOME**  
**105 Coyatee Point Drive**

**INFO:**

1.



**Bring a Bottle of Wine**

2.



**Bring Your Own Wine Glass**

3.



**Bring an Appetizer or Dessert to Share**



**Questions?**

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**This event is open to ALL Pleasure Vessels on Tellico Lake**

Rev. Ingrid Schalk Officiating

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

We will meet across the cove from the Yacht Club Courtesy Dock.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

9:30AM Vessels gather across the lake from Tellico Village Yacht Club, near MM 8.4

10:00AM Vessels follow lead boat and proceed slowly in line to the turn around point then proceed to Bill Halls dock, across from the Gas dock, for the Blessing. Proceed past the dock after you have received the Blessing and continue out.

VHF Channel 72: Check in and monitor Channel 72 throughout the event if you have one.

When it is your turn, approach the dock slowly and check in again with your boat name or use a sign with your boat name.

### **CONTACT**

**Jeff Atwell - TCC 2nd Officer**

**Text/Call @ 630-215-8220**



# Annual TCC Potluck Luncheon

May 12, 2026

Open to ALL TCC Members

When: 1:00PM

Where: Tugaloo Picnic Pavilion

What to Bring: Your own beverages and a dish to share with fellow club members.

No cost for TCC members

Come and enjoy some comradery with fellow members.

Signup at General Meeting

Or

Contact: TCC 2nd Officer -- Jeff Atwell

At

Text/Call @ 630-215-8220



**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary**  
**Tellico Lake & Kingston, TN**  
**Boating Safety Classes**  
**2026 class schedule**

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

100 Sequoyah Rd.  
Loudon, TN 37774

Unless otherwise noted

Tu. 1/27 & Th. 1/29	Boat America	1-5 pm each day
Tu. 2/10 & TH. 2/12	Boat America (Kingston, TN)	5-9pm each day
Tu. 2/24 & Th. 2/26	Boat America	1-5 pm each day
Thur. 2/12	Now in Command for Men & Women	1-4 pm
Tu. 3/24 & Th. 3/26	Boat America	1-5 pm each day
Tu.3/31 & Th 4/2	Boat America (Kingston, TN)	5-9pm each day
Tu. 4/14 & Fri. 4/17	Boat America	1-5 pm each day
Tu. 5/5 & Th 5/7	Boat America	1-5pm each day
Tu.5/12 & Th 5/14	Boat America (Kingston, TN)	5-9pm each
Tu. 5/26	Now in Command for Women	1-4pm
Tu. 6/9	Personal Watercraft	1-4pm

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 PAYMENTS WILL BE DUE  
TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO CLASS DATES.

**Beware - classes fill quickly and there is no online  
registration, YOU MUST CALL TO MAKE  
RESERVATIONS**

Mike Colacone @ 352-804-8257 [Mc195@duck.com](mailto:Mc195@duck.com)





#### 2026 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 2026 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.

Sat.- 4-25-26-Popular Springs & Lenoir City Boat Ramps-

Sat.- 5-02-26-FT.Loudon Marina Docks-9AM to 12PM.

Sat.-5-09-26-WindRiver-9AM to 12Pm.

Sat.-5-16-26-Tellico Harbor&Cherokee Docks-9AM-12PM

Thurs.-5-21-26-Yacht Club & Tugaloo Beach-9AM to 12PM

Thurs.-5-28-26-Ft. Hill & Kahite Docks 9AM to 12PM.

Thurs.-6-04-26-Rarity Bay Community Docks-9AM to 12P

Thurs.-6-11-26-Tanasi Club House Docks & Tanasi Basin. 9AM-12PM

Thurs-6-18-26-Tanasi Lagoon & Chatuga Borkeshe Docks 9AM to 12 PM

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 Inspections. Please RSVP Craig Anderson by Emailing

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

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