



THE TOTEM LINE

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CHANGE OF WATCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 3 Dinner \$6 6:30 PM
General Mtg 7:30 PM

Jan 31 Board Mtg 6:30 PM

Feb 7 Dinner \$6 6:30 PM
General Mtg 7:30 PM

Feb 25 Totem's Ball 6:00 PM

Feb 28 Board Mtg 6:30 PM

Mar 4 DMYC Ball 6:00 PM

Mar 7 Dinner \$6 6:30 PM
General Mtg 7:30 PM

Mar 24-26 Longbranch Cruise

Mar 28 Board Mtg 6:30 PM

Totem's first meeting each January includes the "Change of Watch" ceremony where 2016 officers relinquish their positions and pass them on to the newly elected 2017 officers.

On Tuesday, January 3rd at our 7:30 pm general membership meeting our 2016 Commodore Mike Holman becomes the Junior Past Commodore as Cathy Betts takes over as Commodore. Cathy's move through the chairs vacates the Vice Commodore office which will be taken over by Past Commodore Tim Reding. Heidi Merrifield's departure transitions Debbie Ales to Rear Commodore. Yeomen Barbara Berntsen and Purser Sharon Nell will retain their positions. New trustees include: Matt Ales, Sharon Blair, and Lyle Kagey. Trustess continuing include Rick Demere and Provi Simpson. Ron Reding will serve another term as Fleet Captain.

Another tradition that occurs during the January 3rd meeting is the 2016 Commodore Mike Holman will recognize people who served during his watch and present the awards for Boat of the Year, Boating Family of the Year, and Member of the Year. He will also provide a cake to honor Cathy.



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GALLEY MENU – JOANN KAGEY

January 3rd \$6 meal at 6:30 pm

Cincinnati Skyline

Chili & Salad

provided by:

JoAnn Kagey and Virginia Allard



OFFICER'S REPORTS

COMMODORE – CATHY BETTS



Happy New Year to all of the Totem Yacht Club Members! Welcome to the start of a wonderful New Year coming up. I want to thank all the members who are joining me on the board for our 2017 season.

We have a lot of great Functions and Cruises planned for this year. The club has welcomed several new families in the past year. We are hoping to have many more join us this year. It is great to have so many people with such great talents join in and make this club move forward.

I am so glad so many of you have signed up to host some of the Cruises this year it will be fun to see everyone's great ideas. I hope to see you at the club events, the special events we are planning, and on the water for a great year at Totem Yacht Club.

VICE COMMODORE – TIM REDING



No report (Tim was traveling to Porta Vallarta with Roger and Louise Gallington at year end).

See membership report for progress on our 2017 annual membership directory.

REAR COMMODORE – DEBBIE ALES



Happy New Year! I'm excited to become your new Rear Commodore. Matt and I have enjoyed all of the cruises that we have attended so far. For 2017 I hope to see more members join Totem YC and participate in the cruises and club activities.

PAST COMMODORE – MIKE HOLMAN



Wow, 2016 has come and gone so fast, and here we are at the start of another year. 2016 has, in many respects, been an amazing year - for the country, for many members, and for Totem Yacht Club. New members, many great cruises, good attendance at monthly meetings, improvements to the club house and a great, great rental season. There are so many of you to thank that made it a great year.

It has been my pleasure and my honor to serve as your Commodore. I appreciate both the opportunity and the support that so many have provided. But the time has come to join the ranks of past commodores and welcome new leadership and that is exactly what we will do this coming Tuesday night, January 3rd, at 6:30 PM at Totem clubhouse for our annual Change of Watch ceremony. Change of Watch is a big deal in the life of the club and I truly hope that you will attend to honor our incoming Bridge officers and Trustees as well as the recipients of our "Boat of the Year", "Boating Family of the Year", and "Member of the Year" award winners, and to join me in thanking all those who helped make 2016 a great year.

Along with the Change of the Watch we will be previewing our 2017 cruise schedule, and our planned social events. Also on the agenda will be a recommendation from the Board regarding the installation of a new floor in time for our Commodore's Ball on February 25th. The installation of the new floor will be a do-it-yourself project and we will need a number of volunteers to complete it in time, and to not interfere with club rentals.

