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Tellico Cruising Club
September 2026 Newsletter

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Commander's Report

Kathy and I have returned from our 35-day cruise to the North Atlantic, which included a brief loop above the Arctic Circle. We stopped in Iceland, Greenland, Norway, Netherlands, Ireland and a few other ports. We were, also, in a prime location to experience the solar eclipse! We had a very blessed time.

It turned out to be a good time to spend the summer away. With all the rain and heat, we didn't miss much. I'm hoping the fall will have better weather and the lake temps remain high.

It's time, once again, to start looking for a new Second Officer. I will be announcing the Nominating Committee at the September meeting. Anyone wishing to nominate a potential candidate can do so. We will be having open nominations from the floor at the October and November meetings with the elections to be held during the November meeting.

The new by-law changes will go in effect at the first of the year.

We have a few more official raft-offs on the schedule, but we can continue to meet up on the water if you are so inclined. Perhaps we can get some interest in a fall color cruise.

It is, also, time to begin thinking about winterizing and other fall boat maintenance. Winter is a great time to check your safety equipment and other gear for condition and replace as necessary.

As always, keep safety as a priority.

David Knight
Commander

First Officer Report – September 2026

As most of you know, I have been in Nashville for the past two months for Mary's cancer treatment, so I don't have a lot to say. Mary is doing well and getting better every day, especially now that she is home. I will give a little more of an update at the meeting. We appreciate all the cards, calls, texts, emails and well wishes for her recovery.

At the Executive Committee Meeting I asked about any safety issues that may have occurred at the raft offs in the past two months. One issue that came up was folks that don't have an anchor on their boat. The Coast Guard takes a dim view of this and will not certify you on a safety check. If you don't have an anchor, please consider getting one for your boat.

On our new pontoon I decided to make my life easier. It wasn't cheap but I got an [electric winch](#) and [anchor](#). No heavy lifting and easy to deploy.

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.

Bob Reed – First Officer

2nd Officer Report

We've all been dealing with tumultuous weather this summer which has disrupted several of our Raft Offs. Of the 18 scheduled ones this year, we are now into our final 2 weeks leaving September 12th and September 19 to enjoy. We pray for good weather to send out this season out with a bang. Remember to bring your burgees, marine radios, floats and of course, your anchors.

In addition, we have created lists of all Responsibilities for Raft Off Captains and Attendees to make sure everyone has easy access to everything they need to know to participate. They will be published in the newsletters.

September 3rd we had a TCC outing at the Smokies game. 66 TCC members attended and were provided a buffet of food and drinks. It was a great event.

Just as the summer activities are winding down, our exciting fall activities are ramping up. Our Annual, Can't Miss - Poker Run and Shrimp Boil are around the corner starting on September 15, 1:00 pm for the run and 5:00 pm at Tugaloo Pavilion for the boil. These are two of our most popular annual events promising to be better than ever. If you still need tickets, contact Stan Sech at 865-556-8066.

This year we're introducing a new fall event to enjoy a narrated Hay Ride at Cades Cove in the Smoky Mountains National Park on October 17th. Arrive by 1:30 pm. Hay Ride is from 2:00 – 3:30 pm and is \$27.44 inc. tax per person. Make your reservations and payments at the September 9th Membership meeting. Checks should be made out to TCC. Contact Chris Atwell 630-300-4075. It's a great opportunity to come together, relax in the hay to enjoy beautiful and unique Cades Cove during the dramatic fall colors with all of the animals that the Smokies are known for. BYO drinks and snacks. Immediately afterwards, join everyone on the way home at The Blue Tick Tavern in Maryville in our own reserved room. The Blue Tick Tavern is known for pizza, sandwiches, appetizers, nachos and more.

A Great TCC Fall. Look Forward to Seeing You All at the TCC Fall Events.

