



# The Totem Line



*57 years of yachting – 58 years of friendship*

*In this issue: Flyers for the Port Orchard Dinner/Theater Cruise Oct. 10-12; the Fall Social Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>; and the Turkey Day Cruise, Nov. 27-30; and Pictures from the Fall House and Grounds Clean-up.*

### *Upcoming Events*

Oct. 6.....	Seattle Waterfront Festival
Oct. 7.....	General Meeting
Oct 10-12...	Port Orchard Dinner/Theater Cruise
Oct. 25.....	Fall Social
Nov. 27-30.....	Turkey 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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## *Commodore's Report*



I can't believe October is already here. Now comes the busy Fall season for Totem members. Please plan on attending the General Meeting October 7 at 7:30. We are nominating Officers and Board Members for the 2015 year, and for the Elections at the November General Meeting. Please consider volunteering for a position. If you choose to "Go through the Chairs" know that there is tons of support available to you in the new position. That is what is so special about Totem Yacht Club. There are always people ready to step up and help each other out.

Also, Heidi Merrifield will be presenting a new "calendar" for Totem for 2015, and it is critical that members have a chance to share their feelings about the new way of "doing business". I support her proposal because I think it makes coming to events at Totem more meaningful and fun for our members.

Also on Saturday, October 25th, we will have our Fall Social, hosted by Clenet and Heidi Merrifield. A flyer has been sent out already and it looks like a great party. I plan on attending. Hope you do too. Over Thanksgiving weekend is our Cruise to Arabellas, hosted by Tom and Virginia Allard. I am not going by boat but plan on attending the party on Saturday night. I look forward to seeing you all there.

I have been under the weather for the last couple of weeks, so I missed the Fall House and Grounds. I hope there was a good turnout and look forward to hearing all about it. Thanks to Rich and Mary Johnson for organizing the event. Thanks to all of you for making Totem Yacht Club such a wonderful place.

Carolyn Hershberger, Commodore

## *Vice Commodore's Report*



"Avast Me Hearties!" Just a few words from the ol' Vice Commodore. Did you know last week was 'Talk Like a Pirate Day' here in the good ol' U.S. of A.? Neither did I. Oh well, just another thing to mark on the calendar, I guess. I do hope all is well for you and your loved ones.

I would first like to thank our Rear Commodore, Rich, for organizing the house and grounds project. We didn't have too good of a turn out, but the team we had 'gotter done,' by golly. Had some laughs as well.

The Carling ball and pre-party were fun. PC Dan Toft joined us (boy, he drives bad!) and we had some great food and dancing. It's always a pleasure to go to the balls. We so look forward to them. Speaking of looking forward, I am really excited about the change of watch coming up! Please make sure to attend next meeting. Nominations and Tim's popcorn go great together (and possibly a few libations maybe :-)

Well, The *Lucky Charm* is out of the water for the winter, and going up for sale. Provi is none too happy about selling her, but we have to make room for the new boat, which we are in the process of naming. It's actually harder than one would think.

Well, that's all I have for now, and we'll see ya at the meeting! "Ahrgh!" (That's pirate for "please take care and best wishes to you all,") Those pirates, masters of the understatement, yuckyuckyuck!

Joe Simpson, Vice Commodore

## *Rear Commodore's Report*



Well, it's only been a couple of weeks since the last newsletter, so not a lot of things to update. We did have a House and Grounds get-together. We had weeds pulled and sprayed, we spread new bark dust and did some interior cleaning. I think that we are ready for our October Social, or as Heidi calls it, our Halloween Party. October will be a busy month, with the Bridge accepting nominations for several positions, including a new person to run the chairs starting with Rear Commodore. I believe that we have a few people who stepped up, but we will see were this goes.

I do wish to thank the few that showed up for the House and Grounds: Joe and Provi Simpson, Mike and Heidi Merrifield, and Patty Chastain who loaded the bark dust into buckets so we could spread it. The weather held, and we were done by noon. We did this in the memory of Commodore Carolyn H. who called in sick, but we knew in her heart she was there to inspire. A huge thanks to the group.

The months of November and December are already filled for clubhouse reservations, so it will be a great year for club rentals and it will be great to turn over the keys for next year.

Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore

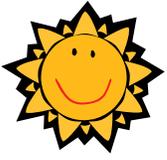


## *Galley Report*

Welcome Fall, and fellow boaters,

We are going to have a popcorn night for our general meeting. Hope all of you will show up for the meeting. We have a busy night. The October 25th Party will be hosted by Heidi, and pizza and fun will be had by all. Next month is our annual soup night. More information will be coming at the end of the month.

