



The Totem Line

57 years of yachting – 58 years of friendship



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Upcoming Events

April 1..... General Meeting
 April 5th..... House and Grounds
 April 11- 13th..... Daffodil weekend at TYC
 April 25-27th..... Cruise to Des Moines
 April 26th..... Fox Island Commodore's Ball

Leadership

Commodore..... Carolyn Hershberger
 Vice Commodore..... Joe Simpson
 Rear Commodore..... Rich Johnson
 Purser..... Sharon Nell
 Yeoman..... Sharon Blair

Area Fuel Prices
<http://fineedge.com/fuelsurvey.html>
 Updated 3/18/2014



Commodore's Report



The first three months of the year have been busy for Totem and its members. March 22nd was a banner day for the club in terms of fund raising. The annual Crab Feed was a success with over 95 guests. The crab was delicious, the salad, bread, beans and dessert great, as usual. The club raised over \$600 which was short of projected due to the cost of the crab, but we were saved by Val and Bob Watson. They organized and ran Totem's first participation in the annual Des Moines Swap Meet. They were able to raise over \$800 (and still counting) to save the day. The two events meet our anticipated revenue for our biggest fund raising weekend of the year!

There are so many members to thank for their work with the fund raising activities so here goes: Sharon Blair (chair of the crab feed) and Rocci, Barb Berntsen, Bob and Val Watson (swap meet), Sharon and Jack Nell, Joe and Provi Simpson, Louise and Floyd Burns, Ray and Char Sharpe, Rich and Mary Johnson, Tim Reding, Heidi and Mike Merrifield, and my granddaughter Kianna Love (cash raffle). Huge applause to Barb Berntsen, Joe and Provi Simpson and JR Reding for rounding up over 50+ of the 95 guests for the Crab Feed!

Our first cruise of the season to Longbranch had a great turn-out, despite the weather. I know I will get to see MR and Harry Faas at this cruise, as Longbranch is their home marina, so that alone, makes it worthwhile for me. My first cruise as a member of Totem was to Longbranch, and there to meet me as I came into the dock was Harry. Since then, I always look for Harry to meet me at the dock when I arrive, regardless of where the cruise is happening.

We had the "Blessing of the Fleet" by yours truly, with Harry contributing a mariner blessing as well. We toasted the Fleet and a wonderful year ahead of cruising. Thanks to JR Reding and Rick Demere for hosting the cruise.

April looks to be a busy month as well. Please plan on participating in the cruises and events; April 1st, General meeting; April 5th, House and Grounds; April 11- 13th, Daffodil weekend at Tacoma Yacht Club; April 25-27th Cruise to Des Moines; and April 26th Fox Island Commodore's Ball.

I want to thank Mary Johnson, who has taken on responsibility for the Galley this year. Mary is planning social dinners prior to our General monthly meetings. April is "baked potato and salad," and I know she has plans for May and June as well. Stay tuned!

What a great start to what I know will be a memorable year for Totem Yacht Club! Thank you all. Hope to see you soon,

Carolyn Hershberger, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report



Hello All,

Well Provi and I hit the lottery and bought a 128 footer ('April fools' - don't I wish!) Seems that this spring has sprung early, but that's great with us. We are so ready for cruising! We got a warm-up at the Coming-Out Cruise, although we didn't come by water. It was still great to see everyone and get our feet back on the dock. The fleet is now blessed by our commodore and ready for action!

Did you make the Crab Feed? If not, you missed out on a good one. We had a full house and the crab was great as always...

I do hope that in my absence all has remained on an even keel, as if our bridge would have it any other way, and I would like you to know that I miss seeing you all. Should the planets remain in alignment, I'll be back to my YC duties come the June meeting, and I look forward to that. Until then, remain safe and happy :-)

Best regards to all,

Joe Simpson, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



It's been a busy month for Mary and myself. We moved onto our boat, the *Ocean Bourne*, and now reside at Foss Harbor. Not sure that I would call it a dream, but we have been looking towards this change and so far, it's a great adventure! Now for some more sun?

Over this last month club rentals have really started to come in, and I have had to turn a couple of folks down because it was previously reserved. Please keep this in mind, as weekdays and Sundays are always a bit more open. Thanks to those who could switch their days around. On the "sort-of-the-same subject," our floors at the Club house have been stripped and re-waxed over this past month. They really came out nice and about 3 shades lighter. I am looking forward to showing them off to those who did not notice them.

