



THE TOTEM LINE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 2 Special People's Cruise

Dec 2 6PM
Totem Christmas Party

Dec 5 \$6 Dinner 6:30 PM
General Mtg 7:30 PM
Blood Drive 1:00 – 7:00 PM
Bring 2018 Annual Dues

Dec 16 Lighted Boat Parade
Dock Street Marina

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2018

Jan 2 Blood drive noon-6PM
\$6 Meal 6:30 PM
Change of Watch/Mtg 7:30 PM



DECORATED BOAT WINNERS

At the Turkey cruise, we awarded prizes to the first place decorated boat winner Rick Demere's Lucky Dog II, second place to Matt & Debbie Ales' new boat Sound Traveler, and third place to Tim Reding's Satisfaction. We also had a drawing for boats attending, won by Ted Shell and Noreen Jensen, and overall attendees JR Reding and Carole Murcurio.

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OFFICER'S REPORTS

COMMODORE – CATHY BETTS



HAPPY HOLIDAYS! This is my last Totem Line as Commodore, I can't believe it. This year has flown by. I am just writing this to all of you that have supported me this year on this amazing journey.

We had a heck of a ride home Monday from Des Moines. There is no way I would have tried it on Sunday, several members did. They are much braver than me. The winds were blowing and the white caps were huge! Four boats stayed at the dock Sunday night and together we watched the Seahawks beat the 49ers. Then we had a great dinner eating the wonderful Mexican Lasagna that Bob and Val dropped off for our potluck. So sorry Bob was sick and they couldn't attend the cruise. Mike and Heidi again were amazing hosts for our cruise over Thanksgiving weekend. We had great fun playing LRC and I introduced everyone to 99 another fun card game. It was great to see how many decorated boats we had, the dock was lit up and festive.

We have lots of fun things happening in December. Special People cruise Sat. morning the 2nd. Then our Totem Christmas Party that evening. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped gift to donate to the YWCA.

On Dec. 15 -17 we have a cruise to Maritime Museum dock to enjoy the Lighted Boat Parade.

Then the next thing you know it will be January and the new board will be sworn in, and I will be a "has been."

We had a planning meeting when we were at Des Moines and got a great head start on the calendar for the 2018 season. Cruises, Commodore Ball, Potluck Game Night, Swap Meet, fund raisers, Daffodil, Seattle Opening, South Sound Opening and all the Holiday events in December.

I hope everyone has a great Holiday and a wonderful New Year! Thank You to all of you!

VICE COMMODORE – TIM REDING



Ahoy! Happy Holidays to all! We had a wonderful Thanksgiving Day cruise to Des Moines marina. Thanks to Mike and Heidi Merrifield for hosting and having us in their home for breakfast. We had great food and what a beautiful view you have! A lot of fun games and lots of good food had by all on Saturday. Sunday was a blustery day and a few of us stayed and came home on Monday instead of fighting the wind and waves.

This weekend coming up is our Special People Cruise. We have a few boats involved and it's always very rewarding to participate and take them out for a cruise around Foss Waterway.

On Saturday night is our annual Totem Christmas Party! It is hosted by your incoming and outgoing flag officers. Hope to see you all there.

The weekend of Dec.15 -17 is our cruise at Foss Waterway. We tie up at the Maritime Museum dock and have the lighted boat parade on Saturday night. Bob Watson has the dock reserved and should be a great time. Thanks, Bob! If you don't have your boat there come on down anyway and watch the parade. It is always a beautiful site!

Our year has come to an end and we have new flag officers and board members voted in. I will be looking for people to help and sign up for cruises and various other positions for next year that we will be discussing further at our meeting. I am looking forward to a great year with great cruises in 2018!

REAR COMMODORE – DEBBIE ALES



What a great Turkey Cruise we had this year! Many thanks, to Heidi and Mike Merrifield for hosting this cruise at Des Moines marina. Remember our Christmas Party on Sat December 2 where we honor our past commodores and the Lighted Boat Parade on Dec 16.