Take Care,  
Mary Johnson, your Galley Gal



## *Sunshine Report*

Rick Demere is home after heart surgery and doing well. We wish him a speedy recovery. Commodore Carolyn Hershberger has been suffering from allergies and sinus problems, also our sunshine lady with the same problems. Floyd Burns is under doctor's care for anemia, and we hope with the iron pills and B-12 shots he will soon be his old self again. Hopefully all the rest of our Totem family is well. You can contact me at [FBurns5105@aol.com](mailto:FBurns5105@aol.com) or at [253-845-4326](tel:253-845-4326).

Louise Burns

## *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! New members – please send Patty Chastain a brief bio of yourselves and your boat to include in the next issue of Totem Line, so we can get to know you a little quicker! ([totemline@gmail.com](mailto:totemline@gmail.com))

**Remember, if you have articles, pictures, or information you would like to share with members in future issues of Totem Line, please send them to Patty Chastain ([totemline@gmail.com](mailto:totemline@gmail.com)). We all love to see pictures of our cruises and social activities, but we can only include a limited number in Totem Line, or the file becomes too large, but many more are available at [www.photobucket.com](http://www.photobucket.com) using the login [totemyachtclub](#), and password [totemyachtclub](#). It has been suggested that we might include information about boats or boat-related equipment you want to sell (or buy) in Totem Line, and that information will be included depending on space available.**

## **Northwest Boater Information**

If you haven't seen it yet, there's a website for Northwest boaters at <http://www.nwboatinfo.com>. It's a one-stop website for current information and news for boaters. There are links for boat registration, moorage reservations at State Marine Parks, US Customs information, and requirements for Boating Safety Cards (for those of you young enough to need them...) An extensive sidebar menu highlights boating events, marinas and other marine services, as well as links to local yacht clubs (including Totem Yacht Club, of course. (This may turn out to be helpful in getting our name "out there" to new boaters.)

If you are looking for something to do the first weekend in October, there is the Seattle Waterfront Festival from 2-8 pm on Saturday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, "[The New Waterfront Festival](#) is a free, collaborative event made possible by City of Seattle entities, non-profit organizations, waterfront businesses, and the community. The festival is focused on increasing awareness and to gain consumer support for businesses during Seawall construction throughout the fall and winter up to late spring of 2015. The festival will offer live music, entertainment and activities for the entire family with a 45 minute light display set to the live musical performance of Vaudeville Etiquette at 7pm." A \$10 off coupon for moorage at Bell Harbor Marina for the festival is on the webpage, <http://www.nwboatinfo.com>.

**Totem Yacht Club**

# **Fall Social – Pizza Party**

**Saturday, October 25 6-9 PM**

Cost \$5 per person – BYOB

*Select one of the three themes below and bring items to match –  
(prizes will be awarded for each category):*

- 1. an appetizer or dessert**
- 2. a costume**
- 3. a pumpkin or gourd**

Best Appetizer



### **Traditional Fall Harvest**

- produce from your garden
- warm sweaters or fleece
- interesting gourds & leaves

Best Dessert



### **Ghoulish Halloween Favorites**

- gross or gory treats
- character disguises
- jack-o-lantern to carve

Best Dressed



### **World Champion Seahawks**

- tailgater treats
- 12's attire or favorite star's jersey
- pumpkin to paint blue and lime

Best Pumpkin

*Bring your friends and family – Fun for everyone!*

Questions? Contact Heidi Merrifield 253-219-8108 or [heidicmike@comcast.net](mailto:heidicmike@comcast.net)



Totem Yacht Club's  
*First Ever*



## Dinner & Theater Cruise

October 10 - 12

Port Orchard Marina

Friday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

Show up with a smile...

Festivities will begin on arrival

6:00 pm - Potluck Heavy Hors 'd Oeuvres

Saturday, Oct 11

AM - Enjoy shopping and the farmers' market (last day this season)

PM - Games with prizes (bring some \$ ones)

5:00 pm Group dinner in town

7:30 pm Theater: "Bullshot Crummond"