Jeff Atwell

2nd Officer

2026 RAFT OFF SCHEDULE

Date	Captain	PH #	Theme
23-May	Richard Pope		
30-May	Larry Best and Paulette Jennings		Red, White and Blue
6-Jun	Dave Prouix		
13-Jun	Bill and Deb Rickert		Flag Day
20-Jun	George Leskody		
27-Jun	Allen and Mary Jane		
4-Jul			
11-Jul	Sally and Carl Harris		Hawaiian
18-Jul	Tom Morgan		
25-Jul	Tim Smith		Chrirtmas in July
1-Aug	Stan Sech		Frogs
8-Aug	Glen Martin		
15-Aug	Stu McFadden		
22-Aug	Tom Morgan		
29-Aug	George and Arlene Maresca		Favorite Football Team
5-Sep	Wayne Geoffrey		
12-Sep			Margaritaville
19-Sep	David Knight		

Raft Off Captains: Please review your signed up dates and themes. If you currently do not have a theme and would like to add one, contact Jeff Atwell at 630/215/8220 with your new theme which will be posted.

Members Requesting to Become a Raft Off Captain: contact Jeff Atwell at 30/215/8220 with your new theme which will be posted.

Raft-Off (RO) Attending Boat's Responsibilities

ARRIVALS

Remember to attach your burgee and take your charged Marine Radio. Once in Powerline Cove (directly across from Tanasi Marina - 3 Silos) select channel 72.

1. All Arrivals should arrive before 12:30 at the RO site to begin the RO by 1:00 pm below the Orange ball in the Powerlines near the back of Powerline Cove.
2. As your boat enters the cove you announce yourself via marine radio by calling the TCC RO Captain on Ch 72, identifying your boat name, type of boat and length. If you know that you will need to leave early, call the RO Captain upon arriving. The Captain will have you tie up at the end of the raft off line.
3. **At the direction of the RO Captain, proceed SLOWLY to the position designated** with your **fenders out** and then turn your boat's bow into the current
4. As you approach hand your lines to the receiving boat. **If directed to do so**, lay your anchor and back up approximately 50' towards the shore. Based on the wind and current you may be asked to drop a stern anchor. Next tell your boat neighbors you will be leaving early.
5. Once the lines are tied and secured, call the RO Captain to state that you are ready to receive the next boat to tie to you.

When you are ready, the RO Captain will call in the next boat **to tie up to you** using the same procedures.

6. Wait for the RO Captain to signal it is safe to enter the water by blowing his/her horn or whistle.
7. HAVE FUN!

DEPARTURES

When you're ready to leave, notify the captain and your neighbors that you are tied to.

1. Be ready for the RO Captain to make an announcement or sound his horn / whistle at 3:50 PM and again at 3:55 PM to notify the attendees that the RO is about to end, exit the water and get your boats ready to untie.
2. Be aware the RO Captain will call boats at farthest end to lift their anchors first (if it is in the water) and untie lines working from the outside boats in towards the RO Captains boat. **DO NOT UNTIE YOUR BOAT UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO.**
3. The RO Captain is the last boat to raise its anchor before leaving the RO.

Raft-Off (RO) Captain Responsibilities

ARRIVALS

The goal is to have the Raft Off (RO) Captain's boat anchored and ready to start receiving attendees' boats by 12:30 so they can all be tied up and ready by 1 PM. **New Captains must have attended at least one raft off and have an experienced captain on board the first time.**

Remember to **hang your burgees and take your charged Marine Radio and Horn or Whistle.** Once in Powerline Cove across from Tanasi Marina - 3 Silos select channel 72.

1. Arrive by noon at the RO site, below the orange ball on the power lines deep in the cove.
2. At The RO location, with your boat's bow into the current, lay your anchor under the orange ball in the power lines and back up approximately 50' towards the shore.
3. After the first arriving boat calls the RO Captain, the RO Captain will direct the first boat to tie up next to his/her boat. If any arriving boat states it needs to leave early, the captain is to tell the arriving boat to wait to tie up at the end of the last boat.
4. Watch to make sure arriving boats have fenders out and not coming too fast. If needed notify boats to **put out fenders and approach slowly** to prevent the lines of boats to turn. Once they are tied up and secured, the RO Captain will make sure the tied-up boat is ready to receive additional boats.
5. When ready, the RO Captain will call in the next boat and where to tie up. Once the RO Captain's boat has received and tied up boats on both sides he/she can now start calling boats to tie up on both sides of the line.
6. The RO Captain will ask every fourth boat on each side to drop an anchor. Typically, the RO Captain ties up pontoon boats on one side and hull boats on the other side for walking safety between boats. Based on the wind / current ask a boat to drop a stern anchor.
7. The RO Captain will ask each boat to let him/her know when they have tied up and ready to receive the next boat.
8. Once all boats are tied up, the RO Captain will signal it is safe to enter the water by blowing his/her horn or whistle.
9. The RO Captain will monitor the weather conditions and consult any other experienced RO Captains participating to decide if the RO needs to be terminated.

