



### **Introduction**

Welcome to the Tellico Village Community Docks. This document is intended to introduce you to resources that are available for education about boat safety and boating laws. We have listed some of the organizations that are active on the lake and can help you enjoy it to the maximum. We have also included information about who to contact if you need assistance on the lake or should an emergency or security issue arise.

We strongly encourage anyone (novice or experienced) who applies for a boat or Personal Watercraft (PWC) slip to attend the “*Boat America*” course offered by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGA) and gain a certificate of course completion or obtain a Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) -issued wallet Boating Safety Education Certificate as proof of successful completion of the TWRA Boating Safety exam.

### **How can I get a Certificate?**

The USCGA holds several “Boat America” classes each year at the Yacht Club:

[https://wow.uscgaux.info/pe\\_class\\_flyer.php?unit=070-17-06&course=30127](https://wow.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=070-17-06&course=30127)

Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate (including boating law, safety equipment, safe operation, navigation, boating emergencies, and more).

Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course. USCGA advertises this course through Tell-E-Gram, Facebook, and NextDoor. Alternatively, experienced boaters can take the TWRA exam at the Loudon County Library in Tellico Village.

### **Get to Know the Lake!**

Tellico Boaters Assistance Response Team (T-BART) holds Lake Orientation classes, detailing points of interest and points of hazard on Tellico Lake. Typically they hold four classes between March and July. There is also a video of the course available.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1WRIsfglUI>

### **Learn From a Pro!**

The Cruising Club offers a mentoring program open to anyone in the Village and is intended to provide new, inexperienced boat owners with an opportunity to practice basic functions in their own vessels under the guidance and direction of experienced boaters.

The orientation is designed to supplement the *In-Classroom* training provided by various local entities (like USCGA). A personal, one-on-one drill and practice session reinforces the lecture method. For specific information about this mentoring program, contact: John Manczko 847-997-5739 or email at: [tellicocruisingclub@gmail.com](mailto:tellicocruisingclub@gmail.com)

### **Education**

Find out more about Tennessee boating laws, regulations, and resources for boater education at: <https://www.tn.gov/twra/boating.html>

### **Who Runs the Boat Docks?**

The Tellico Village Community Docks are owned and operated by the Public Works Department of the Tellico Village Property Owners Association (TVPOA).

The Marinas Advisory Committee (MAC) advises Public Works on issues pertaining to the docks. Such issues include suggestions for amenity additions, maintenance priorities, safety issues, and fee structure. The MAC meets monthly at the POA offices @ 1:00 PM on the third Monday of each month (except December).

There is a volunteer Dock Captain for each dock (typically a lessee on that specific dock). Dock Captains, who attend the monthly MAC meeting, assist the MAC by identifying issues of importance to the lessees. They monitor the docks and assist Public Works in maintaining compliance with dock rules and regulations and are available to assist lessees.

If you identify an issue on the docks that needs action by Public Works, please use the TVPOA help spot. This provides a "paper trail" so that issues can be logged and followed up.

<https://tvpoa.helpspot.com>

The MAC issues a Newsletter from time to time. To sign up for the MAC Newsletter please follow this link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/WejFmos/MAC>

### **Boating Laws**

The State of Tennessee Boating Laws governs boating upon Tellico Lake and adjoining waters. Full details can be found at:

<http://www.state.tn.us/twra/boatmain.html>

When purchasing a new boat, most dealers will assist you in submitting the registration application.

When purchasing a used boat from a private individual, it will be necessary to first take the bill of sale to the County Clerk before sending in the registration application to the TWRA in Nashville.

Renewal of registration can be done online directly with the TWRA or in person at Sloan's Hardware store, Walmart, or any store that sells hunting or fishing licenses.

A copy of the Handbook of Tennessee Boating Laws and Responsibilities is generally available at the Welcome Center (courtesy of the USCGA), from the US Power Squadron or the Tellico Cruising Club.

Lake charts can be purchased through the Tellico Cruising Club, T-BART, TVPOA Welcome Center, or from retailers like Sloan's Hardware, or Madisonville Marine.

Details on the Tennessee fishing rules and regulations can be found at:  
<http://www.tn.gov/twra/fish/fishmain.html>

Fishing licenses can be obtained online directly with TWRA or in person at Sloan's Hardware store, Food City Supermarket, Walmart, and other locations. Full details are given on the [TWRA Website](#).

### **Lake Organizations**

There are several active organizations on Tellico Lake.

TWRA (Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency), is the State authority that governs activities on the lake and is the primary organization responsible for law enforcement on the water. For more information, visit: <http://www.tn.gov/twra/boatmain.html>

America's Boating Club (formerly known as US Power Squadron) primarily works to promote boater safety and safety awareness. They conduct several courses on various aspects of boater safety training throughout the year in Tellico Village or nearby locations. For more information, visit: <https://www.americasboatingclub-knoxville.org>

USCGA primarily works to promote boater safety and safety awareness. They conduct several courses on various aspects of boater safety training throughout the year in Tellico Village or nearby locations. For more information, visit: <http://cgaux.org>

Each spring, USCGA also offers free vessel safety checks at the docks to verify compliance with onboard safety equipment. Watch the dock notice boards for schedule information.