Our House and Grounds Saturday has changed, due me shifting things around. It is going to be on the 5th of April at 9:00 a.m. I would like to see the stove and oven really cleaned up and cabinets wiped out. The awning to the entrance needs to be washed off, and I am thinking a boat brush and some Dawn would do the trick. I am also thinking about bringing my pressure washer and see if we can hose off the outside of the building. I am always open to new thoughts and ideas, as this will be my first year of these duties. Let's see what Saturday morning brings us!

The Crab Fest has come and gone, and it was a sell-out, however a few empty chairs were seen. I have not heard any numbers, but I think that we were ahead of the game. I do have reason to believe that all who showed up had great

dinner and a good time. The cruise season has started, and I think that Tim R was the first one out as he tested his new radar out. Longbranch the last weekend in March, Daffodil weekend the 11-13th of April, and Seattle Opening Day May 2nd. Is there really a chance that winter is over and we will see that big yellow glow in the sky for more than a 2 hour period?

Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore

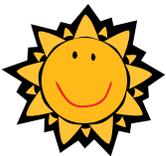


Galley Report

Hello from the Galley,

We are hoping to have a variety of dinners preceding our General Meetings, and the April 1st meeting will feature baked potato bar and salads. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Mary Johnson, Your Galley Hostess



Sunshine

Lee Mattingly had knee replacement surgery March 27th. at St. Joseph Hospital in Tacoma, WA. We all wish Lee a speedy recovery. You can contact me at FBurns5105@aol.com or by phone at 253-845-4326.

Louise Burns

Welcome New Members!

We look forward to welcoming Mike and Lois Holman, new members who will be sworn in at the April General Meeting. We will have more information and pictures next month.



Welcome to new members, James and Nancy Terrell, who were sworn in at the General Meeting March 4th! James and Nancy both work at Boeing, and live in Kent. He is an engineering aide, and she works in procurement. They have two grown children, Hallie and Jacob. They list gardening as a hobby they enjoy when not cruising on their 45' Bayliner 4588, *Plane 'n Simple*, moored at Chinook Landing. They especially enjoy cruising in the South Sound, Gig Harbor, and around Orcas Island. James and Nancy are looking forward to joining in on dining, cruising, and other events with us.



A warm Totem welcome to Dick and Diane Gamache, who were also sworn in at the March meeting. Dick is retired from a career in building management, and Diane is a retired bookkeeper. They live in Tacoma, and enjoy bowling and volunteering at a non-profit agency, as well as fishing and hunting, and of course, boating on their 35' Chaien Hwa trawler named *Lady Diane*. They have four grown children. Their boat is moored at Tye Harbor, and they are especially looking forward to cruising with Totem Yacht Club.

Legislative update: The Washington State Legislature is still accepting comment on the proposed No Discharge Zone (NDZ) for all of Puget Sound, as well as Lake Washington and Lake Union. It is currently illegal to dump black water within 3 miles of shore, but if passed, this law would prohibit any discharge of Type I or Type II Marine Sanitation Device anywhere in Puget Sound and consolidates enforcement to the DOE. RBAW opposes this change, and is encouraging the boating public to comment during the open comment period which continues until April 21st.

Because Rick Johnson's work schedule has changed, we are able to move our two House and Grounds events back to Saturdays, rather than Sundays. Please change your club calendars accordingly. New dates: April 5 and September 27. Please note the changes on your calendars. See you there!

Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Weekend and Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day

Totem Yacht Club is registered for both the TYC Daffodil Weekend and SYC Opening Day. *Satisfaction* will be our parade boat for both occasions, and Carolyn will be our official representative for ceremonies at both events. If you are planning to attend by boat, YOU MUST REGISTER with **each** host club. (See below) Otherwise, all members are encouraged to attend by vehicle, foot, or whatever. Lists of weekend activities for both events are attached.

For Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day, parking is sometimes easier on the Queen City side of Portage Bay on Boyer Ave. or side streets off Boyer (the earlier you arrive, the easier to find parking). Then walk to QCYC, and take the free shuttle boat over to SYC. For those arriving early on Saturday, look for Totem's folks on Dock Zero (SYC's southerlymost dock), enjoy the Windermere Cup crew races through the Montlake cut beginning at 10:20 a.m. followed by the Opening Day Boat Parade beginning at noon. Plenty of grassy seating is available behind SYC overlooking the cut. Both QCYC and SYC offer extensive dining to members of reciprocating clubs (us) throughout the weekend. Casual fare is available outside near the crew races and parade viewing areas.

