

# Tellico Heat Dragon Boat Club



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## Publisher's Message:

### **ATTENTION ALL PADDLERS!\*\*\*\*MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\*\***

It is with great pleasure that the Board would like to announce that due to a VERY GENEROUS AND ANONYMOUS DONOR, the Club will be purchasing a 10-person boat! Yep, you read that right! The trend for 10-person boat racing has grown and we want to be a part of that trend. However, it won't be used just practicing for races. Remember when we didn't have enough people to go out on paddles and had to cancel; well, now, if we have that situation, we can use the 10-person boat. Overall, we believe that this is a great addition to our fleet and our club! ~ Coach Dee

Many thanks to Dee and Denise for working with the Donor and the boat seller to coordinate the acquisition. The Board is making arrangements to pick up in Tampa. Many aspects of this addition are being considered by the Board, including the learning process for steerers, coaches and paddlers. Stay tuned!

Planning for the 2025 season began last month! Please read on for Board, Planning and sub-committee reports. This issue also includes how to order your Tellico Heat Dragon Boat Logo Auto Magnet and central site to add names of people interested in THDBC.

Be sure to read to the end so that you don't miss a touching story from Jane about KARM.

**We welcome and WANT contributions for the newsletter from all members. Off-season topics may include anything you'd care to share that the membership might enjoy!** Perhaps sharing activities or events in which you have an interest, recipes, fitness suggestions or finds; I bet you can think of a bunch more!

Please submit to Debra Hyde @ [dbhwalker@aol.com](mailto:dbhwalker@aol.com) subject, "For Dragon's Breath".

### Order Logo Magnets For Your Car

A number of members expressed an interest in the 5" logo car magnets I provided to board and committee members at the end of year party. I'm happy to put in an order for you!

Pricing will be determined by the total number requested and applied volume discount. The current pricing per magnet is \$11.60 each with minimum of 5; \$9.80 each for 25 and \$8.80 for 50. After we have a good list, I will call about final pricing for the quantity that falls between these thresholds.

**Note-** By placing your order you agree to pay not more than \$12.00 to account for possible variance for error of tax calculation.

First step: Place your order via <https://forms.gle/k3qSS7PBRTKxKfQ97> by December 7<sup>th</sup>. It seems best to cut/paste to the browser. If you experience challenges with the link, please contact Lynne at [lynne.schwartz@att.net](mailto:lynne.schwartz@att.net).

We'll take a look at the list and I'll obtain final pricing and place order.

You will be contacted to arrange for pick-up and payment.

## **Do You Know Potential Members? Have You Been Approached With Questions for the 2025 Season?**

Lynne has established a central process for accumulating names of people interested in THDBC. It requires you to enter your name and contact information for prospective member; that's it! We will then have a central list for follow-up when information for the 2025 season orientation is established.

Here's the link to add a prospective member name <https://forms.gle/7Nj9JkwQGDqFS1Dj7> . It seems best to cut and paste to browser. Please check with Lynne if there are any issues, [lynne.schwartz@att.net](mailto:lynne.schwartz@att.net).

You may also refer them to the website that has the Gmail address for contacting the Club at any time. As the landing page develops, the landing page will be updated and links to "about" dragon boat and the Club will be added. I hope we are able to add banners for new member orientation and/or introductory paddles and other appropriate events for public information.

~ Deb H.

## **Help Wanted**

As you read about the committees and all the work being done during the off season and off the water, do not hesitate to reach out to any committee chairs to express your interest to volunteer.

The work of volunteers is invaluable to the success and future of the club. In the last two years, the successful management of the growth was possible by contributions, big and small, by many members.

The volunteers also ensure filling of leadership roles in the future as attrition takes place.

As a paddler and committee member, I appreciate the people who have stepped up in so many ways. Thank you!

## **Board and Committee Reports**

### **Planning and Planning Subcommittees**

**Planning** –Dee has organized the planning committee with a tight agenda and deadlines for completion of tasks before the January Team Meeting [date TBC]. There are key topics/tasks being addressed based on last season's survey, various input compiled by the coaches, Cat H. as Club Liaison and experience of leadership. The first meeting was November 21<sup>st</sup> to determine committee/task chairs. The committee is meeting weekly.

Following are the planning sub-committees established and volunteer chairs

▪ 10-Person Boat Planning* -Kevin	▪ Recruitment -Doug
▪ Steerers -Ginger	▪ Coach/Training -Denise
▪ Safety -Ginger	▪ Race -Dee

\*Coordinate Pick-up and Storage

Other members of the planning committee

▪ Deb H.	▪ Peggy
▪ Marita	▪ Jan
▪ Cat	▪ Marla
▪ Virginia	

Definitive progress will be reported via the Club Info sections of the website and Dragon's Breath. Stay tuned!

