



The Totem Line

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In this issue: Report and pictures from Des Moines Cruise and Daffodil Festival; Pictures from the Potato Bar April Dinner meeting; Flyer for the Bell Harbor Cruise June 27-29.

Upcoming Events

May 2-4.....Seattle Opening Day
 May 6..... General Meeting
 May 10.....South Sound Opening Day
 May 16-18.....Boy Scout Work Party Cruise
 May 23-26.....Memorial Day 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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Transient Moorage Rates

Waggoner's eNews recently published a chart showing transient moorage rates for Summer, 2014. See the following link: <http://waggonerguide.com/content/waggoner-transient-moorage-price-survey>

Commodore's Report



Another busy month comes to a close. We started off April with the Spring House and Grounds. Thanks to Rich and Mary Johnson for coordinating the event. Daffodil weekend was great, although we didn't win anything, we had a great time socializing. Thanks to all who helped decorate the Flagship, participated in the parade and Song trivia; To Heidi Merrifield for being Totem's "Token", and of course, to Tim Reding for Captaining our Flagship, *Satisfaction*. It was a glorious day for the parade and a great time was had by all.

The Des Moines Cruise, hosted by Bernie, Clenet, Mike and Heidi Merrifield, was a huge success. They had the main dinner on Friday night, so that members attending the Fox Island Commodores' Ball on Saturday, could enjoy part of the cruise. Thank you Merrifields!

We had nine members attend the Fox Island Ball. As always, Fox Island puts on a first class Ball. From the appetizers, to the best chicken and mushroom enchilada I've ever eaten, to dessert, and the same band that I had at my Ball, it was a great evening.

Also, the same weekend of the cruise and Ball, we had the time capsule party in Gig Harbor. Louise Burns will lead us in opening the capsule at the May General Meeting.

May is another busy month. Seattle Opening, South Sound Opening at Des Moines and Olympia Yacht Clubs, the Boy Scout Cruise to Blake Island, and the Memorial Cruise to Poulsbo, hosted by Roger and Louise Gallington. My brother is visiting from Sydney AU, so I want to thank Vice Commodore Joe Simpson for stepping up and representing Totem at the Seattle Opening, and also attending the South Sound Opening in Olympia, while I attend the one at Des Moines.

Hope to see you all at the May General Meeting - I have a feeling it's going to be a great meeting.

Carolyn Hershberger, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report



Ahoy All:

I must say "kudos" to the house and grounds crew! A lot got done and the clubhouse is lookin' good. Thanks, Rich, for pulling that together. It was a bit of a juggle after the weekend change, but as it turned out, hardly anyone seemed fazed in the least bit.

And: Don't forget ***DAFFODIL*** weekend!!! That was great. Thanks, Heidi, for being a great token! For those of you who couldn't make it, be sure to check out the pics in this issue of *Toteline*, and also in Totem YC's "photo-bucket." It was, as always...awesome... Tim's *Satisfaction* shone through yet again with flying colors. Literally:-) Decorations were fun (especially after everyone tried to remember how in the heck we did it last time!) Commodore Carolyn was looking her fabulous self at the Fox Island ball.

Again, I thank my lucky stars that Provi and I joined this club. We have had a great time this month, with more to go - especially with Seattle opening coming up, always entertaining.

Take care all, and I hope to see you all soon.

Joe Simpson, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



You all know that there are certain things that signal SPRING: Apple blossoms, the ground hog, daffodils, that smell of the first grass cut, etc.. Just think, that on the April 30th it reached almost 80 degrees, so hopefully April showers do bring May flowers. Or at least boaters.

Now for me, being in the boat and tackle business, the sign is, "I am sorry, it will be 3 weeks out before we can get to your boat. We are booked." WOW, Spring is here all right, and May 3rd is the Official Opening of the Boating Season in Seattle. Your Bridge Officers will be there along, with 5 other boats. We should have a great day. Your Bridge had a Commodore Ball at Fox Island YC. My first mate and I have never been to this area. They have a beautiful location and dock, and were very enthusiastic about other boats from Totem visiting them. Great reciprocal. This place looks beautiful and is very quiet.

This month has many choices, from the Cinco de Mayo Dinner/General meeting to ending this month with the Memorial Day Cruise to Poulsbo. This will be a fun 3 days, and I, along with a few others, are heading up Friday to return on Monday. We hope for great turnout. So much to do, and so little time -- but this is one reason we joined Totem YC, as they really do have so much going on and a great group of people to meet, get to know, and become friends with.

We have a great start on Rentals with about 10 more looking towards the rest of the year. We have already had 5 or 6 rentals, and have a couple of referrals from those. The Club House looks great so... YES, Spring is here! Let's get

together and enjoy!

Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore

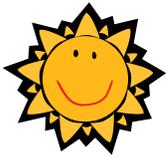


Galley Report

Welcome to Spring, I think!!! We are fast approaching May and our general meeting. I hope everyone will enjoy our Mexican Cinco De Mayo dinner. We are doing a potluck with your favorite dishes. Last names starting with A-M are to bring a dessert of their choosing. Last names starting with the second half of the alphabet, L-Z, please bring your favorite Mexican Dish. We will be eating at 6:30 and hope to have a great turnout and lots of food and fun.

Happy May!

Mary Johnson, your Galley Host



Sunshine Report – and a Time Capsule!

I have no sunshine report this month. I can be reached at FBurns5105@aol.com or by phone [1-253-845-4326](tel:1-253-845-4326). But I do want to report that I have the time capsule from the Gig Harbor Light House and will bring it to the May meeting. What was in it????????????????

