

Tennessee Striped Bass Association

Get Hooked !



March/April 2019



Dave Mullins' nephew enjoyed his Christmas Day fishing trip!

Monthly Meeting every first Monday:

Puleo's Grill, 110 Cedar Lane off Merchants Rd. at I - 75

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Minutes - March 2019 Meeting

On March 4, 2019 we had the pleasure of having Commander Ron Boneau of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary come to our meeting. He discussed the role of the Auxiliary in east Tennessee waters and water safety issues. Ron's Division 12, one of several in Tennessee, includes five flotillas. These cover Tellico, Ft. Loudon, Norris, Watts Bar and the southern portion of South Holston Reservoirs. They are working to establish a new flotilla to cover Douglas and Cherokee. While part of the U.S. Coast Guard and therefore under the umbrella of Homeland Security, the Auxiliary is an all-volunteer group. They were established in 1939 and have some 24,500 members nationwide. They are not military or law enforcement. Rather, they are the public face of the Coast Guard and work closely with the Coast Guard and TWRA to promote water safety.

In 2018, Division 12 conducted 445 boat safety checks at 14 marinas. These checks were for proper boat registration; licensing for captains born after Jan. 1, 1989; proper personal floatation devices; fire extinguishers and other items. Some of the items he discussed included the need to have a rope attached to your throwable PFD so that it can be quickly retrieved if the target can't get to it; attaching a whistle to life vests so that help can be called; having PFDs out and available for quick access rather than having them stored in a boat locker; having your fire extinguisher mounted outside of a locker and away from the motor and gas tank so it can be used quickly; and the importance of leaving a float plan with someone who will know if you don't return when you should so that help can be directed to the area where you are boating. Safe boating classes are available from several sources including the BoatUS Foundation, TWRA and the Coast Guard. Completion of one of these classes may reduce your boat insurance premium.

In other business, the members decided to contribute \$500 each to 4-H clubs to assist needy children fully participate and to support TWRA's children's fishing day which will be held on Saturday, June 8 at Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery in Clinton. Members are encouraged to attend the fishing day and help teach youngsters how to fish.

Upcoming Boating Classes & Inspections

Commander Boneau of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary sent the following notices to TSBA after our March meeting. It would be worthwhile to have one of these inspections performed on your boat. Remember that they are looking for ways to improve boating safety in our area and are not there to issue violation notices or fines.



U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary **Tellico Lake** **Boating Classes**

2019 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

Thurs. 2/21	Paddle Sports America	1-5 pm
Thurs. 3/7	Marlinspike (Lines, Knots, Splices)	1-4 pm
Tu. 3/26 & Th. 3/28	About Boating Safety	1-5 pm each day
Thurs. 4/18	* Now in Command	1-4 pm
Thurs. 5/9	Boating Fun and Family Safety	1-4 pm
Tu. 5/21 & Th. 5/23	About Boating Safety	1-5 pm each day
Thurs. 5/30	* Now in Command	1-4 pm
Tues. 6/11	* Personal Watercraft	1-3 pm
Tu. 6/25 & Th. 6/27	GPS For Tennessee Boaters	1-4 pm each day
Tues. 8/13	* Now in Command	1-4 pm
Tu. 9/17 & Th. 9/19	About Boating Safety	1-5 pm each day
Thurs. 10/10	Cold Water Boating	1-4 pm

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND RESERVATIONS

Call: Carolyn McDermott @ 865-458-1959 / email: carmactn@charter.net or
Mike Colacone @ 352-804-8257 / email: Mc195@aol.com



Norris Lake -- 2019 Vessel Safety Check Schedule

Boat owners are invited to bring their boat to any location for a free Vessel Safety Check

DATE	DAY	LOCATION	TIME
MAY 28th	TUES.	Sunset Bay	Memorial Day Wkend 11:00 AM until 2:30 PM
JUNE 01 st	SAT.	Twin Cove Marina	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
JUNE 08 th	SAT.	Whitman Hollow	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
JUNE 15 th	SAT.	Flat Hollow	Fathers Day Wkend 10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
JUNE 22 nd	SAT.	Springs Dock	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
JUNE 28 th	FRI	Mountain Lake Marina	10:30 AM until 2:00 pm
JUNE 29 th	SAT.	Shanghai Marina	4th of July Wkend 10 :30 AM until 2:00 PM
JULY 06 th	SAT.	Norris Dam Marina	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
JULY 12 th	FRI	Indian River	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
JULY 13 th	SAT.	Sequoyah Marina	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
JULY 20 th	SAT.	Stardust Marina	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
JULY 27 th	SAT.	Norris Landing Marina	11:00 AM until 2:30 PM
AUG. 03 rd	SAT.	Beach Island Resort Marina	11:00 AM until 2:30 PM
AUG. 10 th	SAT.	Sugar Hollow Marina	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
AUG. 17 th	SAT.	Shanghai Marina	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM
AUG. 24 th	SAT.	Springs Dock	10:30 AM until 2:00 PM



2019 USCG AUXILIARY FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK SCHEDULE

All boaters may go to any location for a Free Vessel Safety Check

Please RSVP by calling [865-964-5558](tel:865-964-5558) to avoid long waiting times