### **Race Sub-committee-**

The race committee has been charged with researching 2025 festivals. Dee has crafted a questionnaire and checklist as a guideline. Events, event organizers/sponsors and managers are be contacted to gather a wide range of information that will be used as the committee and board consider our 2025 competition season.

This is the first time that this depth of groundwork has been developed.

Many thanks to our teammates who have stepped up for this committee:

▪ Sue Clontz	▪ Mary Pat Hall	▪ Julie Walter	▪ Jodie Kelly
▪ Doug Elkins	▪ Donna Byers	▪ Virginia Kendrick	▪ Dawn Franz

## Board and Board Sub-Committees

### Communication/IT Committee Report-

The Communication/Media Committee is vigorously involved in planning for the 2025 season. Here's a summary of what's keeping us busy!

1. TeamSnap has been identified as a viable replacement for InstaTeam. It is a team management application with more robust features and administration assistance. Beta testing is taking place to determine if TeamSnap should replace InstaTeam. If so, Rob is targeting January to introduce to the membership.
2. Website development pace is picking up. A landing page and related links have been crafted. Members are learning about creating content so that the role is not solely on Rob's shoulders! The pages will be updated after a couple of training sessions and tasks are assigned.  
This same group is learning and bringing expertise to the conversation about organizing pictures and videos.
3. As the website content is completed, the images and updated language will be used to update the Tellico Life page.
4. The banner is being updated to reflect the new logo and language highlighting the THDBC "brand"/culture.
5. The pamphlet handout will also be updated.
6. We stand ready to support other sub-committees. Printed materials will be reduced as we look to the website as the go-to place for information for club and potential members.
7. Lynne's expertise with Google resources has expanded our ability for communicating and compiling information. The Google platform also dovetails into the website for organization of videos and other information.
8. Jane is also working with Rob and Lynne to determine efficient and effective ways to present and organize event photos, video and other information. She will also be called upon to produce fun, specific-use videos.

What a terrific crew! They have brought expertise, are willing to learn more and care about how the THDBC information is preserved and presented.

~ Deb H. –Co-Chair

## Social Committee



Coach Dee celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday this month. We have also discovered that Marla, Karen T and Cat celebrated birthdays in November as well. Best wishes to all the beautiful ladies





Dragon Presents!



We may be growing older but we are NEVER growing up!

### Save the Date

Watch for January Team Meeting Date!

In November, KARM completed the “Coats for the Cold Collection”. The deadline has passed but coats are always welcome. Please keep the cause in mind as you replace your winter coats.

<https://mailchi.mp/karmstores/karm-stores-connection-0bkimcoij4-5022577?e=7f8163ccde>

The KARM outreach [the above link] included the following story.

## Tatum’s Story of Redemption



“I am thankful to the mission because in a time of need, they were there and they helped me and brought me in and allowed me to really see myself through the eyes of Christ.” - Tatum

[Learn About Serenity](#)

Tatum faced a tumultuous past, marked by physical abuse, substance abuse, and unhealthy relationships. Despite her efforts to escape, she found herself couch surfing and struggling to break free. In her darkest moment, she turned to God, seeking a way out. She asked God to open a door and make it clear to her that it’s what He wanted her to do. Her prayer was answered when she went to rehab and eventually, [KARM’s Serenity program](#). During her time there, she served in the kitchen and found spiritual, emotional, and financial guidance.

Tatum now has restored relationships with her family, rediscovered her self-worth, and found her identity in Christ! She’s working towards a brighter future, setting goals like pursuing a CNA degree and rebuilding her life. She credits [Knox Area Rescue Ministries](#) for providing a safe haven, teaching her financial responsibility, and helping her find purpose and direction.

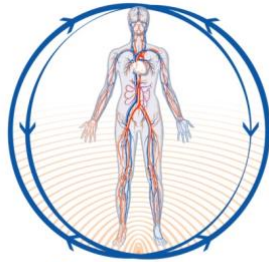
As you recall, Jane Coggins was recognized as a top fundraiser for KARM at the June Festival. She passed on the following anecdote in conjunctions with the “Coats for Cold Collection event.

“Tatum was one of my former students. She was on my caseload for all four years in high school. I also had two of her siblings, one older and one younger. Sadly, her older brother passed away last summer from a drug overdose. My purpose for sharing is to say how glad I was to have spoken to Tatum at last year’s memorial service gathering for her brother. At the time, she was just starting to attend KARM’s Serenity program. She has been featured in many advertisements for KARM over the last several months. Participating in KARM and supporting them in the Dragon Boat race helped young women like Tatum. I not only know her story, but also her personally. It was heartwarming to hear how well she is doing and that she has a renewed purpose. She will make a wonderful CNA. “

~Jane



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