Of great importance, I want to give all Totem members a heads-up regarding our 2017 Commodore's Ball to be held at Totem on Saturday, February 25th, starting at 6:00 PM. As many of you know, our incoming Commodore Cathy Betts is also an active member of the Des Moines Yacht Club. I expect a heavy Des Moines turnout in support of Cathy and as we have a limited seating capacity expect to run out of seating room quickly, so I encourage our members to register with either myself or Purser Sharon Nell immediately and to pay for your tickets immediately as well. We will have a

full course catered dinner, dancing to live music, a no-host bar, and great raffle baskets planned for a great evening honoring Cathy.

Tickets will be \$45.00 per person. Your checks should be sent to Sharon Nell at the clubhouse as soon as possible with a note stating who your check is for. This is a semi-formal event (dress whites for past commodores) and an evening of great fun and celebration. Please make it a priority to attend (see attached flyer.)

Finally, I want to close this out by once again saying thank you for a great honor and experience as your 2016 Commodore.

OTHER REPORTS

COMMODORE'S BALL RAFFLE – VIRGINIA ALLARD

Happy New Year! The new-year brings us our Commodores Ball on February 25, 2017. I'll start collecting any donations you may have to help make our raffle a success at the January meeting. All items are appreciated! If you have any questions I can be reached @ [206-948-4766](tel:206-948-4766).

SUNSHINE – LOUISE BURNS

Past Commodore Jerry Rudd is home from the hospital. My husband Floyd was in the hospital two times in December with a viral infection of the lungs. He is home on medicine and oxygen. If you have any sunshine news to share with club members, please contact me by phone 1-253-845-4326 or FBurns5105@aol.com.

TOTEM LINE – HEIDI MERRIFIELD

As editor of our monthly newsletter this year I've have taken over monitoring our club's e-mail on g-mail totemline@gmail.com. If you have information to include in the newsletter, please submit through this e-mail address by the end of each month so that I can publish Totem Line by the first Saturday each month. In December I e-mailed club members to confirm their e-mail address was correct and whether their partner

would also like their e-mail to receive club messages. I also confirmed dues renewals and only have a few remaining members we have not heard from. The 2017 annual dues are past due on Jan 1, so please bring payment to the meeting or e-mail me that your check is on the way. We are renumbering membership cards and will pass them out at the meeting on Jan 3rd.

MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL DIRECTORY – VAL & BOB WATSON

We are in the process of finalizing the membership info for our 2017 Totem Membership Directory. This would be a good time - perhaps the last time - to make any changes for the new directory. Please check your info in the 2016 directory, and let us know if you would like anything changed. robertwatson6@comcast.net

- Name spelled correctly?
- Address correct?
- Any change to phone numbers or email address you would like published?
- Still the same boat? If not, indicate whether power or sail, length and name. If you no longer have a boat, indicate "no boat."

If you have already submitted a change form at one of the recent meetings, chances are we have you covered, we will send out an electronic version prior to publication for a final verification check.

If you are a newer member and were not included in the 2016 directory, check your info on the attached spreadsheet for accuracy, and advise of any needed changes. (Note to Ken and Danielle Hester, we need your address and phone numbers.)

If you have not had a photo taken for the directory, Mike Merrifield will be taking photos at the January and February meetings. If you already have a head-and-shoulders style photo you would like us to use, attach it to a reply email (preferably in JPG format).

In the unfortunate circumstance that you will not be renewing your membership for 2017, please flag us on that.

Thanks, and we look forward to seeing you in print.

2017 APPOINTED CHAIRS:

Archives _____	Mike Merrifield
Bar _____	Linda Harms
By Laws _____	Bob Watson
Clothing _____	Sally Vraspir
Facebook _____	Doug Gelowitz
Fleet Surgeon _____	Tony Dulas
Galley Steward _____	JoAnn Kagey
IOBG _____	Ron Reding
Membership _____	Val Watson
RBAW _____	Bob Watson
Recipical Manager _____	Ron Reding
Rental Manager _____	Provi Simpson
Sergeant at Arms _____	Karen Bodecker
Sunshine _____	Louise Burns
Totem Line _____	Heidi Merrifield

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: OUR OFFICERS

CATHY BETTS



After belonging to Des Moines Yacht Club and being their Membership Chairperson for 6 years, I had attended most of the Commodore Balls for that time period. So in 2012 I attended the TOA

Commodores Ball, with our

Commodore and his wife. Because of the seating Totem and Des Moines were seated together. So I met Ron Reding at that Ball he was Vice Commodore for Totem. I ran into him at a few events after that. Anyway that next year we kept bumping into each other at events and we seemed to be placed together at most of the events. I do think TOA had a hand in us being together. I was introduced with him as he was introduced as Commodore at many events. Then I guess he finally figured it out that we were great together and we have been together ever since June of 2013.

