



The Totem Line

57 years of yachting – 58 years of friendship



In this issue: St. Patrick's Day Dinner and General Meeting info; Daffidil Parade and SYC Opening Day; Revised Crab Feed Flyer; Swap Meet Flyer; Coming Out Cruise information; Pictures from the Commodore's Ball.

Upcoming Events

Mar 4...St. Patty's Dinner and General Meeting
 Mar 22.....Marine Swap Meet
 Mar 22.....Crab (and Chicken) Feed
 March 28-30.....Coming Out Cruise

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>

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Commodore's Report



What an honor it is to be Totem's Commodore for 2014. My Ball last Saturday night was Fantastic! To all of you who helped throw me the party of a lifetime, I thank you. Pappa Eddies served a delicious dinner of Salmon and Prime Rib. The band was great, as was the raffle. A special thank you to Cathy Betts, for the Ball decorations. I know she had lots of help, like from Joe Simpson with the photos, and from all of you that helped decorate, host, and clean-up, but word has it that Cathy was the spark that brought it all together. Thanks to Ron Reding for chairing the committee and MC'ing, and to Sharon Blair, Sharon Nell, Cathy Betts, and Virginia Allard, for making Ron look great as chair of the event. To Ray Sharpe, who managed to arrange for nine Past Commodores as escorts, thank you. And to Tim Reding, thank you for hosting the Pre-party at your home for all the attending Commodores. Also, thank you to Dave and Pat Longordo for the Commodore and Ball pictures. It was wonderful to have my sister and her husband, Janelle and John Cain, my brother Dean Kahn, my granddaughter, Kianna Love, my daughter Anna Love Allen and my escort, Captain Marty Jackson there for love and support and to share this very special time with me. I will forever cherish my Commodore's Ball where I felt treasured, and filled with love, warmth and laughter.

March is another busy month for us. The March 4th meeting will be preceded by a St Paddy's dinner celebration of Corned Beef and Cabbage. **March 22nd is our CRAB FEED.** Please get your reservations and the names of your guests to me ASAP at hershkahn68@gmail.com. Also remember to designate if you wish to substitute Teriyaki chicken in lieu of Crab. March 28-30 will be our first cruise of the season to Longbranch. If you can't come by boat, please plan on driving over and joining in the Naming of the Fleet, the potluck and good times with great people. The event is being hosted by Rick Demere and JR Reding, so if you have any questions, please contact them.

The 2013 Audit of the Financial Records for the club was completed and accepted by the Board at its meeting on February 18th. The Board also voted the funds to print a revised Tri-fold for marketing purposes.

My heart goes out to Rocci and Sharon Blair for the loss of dog Casey, companion and family member of fifteen years. I know the thoughts of our members are with you in your time of sorrow.

Hope to see you soon,

Carolyn Hershberger, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report



Hello All:

Normally, that would be an "Ahoy," but I have been landlocked for far too long and am anxiously awaiting our first cruise after we launch the *Lucky Charm*!

Well, for those of you who missed our Commodore's Ball this year, you truly missed a great ball! Commodore Carolyn was so happy, but then again, so was everyone! What a great tribute and a truly hopeful beginning to our year of 2014.

Our 2014 Annual is ready to go to print, thanks to the guidance and help of Bob Watson and our commodore. I do offer my thanks to the membership that has worked so hard to assist (if not do) the legwork to make our Annual happen. My regret is the fact that my job is calling me away from my post as Vice Commodore for the next three months (have to work the night shift) so please be patient, and I will be back soon!

"Following seas to all."

Regards,

Joe Simpson, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



Two months are already gone in 2014 – Wow! And Totem's Commodore's Ball has come and gone. A great evening was had by all. I think Carolyn was a bit taken aback by it all. Decorations were exceptional, and the food was great, and there was a lot of it. The music just topped it all off.

Now we move into March, and what a bunch of activities we have planned! The General Meeting is the 4th of March. Corned beef is on the menu, so don't forget your extra \$6.00 for a great home-cooked meal. I understand there will be plenty to eat and a good time for all. The Crab Feed is going to happen on the 22nd of March, whether or not we have a "full house." Welcome to both those who like to eat crab, and those like myself who will have Teriyaki chicken. As if these activities were not enough, we have the *Coming Out Cruise* to Longbranch March 28th-31st. So, as they say: March comes in like a lion, and should go out like a lamb. Let's hope for a warm weekend, but whatever the weather, we can show up on boats that are likely in need of a good spring cleaning, at least if you are like most of us, waiting for those nice warmer days and fun times cruising in shorts and T-shirts.

Club rentals are starting to pick up, so if you or friends are looking towards a Graduation Party, think Totem Yacht Club, and invite your whole group to attend. Let me know!

Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore

Past Commodore's Report



Greetings;

The 2014 Totem YC Commodore's ball is behind us, and I must admit I am relieved. I do believe it was a great success and a lot of fun, and I say that after receiving a lot of positive feedback from many who attended. Attendance was good, as we hit our goal of seating 80 for dinner. We had 6 visiting Commodores and they all came with at least one other person. TOA had the largest visiting contingent with 14, followed by Des Moines YC with 11. I was pleased to see a good turnout of 24 Totem members, and 8 of their guests. The club looked great that night, and the evening went along with only a couple of minor glitches. The glitches were my doing. Credit for the clubhouse looking good, and the success of this wonderful event belongs to (not necessarily in this order): Bob and Val Watson, Sharon and Rocci Blair, Tom and Virginia Allard, Sharon and Jack Nell, Tim Reding, Joe and Provi Simpson, Richard and Mary Johnson, Dan Toft, Rick Demere, and (I don't know how I would have survived otherwise) my sweetie, Cathy Betts. Thank you all so much! I enjoyed working with you all, and I hope it was mutual! I should also mention that we had 9 past Totem Commodores on hand to escort our guests in. That was great!