T-BART is a group of volunteers who provide a no-fee non-emergency/non-medical assistance service to boaters on Tellico Lake, 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. For more information, visit: <http://t-bart.org>

Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir (WATeR) is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to protecting and improving the environment in the Tellico Reservoir Watershed. They organize an annual lakeshore cleanup and work with Government organizations to monitor and improve water quality. For more information, visit: <http://tellicowater.org>

Tellico Cruising Club is a social organization active within Tellico Village to promote boating. They arrange social activities, raft-offs, cruise trips to other sections of the Tennessee River, and other activities. For more information, visit: <http://tellicocruisingclub.com>

Soggy Bottoms Kayakers is a Tellico Village-based group that arranges kayaking trips on waterways in East Tennessee. For more information, visit: <http://tvsoggybottom.org>

Tellico Village Fishing Club holds regular meetings and activities to promote, educate, and enjoy the sport and fellowship of fishing our local lakes. For more information, visit: <https://tellicovillagefishinggroup.com>

### **Emergency and Assistance on the Lake**

Tellico Lake is served by the emergency organizations of Monroe and Loudon Counties. For any emergency or medical assistance call 911.

For non-emergency/non-medical assistance (mechanical issues, running out of gas, etc.) during the hours of daylight on Tellico Lake (from the 321 bridge in the north to the Chilhowee Dam in the south), call 911 and T-BART will be contacted to arrange a no-fee tow to safe harbor.

TowBoat US is operated by Curtis Marine Services operating out of Louisville, TN, and can provide commercial towing assistance after dark. They can also aid in the case of grounding or sinking. The fastest way to request assistance from TowBoat US Fort Loudon/Tellico Lake is to download the free [BoatUS App](#), which connects boaters to the closest local towing captain. Additionally, the company can be reached at (865) 304-0569, or by phoning the BoatUS toll-free 24/7 Dispatch Center at 800-391-4869. TowBoat US charges a significant fee for a service call and should not be contacted unless you are willing to be responsible for payment. It is important to verify with your insurance company concerning the type of towing coverage included.

If you have TowBoat US Insurance with towing, call their 24-hour dispatch line at 1-800-391-4869. They will then contact the appropriate Boat US Operator. Note: Boat US offers a range of towing insurance packages.

Emergency assistance with a sinking boat at a dock, please note that neither Public Works nor the Tellico Village Fire Department have the equipment or staffing necessary to raise a sinking boat. Boat US can assist, but charges can be significant for a service call and should not be contacted unless you are willing to be responsible for payment.

Tennessee law requires that all boats, including canoes and kayaks, must be equipped with one wearable personal flotation device for each person on board or each person being towed on

water skis, etc. Sometimes you might have more people on board than normal. T-BART offers loaner life jackets (including children's sizes) for the day. You'll find them in the restrooms adjacent to the docks. Please return them in clean condition after use.

### **Where are the Docks?**

Docks A, B & C are located by Tugaloo Beach.

Docks D through J are located by the Yacht Club.

Docks K, L, M & WW are located by Tanasi Clubhouse.

Docks N through U are located in the Tanasi Outer Basin accessible via Canaly Lane off Cayuga Drive.

Dock TL is in the Tanasi Townhome Lagoon accessible via Tanasi Lagoon Drive.

Docks KA through KD & WWK are located in the Kahite neighborhood off Kahite Trail.

### **Gas Dock**

Marine-grade gasoline (ethanol-free with added marine stabilizer) is available 24/7 from the gas dock on G Dock in the Yacht Club Basin. Payment is accepted by VISA, MasterCard, or American Express. If a debit card is used, a temporary charge may be placed pending payment processing.

### **Docking your boat:**

Boats must be secured in such a manner that wave and wind action cannot cause the boat to surge and impact the main dock walkway, nor push the boat so that it encroaches on the adjoining slip space. Bow, stern, and spring lines must be set using marine-grade dock lines of suitable size ( $\frac{3}{8}$ " or greater). An adequate number of fenders must be placed on both sides of the vessel.

Remember that under the slip lease agreement, TVPOA has the right to charge a lessee for the repair of any damage to the docks that a lessee's boat may have caused.

### **Security:**

So, what should you do if you find that your boat has been damaged either by vandalism or because of an impact from another vessel?

- In the case of vandalism or theft: contact the appropriate County Sheriff's Office (Loudon; (865) 458-9081 / Monroe; (423) 442-3911) and Public Works.
- If your boat has been hit: contact TWRA (423-587-7037) and Public Works.

Every dock has strategically located security cameras. Video is stored on the TVPOA servers for at least 30 days. Provided that you have followed this damage/theft reporting process, you

can apply to review the security video: <https://www.tellicovillagepoa.org/security-camera-footage-request/>

**No Wake Zones:**

Both the Tanasi Harbor and the Yacht Club Cove are designated “No Wake” zones. All craft, including PWCs, must observe the no-wake requirement as described in the boating laws:

- No Wake (Idle Speed) Areas
  - Unless otherwise marked, all vessels operating within 300 feet of a commercial boat dock must do so at a slow wake speed regardless of whether the area is marked by buoys.
  - “No Wake” is defined as a vessel traveling at or below idle speed, or at such speed that the boat or its wake (waves) is not sufficient to cause possible injury or damage to other persons, boats, or property.

