



The Totem Line



59 years of yachting – 60 years of friendship

In this issue: Don't forget – Dinner (\$6) starting at 6:30 and General Meeting 7:30, Tuesday, October 4th. See the flyer for the upcoming Halloween Kids' Cruise with Des Moines Yacht Club.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 4..... Dinner & General Meeting
 Oct. 7-9.....Halloween Cruise to Port Orchard
 with Des Moines Yacht Club
 Nov. 1..... Soup Night & General Election
 Nov. 25-27... Turkey Cruise – Des Moines
 Marina

Leadership

Commodore.....Mike Holman
 Vice Commodore.....Cathy Betts
 Rear Commodore.....Heidi Merrifield
 Purser.....Sharon Nell
 Yeoman.....Barbara Berntsen
 Fleet Captain.....Ron Reding

Commodore's Report



Ahoy, TYC members,

Tonight, October 4th, is our General meeting. Several important items will be discussed and the higher the turn out the better, so please attend if possible.

First, Elections: We need to fill the following positions on the board of trustees:
 A: Positions 2 and 4 which are for two year terms.

B: Position 1 which is for the balance of a two year term that expires at the end of 2017.

C: Possibly one more trustee position, which like position 1 will be for the balance of a two year term. I will announce tonight if that position will be vacant.

D: At this point both Sharon Nell and Barbara Berntsen have indicated that they are willing to serve another year as Purser and Yeoman respectively, but others may choose to run for those positions if they desire to do so.

E: The position of Rear Commodore is, as it is every year, also open.

F: Heidi Merrifield, the current Rear Commodore will not be continuing onto the position of Vice-Commodore so this position will also be open, but while we must accept nominations as presented, it is our belief that the club would best be served by having a former Commodore serve in that position and then move onto Commodore the year after. That is being discussed and the Board will make its recommendation at the November general membership meeting.

Anyone interested in these positions should be present at the meeting.

Second, Nomination Protocol: Nominations may be made from the floor at both the October and November

meetings, but please discuss the potential nomination with the person that you are thinking of nominating before you make the nomination, so that they have the opportunity to think about it, and say yes or no to being nominated before you make the nomination.

Third, Facilities Review Committee: Past Commodore, and current Fleet Captain has been appointed to chair a Facilities Review Committee to examine what improvements, and/or preventative maintenance items of a major nature should be considered at this time, how they should be prioritized, and to determine costs for any proposed projects.

Fourth, A recommendation for changing certain bylaws items will be introduced to start discussions on the items that will be addressed.

If the club is to grow (and it must to continue long-term survival) then it is critical that each member be involved and make a contribution. Any organization that wishes to be vibrant and healthy must spread the work load amongst its members. Totem is no different since it is 100% volunteer and it is not appropriate or fair to expect a very small group to carry the load for everyone. Please think about that as we plan the coming year. Your active involvement is critical to our success as a club. I welcome your comments and input.

See you tonight. Smooth Sailing and Calm Waters.

Mike Holman, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

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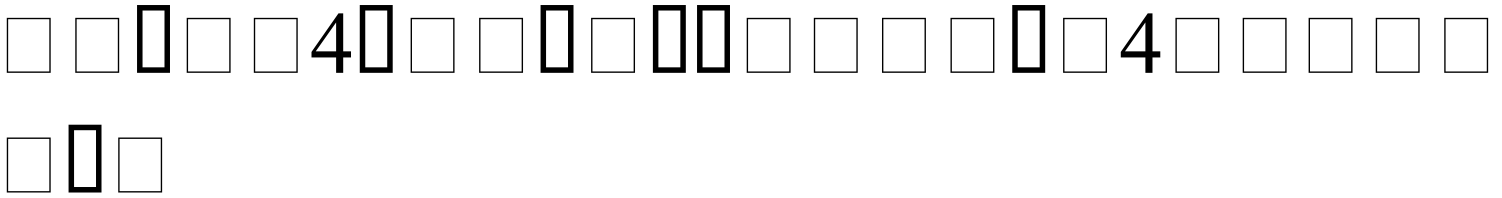
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Dear Totem members,

Please give careful consideration to volunteer opportunities serving Totem for 2017 that will be up for membership vote at our November meeting. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let me know.

1. **Vice Commodore** – Manages membership, recruitment and annual yearbook.
2. **Rear Commodore** – Manages house and grounds twice a year and coordinates maintenance needs for the clubhouse with support of our volunteers. Provides backup support to our rental manager.
3. **Yeoman** (Secretary) – Records meeting minutes and action items.
4. **Purser** (Treasurer) – Manages financial records and reimbursements.
5. **Board of Trustee** (1 year term)
6. **Board of Trustee** (2 year term) – two open positions

Each of these positions attends 10 **Board of Trustee** meetings each year, which occur the last Tuesday of each month from August – May at 6:30 pm, during which recommendations are considered to bring to the membership or to make decisions for the good of the order. They also attend our 10 general membership meetings on the first Tuesday of each month September – June at 7:30 pm.

If you are interested in serving as **Fleet Captain** please let me know as it is appointed by the Commodore rather than an elected office (Position participates in Board meetings with full voting authority). The Fleet Captain reserves slips for club rendezvous at marinas, lines up cruise hosts, tracks sign-up and coordinates cruise plans.

Totem has a strong volunteer core that is willing to step up as needed, but needs leadership to pull it all together so that we continue to grow and have fun together. After a year of service to the club on the Board of Trustees or as a flag officer, a person is eligible to run for election for the Commodore position, if so desired.

