



The Totem Line

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Upcoming Events

April 7.....General Meeting
 May 1-3.....Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day
 May 15-17 Boy Scouts Work Party, Blake Island
 May 22-25Memorial Day Cruise, Poulsbo
 June 5-7.....Anchor Out, Gig Harbor

Leadership

Commodore..... Joe Simpson
 Vice Commodore..... Mike Holman
 Rear Commodore..... Vote April 6
 Purser..... Sharon Nell
 Yeoman..... Provi Simpson

Commodore's Report



Ahoy all!

Seems the best time of year with Spring's arrival, Easter around the corner, and cruise season opened up. Yea! Arrabella's, for the Coming Out Cruise, was a great get-together. Thanks to the Merrifields. But truly, the best times are when we get to know and introduce our new members. We have great additions to our boating family coming onboard this year with Andy and Liza Jolly, James and Joanne Ross, Allen and Sally Vraspir, as well as Mark and Kay Hafterson. Welcome aboard friends! I'm sure you'll find fellowship, a lot of good times, and some fantastic cruising with us.

Daffodil is the first on the horizon, April 10th, 11th and 12th. Tim, aboard *Satisfaction*, has generously volunteered to be our parade boat, so let's get together for decorating at the Tacoma Yacht Club docks, Slip 327, on Saturday at 10:00. Fast on the heels of Daffodil comes the Fox Island Ball, then on to Seattle opening May 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Lots happening!

I hope to see you all at the April meeting and let's enjoy some spaghetti together, brought to you by Barb Bernsten and company. Come enjoy and we'll see you there! Until then, following seas and dry stores to you...

Joe Simpson, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report



Spring Cleanup: A Day and an Evening at the Club

Saturday, April 18th, is just around the corner. That is the date of our Spring House and Grounds work party. We have much to do in the ways of real maintenance on the house. Our work will be divided into several teams if we have the volunteers.

First is the outside. Shrubs and plants need pruning. Old dead growth needs to be removed. The parking lot needs to be cleaned and parking stalls need to be re-stripped. Our outside doors need to be painted, and the deck needs some repair work done on it. Windows needs to be cleaned. The roof is in desperate need of cleaning, especially under the awning. And finally the awning cover needs to be re-taped and the metal support

structure needs the rust removed and then it needs to be re-painted. We can use every able bodied person that shows up just to work on the outside.

Second is the inside. Windows need to be washed. We have new parts for all the chairs that need to be installed. Organizing the kitchen needs to be completed. But the biggest project is the office/storage closet. There are a great many items that can be sorted, organized, in some cases discarded. This needs to be done to assure that everyone that needs to know, knows what we have in the way of decorations, kitchen and cruising supplies, and equipment.

I will appoint an outside director and an inside director to manage and direct the activities. I have found that one of the best ways to get to know others is working side-by-side on a joint project. While I can see that we have coffee, tea, etc., with donuts and pastries for morning, and soup and sandwiches for lunch, only you can see that we have woman and man power. Please e-mail me at mike@pensionlabs.com to let me know if you can join in and I will let you know what to bring based upon our projects. Remember - we all pledged to be involved and participate - this is one of those times when participation is the one thing that can make it successful.

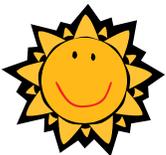
See you on the 18th at 9:00 AM. WE work until we are finished or 4:00, whichever comes first. And remember - that night - Saturday, April 18th is our TYC Spring Social at the clubhouse. More on that later, but mark the date.

Mike Holman, Vice Commodore



Galley Report

No Galley Report this month.



Sunshine Report

Lois Holman had surgery the first part of March. The surgery went well and she is home recuperating. We all send our best wishes to Lois. Send Sun Shine information to Louise at FBurns5105@aol.com or 1-253-845-4326.

Area Fuel Prices <http://fineedge.com/fuelsurvey.html> Updated 12/16/2014

Current wind direction and speed conditions in Puget Sound:

<http://i90.atmos.washington.edu/ferry/Ferryjs/mainframe1.htm>

Webcams showing current coastal water conditions:

<http://www.northwestwebcams.com/washington-web-cams.shtm#coastal>

Commodore Joe Simpson is still looking for volunteers for the Music Trivia Team The trivia contest at Daffodil Weekend 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 and a "Token". Give Joe a call at (253) 503-7410, or e-mail joe.n.provi@gmail.com.