April 20 – Sat	Tanasi Docks Tellico Village Yacht Club	10 AM - 12 NOON 2 PM - 4 PM
April 27 – Sat	Kahite Docks Tellico Village Yacht Club	10 AM - 12 NOON 2 PM - 4 PM
May 4 – Sat	Tellico Village Yacht Club Kahite Docks	10 AM - 12 NOON 2 PM - 4 PM
May 11 – Sat	Rarity Bay Rock Point & Bay View Docks	10AM - 1 PM
May 18 – Sat	Tellico Harbor Marina Sequoyah Landing Marina	9 AM - 12 NOON 1 PM - 4 PM
May 25 – Sat	Fort Loudon Marina Wind River Marina	9 AM - 12 NOON 1 PM - 4 PM
June 1 – Sat	Tellico Village Chatuga Dock	9 AM - 12 NOON
June 7 – Fri	Tellico Village Docks A, B, & C	9 AM - 12 NOON
June 8 – Sat	Tellico Village Docks D & E	9 AM - 12 NOON
June 14 – Fri	Tellico Village Docks F & G	9 AM - 12 NOON
June 15 – Sat	Tellico Village Docks H & I	9 AM - 12 NOON
June 21 – Fri	Tellico Village Docks K, L, M, & N	9 AM - 12 NOON
June 22 – Sat	Tellico Village Docks Q & R	9 AM - 12 NOON
June 29 – Sat	Tellico Village Docks S & T	9 AM - 12 NOON



Dave Mullins and his nephews boated 18 fish on their Christmas Day fishing trip on Cherokee Lake. Pretty exciting Christmas present!



Creel and Size limits

CHEROKEE LAKE

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:

2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

NORRIS LAKE

Striped Bass

April 1–October 31: 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

November 1–March 31: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

WATTS BAR

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:

April 1–October 31: 2 per day in combination

November 1–March 31: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass.

Striped Bass:

April 1–October 31: 15 inch minimum length limit.

November 1–March 31: 36 inch minimum length limit

Hybrid Striped Bass:

15 inch minimum length limit

MELTON HILL

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:

2 per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton. 15 inch minimum length limit

Striped Bass:

32–42 inch PLR; only one fish may be over 42 inches

Outlook for current fishing spots

CHEROKEE LAKE

The baitfish seek out the warmer water, so look for the sun-warmed banks and into deeper water after a cool night. The gulls and herons will continue to show where the best bait locations are to be found. Top water breaks are common this time of year, so go prepared to cast into them. Large schools can often be found on the fish finders, making jigging a technique that works well. The premium locations are normally upstream of the German Creek area and into the extreme headwaters.

NORRIS LAKE

Looking for the active gulls or surface feeding fish may be the key to success in catching fish as the water starts to warm in the shallow, sun-warmed areas. Remember the creel and size limits on striped bass are 36-inch minimum with a one fish creel until April 1, 2017. The largest concentrations of striper will be on the upper half of the reservoir, often in the shallow, sun-warmed stained water.

WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL

The winter time striper bite was influenced much less by the warm water discharge at the steam plants than in some past years because of the mild winter with lots of hydroelectric power. The baitfish will start to show up in the shallow, sun-warmed flats with the gulls and herons helping to find the feeding stripers.

— Ezell Cox

Welcome to New Members

Jerry Hook - Vonore, TN

Doug Cheek - Tazewell, TN

Douglas Goddard - Knoxville, TN

David Wynns - Knoxville, TN

Apologies if I missed anyone!



Mark your calendars for the first Mondays & make a point to join us for our monthly meetings.

Other events may be added if interest is shown. Get involved and participate in TSBA to make sure it reflects what is important to you!

April 1st - Keith Shannon on catching and keeping bait

May 6th - Allan Franklin on throw nets

June 3rd - OPEN pending Kids Day on Saturday June 8th

July 1st - OPEN pending Michael Jones with ORNL

August 5th - Mike Smith TWRA stocking report

September 2nd - OPEN (Labor Day)

October 7th - usually TSBA Fish Fry

November 4th - Captain Jay Girardot on u-rigs and artificial bait

December 2nd - BOD meeting



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2019 Membership Dues are due

If you haven't already renewed your TSBA membership, now is the time!

TSBA 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

As a member, you will:

- * Receive a monthly newsletter.
- * Help support Striped Bass Fisheries & Wildlife Agencies.
- * Be informed of new regulations & information that affect striper fishing.
- * Develop a network of "striper friends."
- * Learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- * Be able to call officers for fishing reports.
- * Be able to attend monthly meetings with informative programs.
- * Have access to all areas of the TSBA web page.

Your Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(____) _____ # of minor children in family _____

Referred By: _____

Please provide an e-mail address to receive the monthly newsletter:

E-Mail address _____

I have read and agree to abide by and be bound by the Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc. (TSBA) Bylaws. A copy of the Bylaws can be found on the TSBA website at www.tnstripedbass.com or at the offices of the corporation.

(Signature)

(Date)

Enclose a check for \$20.00

Mail to: TSBA

P.O. Box 7303

Knoxville, TN. 37921

Simplified Renewal Note: Returning members with no changes to their contact information are not required to fill out the application. Just send a \$20 check to the address above. Be sure to include the member's name on the check. When you send in your check, please provide TSBA with an email address where we can send your club newsletter. Yearly dues are due in January each year. New members that sign up in Oct., Nov., or Dec. will get credit for the remainder of that year and the following year.

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