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TOTEM YACHT CLUB

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Greetings fellow Totem members;

The year is moving along swiftly. With the many activities going on ,it seems like and extra fast pace? It truly does look like an early Summer is hear.

Although it was cool and breezy for the Daffodil festivities, our Totem contingent was hot, and got all of our Trivia Questions correct, and looked good too. With competition from 22 other clubs, including the big boys up north(did they have bigger bribes?), totem came in 3rd behind Olympia YC, and Seattle.



We showed a lot of spirit and it was great fun! Our club Flagship, represented by Tim Reding's "Satisfaction" also pulled in a 3rd place Trophy. Good job team Totem!.

I was proud to represent Totem along with Vice Commodore Carolyn Hersberger, Rear Commodore Joe Simpson,

Yeoman Sharon Blair, Purser Sharon Nell, at the Fox Island Commodores ball, honoring Incoming Commodore Loren Lindal and first mate Millie. I had plans on taking my boat over for that party, but ended up going by car. The Fox Island dock and clubhouse can be a nice destination, and Totem members are welcome there.



I did get some cruising time in this past week, cruising up to Seattle YC for their (Biggest in the World) Opening day festivities. I was joined up there by Kevin Schwininberg on" My Time", And Tim Reding on Satisfaction. Carolyn, Joe, and I manned the rails again on

Satisfaction in the parade on Saturday.

Besides the parade, there are many other activities to partake in during that 4 day event, especially for us commodores. If you haven't been to this event before, I highly recommend going, by boat or by car. As reciprocal club members, we all get special treatment, and access to the facilities during the weekend, (and other times as well) that the general public does not.

The South Sound Opening day will be celebrated next weekend (May 11th) at Des Moines YC, And at Olympia YC. I have been officially invited to attend both Celebrations. I will attend the Des Moines festival, as we have closer reciprocal ties there, and ask one of our past Commodores to represent us at Olympia.

May is a busy month for us. We have a contingent of 9 boats signed up to take the Boy scouts to Blake Island on the 17th. The following weekend ,the Gallingtons are hosting at Paulsbo.

At the April General meeting there changes to the By-Laws passed, regarding membership. In response to those changes, the Board of trustees ,at the April 16th meeting Discussed, and then voted to recommend new initiation, and dues rates as follows:

Vessel Membership; 175.00/yr Social Membership; 100.00/yr

Initiation fee- All memberships; One time only; Only Vessel members receive a burgee, and reciprocal rights.

This proposed dues scheduled will be voted on at the June general meeting.

Vice Commodore Carolyn Hershberger



Hello all,

I have been so busy with Totem Yacht Club activities, that I forget to write about it. First, the Daffodil Boat Parade and related activities, then the Fox Island Commodore's Ball last weekend, and finally the Seattle Opening. It is so good to see your Commodore and Rear Commodore plus Fleet Captain Tim in full gear. Boating season is definitely here! I missed the Des Moines cruise because RavenSong is not in the water yet, and I was attending the Fox Island Ball. Hope you all had a great time on the cruise. We had a great time at Daffodil and for the first time in Totem History (that's according to some "ole timers" there), we got all three Trivia answers correct. We also took third in the Flagship category. Thanks to all who showed up and supported Totem's efforts. A special thanks to Virginia Allard for being the best token for 2013. We won a magnum of Champagne at the Fox Island Ball for having a strong showing of Totem members. As always, Fox Island puts on a lovely dinner and wonderful music.

Opening Day was amazing. The Totem Flagship, Satisfaction, had the full bridge on board. A deep heartfelt thanks to Tim Redding for captaining the Flagship Satisfaction for both the Daffodil Festival and the Seattle Opening. It was a perfect day for the great event.

We have the Memorial Day Cruise coming up in Poulsbo at the end of May. Please plan on attending, either by boat or car, we don't care – we just want you there!



Rear Commodore Joe Simpson



I hope this Spring has you planting, mowing and smiling! No one appreciates a little (very little) sun more than a Washingtonian! Lets hope the weather keeps up and continues into a beautiful summer of cruising.

We were very fortunate with our Spring celebration at daffodil as the rain held off for the parade. Yea!! What a Grand time!

Fleet Captain Tim's boat 'Satisfaction' was dolled up and in rare form, from stem to stern she looked great. Much thanks to all involved in the daffodil adornments.

You can see the process via photo bucket. Check it out...

It seems I am the new one at the daffodil celebrations but that won't be for



long. I will surely make every attempt to be at the upcoming events through the years. We had a good turnout and placed really well among the 38 or so other yacht clubs involved. If you have never attended make sure to put it in your schedule. You won't be disappointed:-)

So what is the name of the monster that folk lore says lives in Canada's Lake Okeechobee?

"OGOPOGO"!...WHAT? Vice Commodore Carolyn pulled that one out of her hat when the trivia contest was about closing to put us in a tie for first place for the Q&A portion. Good Job Carolyn!!

Speaking of good jobs please don't forget House and Grounds May 11th! "C'mon down and lets put some lipstick on our club" as well as a few other things! Signage has been completed for the side of the building (thank you Ray and Tom) but there is plenty left to do. I've attached a list so you can find a task you may be seasoned at. Lets hope!!!

Task's to address:

- 1) Juniper tops will need trimming. The perimeter sides still look good but the tops need attention or future trimming will expose browning stems. A long neck trimmer will be needed. Have one? Let me know, ok?
- 2) Parking lot needs a power wash to remove moss build up. A bleach and water mixture would help to break it up but we are so close to the sound that power washing would be a little more eco friendly. Rocci had mentioned a washer he has. Anyone else?
- 3) Cleaning of our chair fabrics will need "many hands for light work". There are a lot of chairs and everything from booze, birthday cake and crab meat has been dropped on them. I will obtain some cleaner but this needs to truly be a group effort.
- 4) Wall paper in the men's room is a big issue. Tim Reding volunteered (under duress) to assist with removal and replacement with paint. Is anyone familiar with what to do to remove and/or save the product? Please let me know o.k? Sharon would like to keep the ceiling boarders, me too.
- 5) Installing the past Commodores photos and general cleaning and disinfecting.

I'm sure that there is more I am missing but with your help we will figure it out and get it all done!

REMINDER FOR PHOTOS: You can post and view all photos on the www.photobucket.com web site anytime. Both log in and password are "totemyachtclub"

Here is a snap shot of the up and coming cruises....

May 17 Boy Scout Cruise to Blake Island

Host: Tim Reding

Need boats to transfer scouts from homeport to Blake Island and back

May 24-27 Memorial Day Cruise @ Poulsbo Marina**

June 7-9 First Mates Cruise @ Dock Street

Host: Ken & Joana Hawks

June 21-23 Mystery Cruise**