If you are planning to attend SYC Opening Day by boat and moor at SYC, you must register online at the SYC webpage. The deadline is coming up fast. Let Bob Watson (robertwatson@comcast.net) know when you have completed your registration.

<http://www.seattleyachtclub.org/default.aspx?p=DynamicModule&pageid=296441&ssid=178538&vnf=1>

Tacoma Yacht Club Daffodil Weekend

Moorage will be assigned in the basin. Individual boats must complete their own registration (I don't see a deadline, but I would act soon) <http://tacomayachtclub.org/site/daffodilIndividualVesselRegistration.php>

Joe Simpson is still looking for volunteers for the Music Trivia Team The trivia contest at Daffodil Weekend April 12 will be a music trivia based on music from the 50's thru 2010. Each club will have a team of 6 persons (including their token) who will come up with the team's answers to music questions. The club's other members will be their cheering squad. Why not show your team and Totem spirit by helping out? We don't need experts as much as we need participants. The trivia contest is always fun, and by the way, each trivia team member gets paid \$1,000! Give Joe a call or e-mail joe.n.provi@gmail.com or call 253-503-7410.

Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day

Moorage will be at Zero Dock. Individual boats must register by April 3. Reserved space is not guaranteed but will be assigned based on when registration is received. Be sure to notify Bob Watson of your arrival/departure times, so we can plan our moorage and activities. Registration can be completed online at

<http://www.seattleyachtclub.org/default.aspx?p=DynamicModule&pageid=296441&ssid=178538&vnf=1>

2014 Daffodil Weekend Highlights

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Noon Basin Closed To All Non Daffodil TYC Traffic
11:00 AM Bar Opens
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch Available
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM Dinner – limited menu with deck barbeque
10:00 PM Clubhouse Closes

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 AM Registration & Daffy Bank Open
11:00 AM Bar Opens
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch Available
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Dinner Buffet at the Clubhouse
7:30 PM Lottery Drawing for Trivia Seating
8:30-9:30 PM Comedian BRAD UPTON
9:30PM - 11:30 PM Dancing in Clubhouse with DJ Chris Williamson
11:30 PM Clubhouse Closes

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 AM Registration & Daffy Bank Open
10:00 AM Daffodils delivered to TYC clubhouse (main parking lot)
11:00 AM Bar Opens
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch in Clubhouse
1:15 PM Line up Tokens & Cheer Squads at Club's covered entrance
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Trivia Token Parade
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Music Trivia Contest (Promptly ends at 4:00)
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Commodores Reception (Crow's Nest, Casual Dress/Club Shirts Encouraged)
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM Dinner Buffet
8:30 PM - 11:00 PM Music and Dancing by THE SHY BOYS
11:45 PM Clubhouse Closes

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 AM Daffy Bank Open
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM Champagne Brunch
9:00 AM Skipper's Meeting in tent on deck
9:30 AM Flag Ceremony Briefing in the Crow's Nest
10:00 AM Flag Ceremony
11:00 AM Boats prepare to depart Basin
11:30 AM Parade begins
2:30 PM Awards Ceremony (approximate time pending return of boats)
3:30 PM Clubhouse Closes

Theme: South of the Border

return of the snowbirds



Totem Yacht Club Cruise April 25-27

\$10 per person, plus moorage

Friday:

5 pm Happy Hour: Margaritas, chips, salsa, guacamole and sour cream

6:30 pm Dinner: Clenet's awesome Mexican lasagna, tacos and shredded lettuce

Evening activity and ice cream

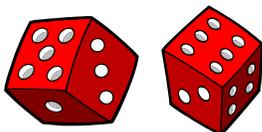


Saturday:

9 am Breakfast: Omelet, sausage, English muffins, fruit, coffee, and hot chocolate

(Lunch and Dinner on your own - so folks can go to the farmers market in the afternoon and then dine at any of the great restaurants folks enjoy in Des Moines)

Evening games and dessert



Sunday:

9 am Continental Breakfast, fruit, coffee, and hot chocolate

Hosted by Mike, Heidi, Clenet and Bernie Merrifield

To reserve, contact Heidi at 253-219-8108 or heidcmike@comcast.net



Totem Yacht Club Leprechauns Enjoying St. Patty's Day



Pictures from the Des Moines Swap Meet





Pictures from the Crab Feed 2014