This is my last month as Rear Commodore and I want to thank everyone for supporting me. Thank you to Joann Kagey and the Galley Crew for the wonderful meals at our meetings. Thank you to Provi for working all of the rentals this year. Thank you to everyone that came out to help at the house and grounds. And thank you to everyone that helped with the new flooring and new roof on the clubhouse. It has been a busy year for all of us.

We have started planning for the new year. We will need volunteers to help with the Commodore's Ball in Feb 2018. Also, as you are cleaning your boat out at the end of the season, remember we are collecting for the Swap Meet fundraiser in March 2018.

Provi has rentals lined up for the clubhouse on December 7 & 9. We are getting inquiries for birthdays, reunions, anniversaries, baby showers, meetings and weddings. Remember to keep your ears open and help promote the clubhouse rentals. The rentals help us pay for the clubhouse maintenance. Information can be found at www.totemyachtclub.com or 253-759-9062. You can send Provi the contact information of anyone interested in renting the clubhouse at joe.n.provi@gmail.com.

We are thankful for a wonderful year with our Totem family.

OTHER REPORTS

DECEMBER 5 BLOOD DRIVE

Donate Blood. Meet Bobby!

BLEED FOR THE BLUE AND GREEN

Tuesday, December 5
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
(closed 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm)

TOTEM YACHT
Dining Room

Sign up to SAVE 3 LIVES!

Contact Ron, r_reding@comcast.net or www.bloodworksnw.org/drives

FLEET CAPTAIN - RON REDING

Greetings! I definitely feel like the holiday season is here, after another enjoyable weekend with my friends at Totem. We had 11 boats make it to Des Moines for the annual Turkey cruise, and several drive ups despite the challenging weather. A big thanks to Mike and Heidi Merrifield for all their efforts in hosting us! Great Weekend! Besides holiday cheer, decorating boats and card games, we had about a 1 hr. planning meeting to work on next year's cruise schedule. We came up with 20 cruising opportunities for 2018; 14 of them are Totem sponsored cruises, and 6 are sponsored events by others, where we are invited participants. In total it adds up to a lot of boating opportunities, and I bet no other club can beat it! On top of these planned events there will be other get-togethers with Totem members traveling the Salish seas in this coming year.

The Memorial Day cruise for 2018 is still undecided as to location because Paulsbo no longer takes club reservations, and the Joint cruise with Viking YC is totally up in the air at this point. We will be looking to get reservations for dock space at Seattle Opening before the end of Jan. so if you are interested, contact me, or incoming Fleet Captain Lyle Kagey. The cruise Schedule, plus the calendar of other Totem meetings and activities will be published in the 2018 year book. We still have The Special peoples cruise this weekend Dec.2, and the lighted boat parade to go to on Dec. 16th.

Happy Holidays, and smooth cruising!
Ron Reding, 2017 Fleet Captain 253-279-0314

RBAW & TOTEM DUES – BOB WATSON

Just a reminder our annual dues are due this month. Please consider adding \$20 optional dues for Recreational Boating Association of Washington.

RBAW's mission is to represent the interests of Northwest boaters effectively. To help fulfill that goal we have a professional lobbyist in Olympia, who makes sure our collective voice is heard by state lawmakers. Our main focus is State boating issues. <http://www.rbaw.org>

SUNSHINE – LOUISE BURNS

Floyd Burns has been real sick again and was taken by ambulance to Good Samaritan hospital at 4:30 am Nov 30. He is in stable condition. It looks like 3 to 4 days unless things change. If you have sunshine news to share with members, please contact me at 253-845-4326.

2018 DAFFODIL PARADE – MATT ALES

Tacoma Yacht Club has posted the theme for the 2018 Daffodil Marine Parade next April. It is "Traditions in Bloom". Having numerous members of Totem Yacht Club at the Turkey Cruise this past weekend and lacking any decent idea of my own, I asked if anyone had an idea for the float boat. After some discussion, it was decided that Foss tugboats were quite a tradition in Tacoma so maybe we could do something with that. It occurred to Commodore Cathy that Lyle and Teresa's boat is a tug and also happens to be the traditional green of the Foss Tugs. They've agreed to be the float boat and here is a picture of what we are thinking of doing to their boat.