I started attending Totems function and look what happened. I have never been one to sit still, so I guess I just jumped in. Serving as Trustee then joining the board the next year.

I started boating when I was very small, My grandfather, my Dad and Uncle built the Betts Redondo Marina. My Grandfather owned a Grandy 40, Monk design wood boat we spent most of our summers up in the San Juans, exploring the Islands, and in the South Sound.

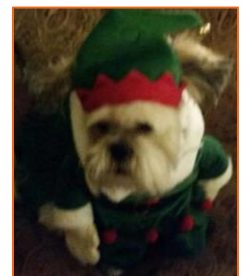
I was born and raised in Redondo, My Great Grandfather and Grandfather owned and built most of the buildings. In 1906 my Grandfather renamed Stones landing to Redondo. I guess it had a rough reputation and he wanted it to be known for a great place to visit. We had our Merry Go Round, Train and Ferris Wheel in the early 30's. An Amusement Drome in the 20's and later a Roller Skating Rink in the 40's.



In the 60's our family built Bayshore Apartments, which is where I lived until I graduated High School. In the 70's my family build and operated Enchanted Village/ Wild Waves. I married in 1972 and was off on an adventure which lasted for 26 years. My High School

Boyfriend and I were lucky enough to have 4 Children the youngest 2 we adopted. We left High School and he started his Major League Baseball career. I thought my life was perfect, but things change and I found myself and my kids on our own, but everything happens for a reason. Once the years go by things seem to smooth out. And life goes on.

I have 5 Grand Daughters, and a new one on the way. And now with Ron in my life I will have 6 more Grand Kids and his 3 Boys with their spouses and his very large family of Brothers and Sisters.



I love Boating and being with Family. It does not matter if we are cruising with our family or all our friends we have met belonging to the Yacht Clubs. We love cruising and attending all the functions that the Yacht Club has to offer.

TIM REDING



Tim joined Totem Yacht Club 27 years ago and served as Commodore in 2008, which means next year he becomes

Commodore again a

decade later. He credits Bernie Merrifield for talking him into becoming Commodore the first round, this time he is looking forward to doing so with a first mate Linda Harms.

When Tim joined the club his boat “Satisfaction” was a 27’ power boat. When Dick and Diane Gamache decided to sell “Lady Diane” their 36’ power boat he bought her and changed the name to “Satisfaction” and since that time has been awarded boat of the year 4 times and member of the year in 2009. Our trophy case has multiple awards from Tacoma Yacht Club’s Daffodil Parade for his boat serving as the flag ship.



Tim served as fleet captain for many years. He convinced his brothers JR and Ron to joining the club as well as his nephew Robert, so if you notice there are a lot of Redings in our club you are correct to guess they are all related (except Dave Redding – different spelling and family).

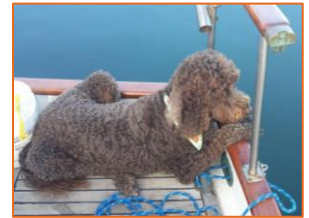


Tim owns Reding Construction (see his ad in our annual directory as well as our website). He recently moved his boat to Tacoma Yacht Club’s basin acquiring JR’s boathouse, so he is also a member of that club now as well. Tim has been

idea shopping with TYC participating in a few of their cruises last year and has some fun new games to try out with our members this year.

Katie is Tim’s Labordoodle is his trusty sea companion, the two of them probably have the most hours on the

local Puget Sound waterways of anyone else in the club. Most weekends you can hail “Satisfaction” and find Tim on the water.



DEBBIE ALES



I joined Totem Yacht Club in the fall of 2015 after meeting Carolyn Hershberger at the Tacoma Maritime Fest at the Foss Seaport. My husband Matt and I

were looking for a club that was similar to the Stingray Harbor Yacht Club that we belonged to in Deltaville, VA. We were interested in finding a fun cruising club that would help us learn the Washington waterways.