DEPARTURES

The goal is to ensure that the RO ends with all boats leaving orderly and safely.

1. The RO Captain makes an announcement or sound his horn or whistle at 3:50 PM and again at 3:55 PM to notify the attendees that the RO is about to end, to exit the water and get their boats ready to untie.
2. Call boats at farthest end to lift their anchors (if it is in the water) and untie lines working from the outside boats in towards the RO Captains boat.
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August 8th RO



August 15th RO



New Members



David & Diane Zbasnik

JULI-O's Lunch





August 22nd RO



Favorite Team Jersey RO



New Members

David & Diane Zbasnik





Big Prizes
for Winning Hands



POKER RUN



Tuesday, September 15, 2026

1 PM to 4 PM - \$5 Per Hand

Shrimp Boil 5PM at Tugaloo

\$25 Per Person

**Sign up at June, July
or August Meeting
or**

**call Captain Stan
865-556-8066
zachsam@yahoo.com**



CAPTAIN'S MEETING

for **POKER RUN**

OR SEND A PERSON FROM YOUR BOAT

MANDATORY- SEPTEMBER 14,2026

MONDAY

12:30 PM AT CHOTA

RECEIVE:

- CLUES for the 5 Locations on the lake where you will pick up your sealed envelopes- (with POKER CARDS Do not open)**
- Look for Balloons at each Location on the lake**
- 5 TICKETS for each POKER HAND purchased by people on your boat**

HAYRIDE

In Cades Cove



\$27.44 Per Person (includes Tax)

Saturday, October 17, 2026

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM (Arrive by 1:30 PM)

1½ Hour Narrated Hay Ride Tour

Cades Cove Stables

**10018 Campground Drive, Townsend, TN
(865) 448-9009**

CadesCoveStables.com

BYO Drinks and Snacks are welcome on the hay ride

Afterwards: Dinner at Blue Tick Tavern in Maryville

**Contact: Chris Atwell
(630) 300-4075**



Talking Creek Club



Blue Tick Tavern

Dinner after the Hay Ride

(30-40 min drive from Cades Cove Stables)

Arrive 4:30pm (ish)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

RESERVED BACKROOM FOR TCC

ADDRESS:

128 W BROADWAY

MARYVILLE, TN

PHONE: 865/983-0808

CONTACT NAME: CHRIS ATWELL

630/300-4075

Salads, Burgers, Appetizers, Pizza, Sandwiches, Nachos



**JULIETS LUNCHEON
COUNTRYSIDE RESTAURANT
THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2026
12:30**



WHERE:

**COUNTRYSIDE RESTAURANT
2021 Highway 411
Vonore**

WHEN:

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
12:30**

Questions?

**DIANNA VANONI
vanonidianna1959@gmail.com**

ROMEOs August Lunch

Thursday September 17, 2026 12:30 PM

T.C.'s Grill

2514 Old Niles Ferry Road, Maryville TN 37803

TCC Annual Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 9, 2026

5 PM - 10 PM

Tellico Village Yacht Club (lower level)

Social Hour at 5 PM (Waiter Served Appetizers & Cash Bar)

Dinner at 6 PM (House Salad & Rolls served at Table)

DJ Michael Durham 5 PM - 10 PM for Dinner Music & Dancing

Carving Station & Buffet

Teres Major Steak

Oven Roasted Turkey Breast

Lasagna

Almondine Green Beans

Garlic Herbed Whipped Potatoes

Corn Bread Stuffing & Gravy

Dessert Table

\$45 Per Person

Santa Claus Attends This Year



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