I have chosen to run for election for the position of Commodore for 2017, and look forward to a fun-filled year and new participants to serve with me on the board and flag positions. Vice, Rear, Yeoman and Purser positions are flag officers. and as such get reserved parking, meals paid at up to 6 Commodore Balls (ours and 5 reciprocal clubs). Totem flag officers participate in marine parades at Daffodil and Seattle Open festivities. I love party and event planning and am hopeful we can work together to make this year our best yet.

Sincerely,

Cathy Betts, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



When you come to the clubhouse for our Brats, Kraut, Potato Salad, Green Salad and Dessert \$6 dinner at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Oct 4th, you'll want to look around and see the results of another successful house and grounds. New lighting over the officers' parking and at the main entry was installed by Matt Ales. The awning tape was removed and the lower sections cleaned by Dick Gamache, Ron Reding and Ray Sharpe. The shrubs were trimmed and grounds weeded by Sharon Nell, Mike Merrifield, Linda Harms, Tim Reding, Ron Reding, and Noreen Jensen. Windows were washed by Linda Harms. Women's restroom wallpaper removed and repainted by Barb Berntsen,

Cathy Betts and Debbie Ales. Weather stripping was installed around the doors to the deck by Joe Simpson. I know Mike Holman was helping out in many ways, including getting more paint and purchasing a new mini fridge, but I'm not entirely sure what other tasks he assisted with, although I know he did as he was there most of the day, too. Sharon Nell and Jenny Kenyon helped me inventory the tubs in the supply room so I can create an electronic manual with photos so it is easier to make use of the fun treasures stored in that room – I've wanted to do that for the past two years, as I knew there were items that would be nice to use for events, but had no idea what was in the stacks of boxes. I apologize if I left anyone out – it was a very busy day and great to see folks step in and work together so beautifully.

We elected not to tackle the deck this year due to rain in the forecast. After closer inspection it will need some repairs next year before it is painted. That gives next year's Rear Commodore something to start the list with (along with the under deck storage space).

Heidi Merrifield, Rear Commodore

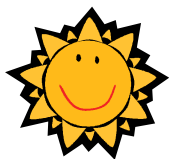
Fleet Captain's Report



Greetings Totem;

October is here, so how about a little early trick-or-treating? Get in the swing by cruising to Port Orchard this weekend and doing some decorating and imbibing with fellow Totem members and Des Moines YC as well. There is room on the dock for last-minute participants, by Boat, or on Wheels, so come and join us for a fun weekend! Be sure to accommodate extra young ones if you can, the more the merrier! Call me if you can. so we can plan for your arrival. No need to register with the port until after arrival. Check the attached flier. Questions? Call me @[253 279 0314](tel:2532790314)

Ron Reding, Fleet Captain



Sunshine Report

No report this month – guess everyone is staying healthy. You can reach me at FBurns5105@aol.com or [1-253-845-4326](tel:12538454326) with any sunshine news.

Louise Burns, Sunshine

Galley Report and Menus for 2016 Meetings



Dinners before the general meetings will be provided for \$6 each month at 6:30, followed by the General Meetings at 7:30. We are looking for volunteers to host any of the non-hosted meals mentioned below.

October 4 - Bratwurst and German potato salad. Hosted by the Merrifield's.

November 1 - Soup Night - Need 10 volunteers to bring soups.

Joann Kagey, Galley Steward

Position Openings within the clubs leadership: Reminder that we have several positions open in Totem Y Club. Please consider letting your board members know that you would be willing to serve – they can explain

Area Fuel Prices <https://activecaptain.com/fuelLists/fuelIndex.php>
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>

Cruise and Event Schedule for the Remainder of 2016

October Events

October 7-9 Halloween Cruise w/DMYC - Port Orchard Marina

November Events

November 1 Soup Night & General Election

November 25-27 Turkey Cruise – Des Moines Marina

December Events

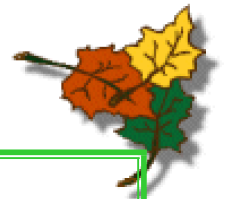
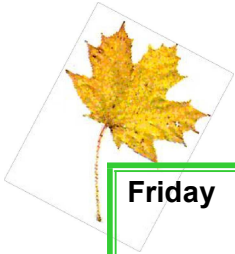
December 3 Special People's Cruise - Foss Waterway

December 3 Christmas Party

December 16-18 Lighted Boat Parade Cruise – Dock Street Marina, Tacoma



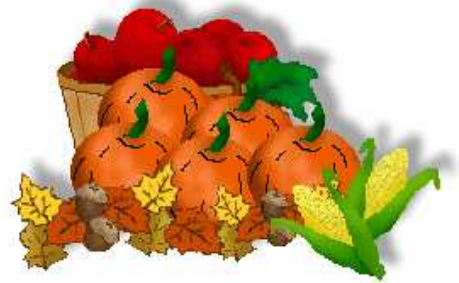
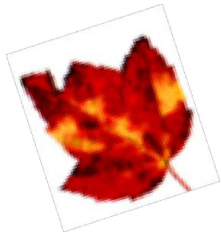
Past Commodore's Cruise...Port Orchard October 7, 8, 9



Friday	5:30PM	Hot Buttered Rums (bring appetizers)
Saturday	8:30AM	Coffee and Rolls
	11 to 5:00PM	Decorate boats and carve pumpkins
	5:30PM	Hobo Stew (Bring a can of something for the stew)
	7:00PM	Trick or Treat on the dock
Sunday	8:30 AM	Coffee and Rolls

Activities

- Street Fair Saturday ?
- Shopping
- Foot Ferry to Bremerton
- Decorate Boats (prizes)
- Kids Costumes (prizes)
- Carve Pumpkin (prizes)
- Kids Trick or Treat (candy, treats)



Note: Monday is Columbus Day