Louise Burns

Tacoma Freedom Fair and Air Show Request for Volunteers

The Fourth of July is just around the corner (well, not quite, but it will be here before we know.) Again this year Tacoma Events Commission will be putting on the Freedom Fair and Air show. Tacoma Yacht Club is working with the Commission to help organize the Airbox, which is the secure area in Commencement Bay that the planes perform over. We are looking for volunteers from Yacht Clubs in the area to help with this community event. Volunteers will need to have boats with VHF radios and a GPS. They will be asked to hold positions around the perimeter of the Airbox to mark the area that non-authorized boat traffic must stay clear of, for obvious safety reasons. Enforcement of the rules will be handled by the Coast Guard and the Tacoma police. The boat will need to be on station from approximately 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM on Friday July 4th. It's easy, it's fun and it's the best seats in the house. If you are interested, please contact;

Bill Foulk - TYC Airbox Coordinator at wcfoulk@yahoo.com or

Lori Linenko - Tacoma Event Commission at llinenko@gmail.com

Welcome New Members!

We are so happy to have new members joining Totem Yacht Club, and joining in on all the activities. Please introduce yourselves to any unfamiliar people at any of our events, and spread the news about this great group!

Des Moines Cruise – Return of the Snowbirds

The Merrifield family co-hosted their first cruise together - Bernie blended Margaritas, Clenet cooked chicken Mexican lasagna, hostess Heidi had hamburger tacos and Mike's multi-media provided entertainment. Beautiful weather made this a great kick off to spring event. 36 members and guests attended: 18 by boat (n=9) and 18 by car. Snowbirds Roger and Louise Gallington drove over for Friday night's Mexican Fiesta dinner.

Nine boats were there: Encore, C-Shell, Satisfaction, Defiance, Plane n Simple, Phantom, Alan's Leg- A-Sea, Lady Diane and Dolce.

Des Moines rolled out the red carpet for Totem's second club cruise in 5-months. They provided coffee on Saturday and kept our ice chest stocked. They also provided gift bags and a coloring contest with great prizes.



Can you spot the winners? It wasn't easy to judge the 11 entries! First thru third place prizes went to pictures in the first column, top #1 to bottom #3: New member Nancy Terrell won first prize (two nights free moorage), second place went to Lisa (one night moorage) and third prize to Val Watson. There were three obvious attempts to "kiss up" to the judge by including Totem Yacht Club - I have to admit I fell for the canoeing one: "Faster! They are coming! Who! Totem Yacht Club! Those crazy drivers! Faster!"

Saturday members choose how to spend the afternoon – watching Three Tree Yacht Club's sailboat race, taking a walk along Des Moines Creek Trail, relaxing dockside, hanging out in the heated shelter and playing backgammon or working on a mini golf puzzle.

For Saturday night's dinner 10 people went to Anthony's with David and Jill Harry to celebrate their 23rd Anniversary and 8 went to Mandarin Kitchen.

Clenet shared the secret to improving your fortune – add “in bed” at the end when reading the message in the cookie! Go to

<https://www.facebook.com/totemyachtclub> and see more pictures in this issue of Totemline.





Totem's City Cruise Bell Harbor June 27-29 \$10 per person, BYOB

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Appetizers upon arrival 7 pm Dinner (Bring your own meat to BBQ) Caesar Salad Potatoes Rolls	10 am Brunch Sausages Ham & Cheese Scrambled Eggs Muffins Fruit Coffee, Hot Chocolate	9:30 am Continental Breakfast Pastries Fruit Coffee, Hot Chocolate

Seattle! Seattle! What will you do with 48 hrs shore leave on the town?

Whether your idea of fun in downtown Seattle means nightlife, fine dining, pro-baseball, a Broadway national musical tour, shopping or kicking back, there is something for everyone. Club activities will include a sail on Elliott Bay aboard Alan's Leg-A-Sea or Moshi on Saturday and movies under the stars at night.

Here are some ideas of activities you may want to do downtown:

- **#1 Broadway Musical of the Year!:** Gershwin's musical "Porgy and Bess" has showings at 5th Avenue Theatre. Merrifield's are season subscribers and will be attending 2pm Saturday matinee. (We can purchase tickets for you with 15% discount. Call or text Heidi.) (<https://www.5thavenue.org>)
- **Big League Baseball:** Seattle Mariner's vs. Cleveland Indians games at Safeco Field Friday and Saturday nights 7 - 10 pm. Last year Friday's night's game was followed by fireworks. (<http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com>).
- **Free activities:** Pike Place Market, downtown or waterfront shopping, Seattle Art Museum's Sculpture Park, Centennial Park and live bands at the Edgewater Inn.

If you plan to arrive by boat and haven't signed up yet, please call Heidi @ 253-219-8108 or e-mail heidimike@comcast.net. We've reserved 8 slips, and will want to know if more will be needed. Bell Harbor requires members to pay their non-refundable first night's moorage at least two weeks in advance (\$1.35 per foot / night, plus \$5 shore power). We have paid a \$5 deposit per reserved slip which will be offset by our per person cruise fee.



This event is hosted by new member sailors Mike and Heidi Merrifield, and Doug and Melissa Gelowitz.

Hail "Totem Yacht Club" on channel 68 15-minutes prior to arrival.

April's Baked Potato Bar Dinner and Dessert



Pictures from the Coming Out Cruise



Pictures from the Daffidil Parade in Tacoma