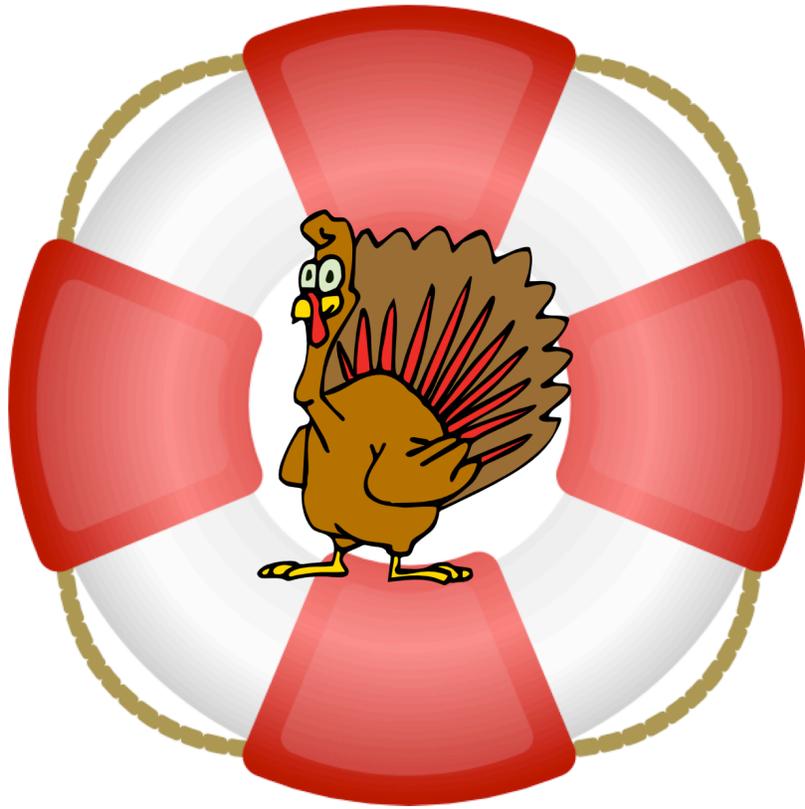
Sunday, Oct 12

Continental breakfast before departure

\$5 pp

We have 12 slips, so call Shanley Brown to reserve your spot 253-566-7006

[Western Washington Center for the Arts](#) is an intimate, casual and fun 59-seat theater located next to the Port Orchard marina. Tickets for us are around \$10.



# Totem Yacht Club 2014 Turkey Cruise

**Thursday:** Ahoy! Boats begin to arrive.

**When:** Nov. 27, 2014 - Nov. 30, 2014

**Friday:** Head into town for dinner with friends or dine on board your yacht.

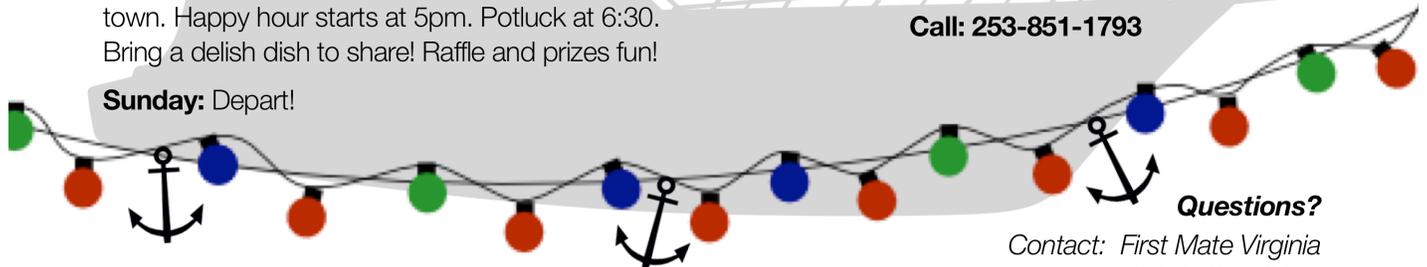
**Where:** Arabella's Landing Marina,  
3323 Harborview Dr., Gig Harbor, WA

**Saturday:** Decorate boats for prizes. Shop the town. Happy hour starts at 5pm. Potluck at 6:30. Bring a delish dish to share! Raffle and prizes fun!

**Reserve your space by Thursday Nov. 13!**

**Call: 253-851-1793**

**Sunday:** Depart!



**Questions?**

Contact: First Mate Virginia  
206-948-4766 or

Captain Tom: 206-979-6360

## Pictures from Fall House and Grounds Clean-up



# For Sale

*5 H.P. MERCURY Outboard Motor- Self Contained/2 Stroke  
Forward and Reverse gears- Runs very well  
A External Tank with hook up hose -*

**\$650.00**

*Will demo the running motor*



**Contact Bernie Merrifield – 253-839-4775 or 253-569-7181**