I am looking forward to the cruising season, and the many more events that we have coming up! Did someone say Crab Feed? "Full speed ahead," Carolyn and Totem YC!

Ron Reding, Past Commodore

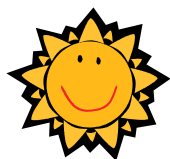


Galley Report

Hello from the Galley,

We are celebrating St. Patty's Day a bit early due to the Crab Feed on the 22nd. We would, however, love to see all of you in your green and enjoying a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner for the wee price of \$6.00. The dinner will be March 4th before our general meeting. Dinner is at 6:30, and feel free to bring any Irish music you have, so we can have a great nite of fun for all. Hope the Luck o' the Irish is with you o'er the months to come.

Mary Johnson, Your Galley Hostess,



Sunshine

We have no Sunshine Report this month, so hopefully, no news is good news. If you, or someone you know in the Club is ill or hospitalized, I can be reached by phone at [1-253-845-4326](tel:1-253-845-4326) or by email at FBurns5105@aol.com.

Louise Burns, Sunshine Chair

Welcome to new members, James and Nancy Terrell, to be sworn in at the General Meeting March 4th! Hopefully, we will have more information about them to share in the April Totem Line.

New 2014 calendars, as well as inserts for the small and large Annual Membership Books will be available at the March 4th General Meeting, as well as subsequent meetings. Please make sure you get yours! Also, we have newly designed and printed tri-fold flyers to distribute to potential new members. Pick up a few at the meeting, and share with boating friends and when you are out cruising.

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 available on the Host Club's websites.

Tacoma YC has ample parking, but the new entrance off Ruston Way will be in use. Be sure to be there to cheer on our token and trivia team on Sat afternoon from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Tim will be providing details regarding decorating our parade boat, but figure on helping out Saturday morning for the basics and Sunday morning for final touches with fresh flowers. And of course, don't miss the Daffodil boat parade at TYC or along Thea Foss Waterway beginning Sunday at 11:30 am.

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.

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>

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>

LADIES And gentlemen!
Boys and Girls!
Irish and Wannabes Wherever!

Get your Irish on
And Help Totem Celebrate the Happiest of Holidays



We're Having a Corned Beef and Cabbage Feast

Right in Our Own Wee Clubhouse

Tuesday, March 4

Carving Starts at 6:30 PM
Before the General Meeting of the Totem
Leprechauns

We'll have Good music and food

You can Bring a song...A smile...wear some green

But Bring 6 Gold Coins For the Fiddler

See you there!



2014 Annual Crab Feed Totem Yacht Club

5045 N. Highland, Tacoma, WA 98407

Saturday, March 22, 2014

6:00 p.m.

\$35.00 per person

Fresh Crab (or Teriyaki Chicken)

Cole Slaw

Barb's Famous Beans

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Beer, Wine, and Soda bar

Music after dinner to DJ Leon Crawford



Reservations: Carolyn Hershberger

hersh Kahn68@gmail.com or 360-981-0727

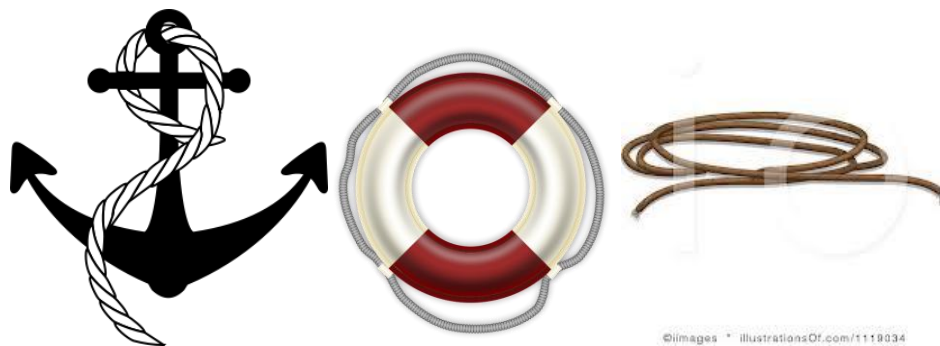
15th Annual Indoor & Outdoor

MARINE SWAP MEET

Saturday March 22, 2014 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The largest Indoor Marine Swap Meet in the Northwest

Buy / Sell / Swap / Visit



Marine Equipment, Accessories, Electronics, Tools, Boats, Trailers, Dinghies, Books, etc.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

This will be a fund-raiser for Totem YC. If you have any marine or nautical items in serviceable condition you would care to donate, we will do our best to sell them, with the proceeds going to Totem. Articles that do not sell may be returned to donor. To arrange delivery or pick-up or if you have any questions contact Bob or Val Watson at 253-925-0751 or <mailto:robertwatson6@comcast.net>. And be sure to stop by the Swap Meet at Des Moines Yacht Club on March 22.

Des Moines Yacht Club 22737 Marine View Drive I-5 Exit 149 to Des Moines

SPACE AVAILABLE - RESERVE NOW !!! desmoinesyachtclub.com

Call Simon or Yvonne Josowitz 253 884 1103 Or email syjos@msn.com

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

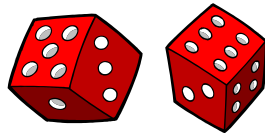


Saturday:

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
Contact Heidi at 253-219-8108 or heidicmike@comcast.net



CITY OF **Des Moines**

Reserve moorage directly with Des Moines @ 206-824-5700,
tell them you are with Totem Yacht Club

Pictures from the Commodore's Ball