Our first boat was a PDQ sailing catamaran that came to us with the name of Auspicious. We decided our current boat was just as auspicious as the first one so we named our Hunter 41 sailboat “Auspicious Too”. We bought our boat in Virginia and had it trucked to Washington when we moved here in 2014. Over the years we have cruised the Chesapeake Bay and down the intercostal waterway from Virginia to Morehead City, NC. We have bareboat chartered sailing catamarans or sailboats in the Abacos and many times in the British Virgin Islands.



In addition to cruising around in our sailboat, we enjoy riding our Harley Davidson motorcycles. Most of you have met our dog Tacoma who cruises with us on the sailboat. Our first grandchild just arrived in December and we are so happy to be grandparents to him.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: NEW MEMBERS

Val Watson will be writing articles on our 2016 members so that we get caught up with learning about them, as well as on new members that join Totem in 2017. Heidi Merrifield wrote this first article and will do articles on all members who joined prior to 2016. We also encourage our members to use Facebook to get acquainted. See our facebook site at:

<https://www.facebook.com/totemyachtclub/>

View our newsletters on our website:

<http://totemyachtclub.com/>

LINDA HARMS



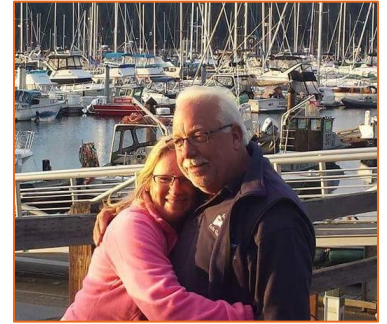
Linda is our newest social member. She has been cruising wherever Satisfaction goes with Tim Reding for the past 3 years and decided she wanted to finally be a real member of Totem. Her boat is an 8' kayak Rock Bottom, homeport is her garage in

Puyallup. She met Tim through a social group "Wine and Dine" and quickly discovered they both enjoyed going to the 21 Diner to shot pool.

Linda grew up on ski boats and used to spend all weekend playing in Hood Canal where her Grandparents lived. Her Grandpa was a Past Commodore of Bremerton Yacht Club and has lived aboard there. His boat a 34' Pacemaker was the first one brought over to the US in the 1960's. She was on swim team as a kid and continues to love the water as well as running, hiking, golf and

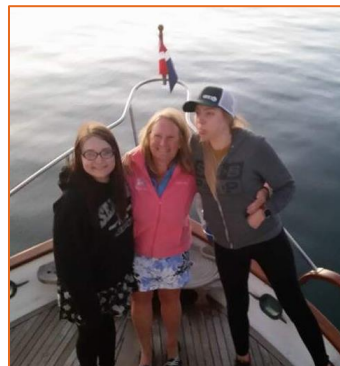
kayaking. Before meeting Tim, she used to spend her holiday weekends at the beach on Hood Canal, so when she first started cruising with Totem, she would drive to the events from there.

Her best experience cruising with Tim has been doing the Baja Ha Ha (San Diego to Cabo San Lucas) with Tim and former Totem member Kevin Swynenburg who now



resides in La Pas on his 50' power boat Andante. Her favorite cruises with Totem are the Penrose anchor out with the wagon wheel and a floating bonfire in the middle. She also loves the Quartermaster anchor out for 4th of July. Recently when they were returning from Docton to Tim's homeport at Tacoma Yacht Club, she had been so engrossed in a good book that she had forgotten to put up the fenders when they left the dock – the mistake wasn't discovered by them until they had trouble getting into the boat house! (Linda is sure

everyone they passed including folks dining at TYC saw!)



Linda loves to travel to Mexico and Europe. She is Regional Manager for Total Cleaning Solutions. Her Sheltie Niki was bred and trained as a show dog, but her legs were too short to be competitive. Niki is not only a real beauty, but she walks fancy, too. Linda has two daughters Tiffany (28) and Alea'a (23).