Ron Reding has a source for tires that are about the right scale for this boat. People on deck would be dressed in "tugboat attire" (still trying to figure out what that might be).

We are also considering entering Ted and Noreen's Chris Craft in the wooden boat category with people on deck perhaps wearing period clothes or old timey bathing suits. No pictures of that yet, and it will depend on how the project progresses.

Other ideas or suggestions for additions or changes are welcome.

BOAT FOR SALE – VJ SUTTMEIER

Long story short I am trying to help my friends sell their boat. They went on vacation after selling everything they own except the boat to live on when they returned; they stumbled across the boat of their dreams in Texas and have bought it. Below is a brief summary. Anyone interested should contact me and I can get specific details and arrange viewing.



1980 Silverton Sedan 34, LOA 36, Draft 4 feet, Beam 13 feet, twin gas 383 Crusader engines, \$32,000 obo

She sports new gas 383 Crusader engines hooked to Borg Warner velvet drives and Walter Gear V Drives, new exhaust systems, new interior (carpet, seat covers, custom built fold down couch, hard wood floors), new off shore port lights in V-berth, electric stainless steel fridge, two burner electric stove, microwave, two anchors, 50ft chain, 200 ft rope, 50 gls fresh water, 50 gls waste, 200 gls fuel (gasoline), head with shower, hot water heater, shore power adapters, new batteries, new power inverter and alternators, new starter (starboard engine), new canvas (bimini, flybridge cover, and windshield cover), Garmin GPS, Lowrance fish/depth finder, stereo system, tons of rod and reel storage, out riggers for tuna, new zincs, fresh bottom paint, new helm gauges on flybridge, new throttle and drive cables on flybridge. She is currently located at Zittle's Marina, in Lacey WA.

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Captain Vic's Marine Services LLC
[\(253\) 226-4210](tel:2532264210)
S.A.M.S. A.M.S.
ABYC
U.S.C.G. 50 ton Master



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY

To all of our Totem members who have served our country in the military services – we extend our gratitude and thanks for your service to our country! Last month I sent an e-mail to our members to see if they would share photos or details about their time of service. It is fun to see these handsome young men in uniform.



Floyd Burns



Randy Kenyon



Bernie Merrifield

Randy Kenyon entered the Army 2/4/1976 and earned an honorable discharge 5/16/1983. He trained as a mobile radar operator, serving in West Germany and Georgia. He attained the rank of SGT E5.

Jerry Burg received an Air Force ROTC commission from U Dub in June '53, flying school completed at Webb AFB, Texas in '54. Tours to Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, Sacramento, CA and Montgomery, AB followed. He then entered fighter training in Arizona and reassigned to Ramstein, Germany. Then Mtn. Home, ID. He next went to Da Nang (1970), then back to Ramstein followed, then by Victorville, CA. He *spent a year in Korea*. His final assignment was back to Mtn. Home where I retired after 28 years.

Rick Demere was in the Army from 1968 to 1971 and was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Ft. Lee Virginia and Vietnam. He was drafted and instead of infantry they sent him to accounting school. So in Vietnam he was inventorying supply depots, three in total. He says he saw the fighting but wasn't in it thank God. He was honored to serve our nation in any way and felt that what he did helped and he would do it again if he was needed.

Bernie Merrifield was in the CG from 1954 to 1958. He did Boot camp in Alameda, CA, six months at radio school in Groton, CN six months at the CG radio station in West Port, one year on the CG cutter Sorrel in Sitka, AK, one year on the Storis on a 6-month trip around the North American continent and finished out on a one month Weather Patrol on the CG cutter Wachusett. He also made a 3-month Arctic patrol on the largest icebreaker our nation had at the time: CG cutter Northwind.

Bob Watson US Army 1958 – 1961. Specialties: Communications; Truck Driver. Several US bases; Landstuhl, Germany. US Military Academy Prep School, Ft Belvoir, VA

TURKEY CRUISE NOVEMBER 24-26