Cruise Report

The first cruise of the year, March 27th to the 29th, started off on Friday with 5 boats and some great weather. We had happy hour at 5:00 on *Lucky Dog II*, followed by a trip to the Mexican restaurant. Saturday, we had a continental breakfast, again on *Lucky Dog II*, with muffins, coffee, and Mimosas. The rest of the day was free for whatever you wanted to do. Some of us went for a walk and ended up at a brewery.



For our potluck, we used the Net Shed at Arabella's, and happy hour started at 5:00. We were up to seven boats now, along with several "drive-overs." The food and company were super, and Mike supplied the music.

Sunday, we had the continental breakfast again but we used the Net Shed. At about 10:00 Ron Reding performed the

"Blessing of the Fleet" on the seven boats there.



The first cruise is now history and we have plenty more to come over the year.

Rick Demere,
Cruise Host

Rick Demere wrote the first Cruise Report of the year. It would be great if other cruise hosts, or participants, wrote up a summary of some of the highlights of our cruises. It is most helpful to those who can't attend, along with being good advertising for our club from those who might see it online. Thank you, Rick, for starting a new tradition!

Report from Fleet Captain, Heidi Merrifield, (253) 219-8108

Good news! Totem Board of Trustees approved covering the \$5 slip reservation fees and facilities rentals for scheduled cruises this year in our 2015 Standing Rules. The cruise sign-up book will be placed on the galley counter near beverages at each meeting so folks can locate it and sign-up, tentatively showing interest in attending. I will follow-up to confirm attendance as the event gets near and to aid the host in planning. Cruise hosts are encouraged to keep it simple and allow people to explore towns while at marinas, while still providing some group interaction and a shared meal or two. Let me know if you'd like to host a cruise.

Below are details and key deadlines for cruises thru June:

- **April 11-12 Daffodil Marine Festival and Parade.** For event details go to [www/tacomayachtclub.org](http://www.tacomayachtclub.org) and click on the Daffodil logo. It is too late for moorage in the basin, but you can drive over to participate in any of the planned events including meals, a comedian, dancing, music trivia contest (Sat) and the daffodil parade (Sun). TYC has a \$68 meal deal for the weekend.
- **May 1-3 Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day.** Reserve slip by **Thurs, Apr 16**. Go to www.seattleyachtclub.org and click on Opening Day logo. Moorage is complimentary but space is limited. Several of us plan to drive up for the day, so let me know if you plan to stop in.
- **May 15-17 Boy Scouts Work Party at Blake Island Marina.** We need several more boats to transport scouts from troop 172 in Sumner for their annual work party. I will coordinate boats (so far 5) and scouts (n=40). Moorage is free. We provide transportation from our marinas on Friday (scouts take the day off, so you can leave as early as you like). Totem provides their meals for lunch and dinner on Saturday.

- **May 22-25 Memorial Day Weekend at Port of Poulsbo Marina.** Heidi coordinates moorage for Totem boats, so sign-up soon and I'll assign your slip. So far 6 have signed up and we have 20 slips set aside for our club. We will have use of the dock building all weekend for group meals and activities. Slips are \$0.90/ft (min 30'). Roger and Louise Gallington are hosts and will put together a flyer soon with meals, activities and costs.
- **June 5-7 Blessing of the Fleet Anchor Out in Gig Harbor.** Free event. Let Heidi know if you are interested in hosting (i.e. organizing a group snack or meal). 3PM Sunday is the fleet blessing ceremony.
- **June 12-14 First Mates Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle.** Totem has reserved 10 slips, but attendees need to secure moorage by Fri, May 29 by calling [206-615-3952](tel:206-615-3952) to prepay first night \$1.35/ft. Let me know if you are interested in hosting this event. (Mike suggested we may try to take folks out sailing on Saturday afternoon this year, weather permitting).