GALLEY MENU 2017 – VIRGINIA ALLARD

Feb 7 Fried Chicken, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Cobbler (JoAnn, Virginia, Jenny & Sally)

Mar 7 Shepherd's Pie, Soda Bread, Spinach Salad, Chocolate Chip Mint Ice Cream & Oreos (Virginia, Val, Jenny & Sally)

Apr 4 Hamburgers, Buns, Tomatoes, Cheese, Chips, Potato Salad, Apple Pie & Whip Cream (Sally, JoAnn, Jenny)

May 2 Taco Night (Tim & Linda)

June 6 Bring your own meat to BBQ and a side dish (hot, cold, or dessert) – assigned alphabetically TBD

GALLEY MENU 2017 (CONTINUED):

Sept 6 Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, chips, Brownies (JoAnne, Sally, TBD)

Oct 3 Bratwurst, German Potato Salad (host TBD)

Nov 7 Soup Night with Salad, Rolls and Pumpkin Pies (10 people sign up to bring a soup – cooks eat free)

Dec 5 Lasagna, Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream & Cookies

Anyone wanting to provide additional items to our menus, please contact Virginia Allard at 206-948-4766.

CRUISE SCHEDULE 2017 – FLEET CAPTAIN RON REDING

(Initial draft - some dates are subject to finalization so refer to the 2017 annual directory when published for final dates)

DATE	CRUISE	DESTINATION	HOST(S)
March 24-26	Opening Day Shakedown Cruise	Longbranch Marina	Rick Demere
Apr 20-23	“Daffodil Paradise” Marine Parade	Tacoma YC	
May 2-7	Seattle Opening	Seattle YC	
May 13	South Sound Opening	Des Moines YC	
May TBD	Boy Scouts Work Party	Blake Island	Tim Reding
May 26-29	Memorial Day Cruise	Poulsbo Marina	
June 2-4	Blessing of the Fleet Anchor-out	Gig Harbor	
June 10 or 17	Joint Cruise with Viking YC	Herron Island	
July 1-5	Independence Day Anchor-out	Quartermaster Harbor	
July 14-16	Commodore’s Cruise	Brownsville Marina	Cathy Betts & Ron Reding
July 28-30	First Mates Cruise (Seafair Parade)	Bell Harbor Marina	Mike & Heidi Merrifield
Aug 11-13	Kid’s Cruise	Dockton	Ray & Shelan Aldridge
Aug 25-Sept 1	South Sound Hop	Penrose to Swantown	Lyle & JoAnne Kagey
Sept 1 – 4	Labor Day Cruise	Swantown Marina	Jim & Nancy Terrell
Oct TBD	Halloween Cruise	Port Orchard	w/Des Moines YC
Nov 24-26	Turkey Cruise	Des Moines Marina	
Dec 2	Special People’s Cruise	Foss Waterway	
Dec 9	Lighted Boat Parade Cruise	Dock Street Marina	



Totem Yacht Club cordially invites you to attend our

2017 Ball Honoring Commodore Cathy Betts



Saturday, February 25, 2017 - 6pm to Midnight

\$45 per person

Totem Yacht Club • 5045 North Highland • Tacoma, WA 98407

6:00 pm No-host cocktail hour

7:00 pm Introduction of Commodore's

7:30 pm Dinner

9:00 pm to Midnight Dancing

*Bring cash to purchase beverage and raffle tickets
Semi-formal attire for guests and dress whites for officers*

Please RSVP by Feb 15 and send check (payable to Totem Yacht Club):

c/o Purser Sharon Nell

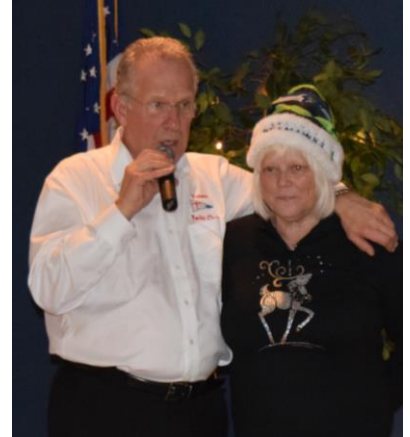
12317 103rd St, KPN, Gig Harbor, WA 98329

Contact: Sharon Nell 253-857-4431 or rosesharon22@comcast.net

2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY – HONORING PAST COMMODORES



2016 Commodore Mike Holman prepares Cathy Betts to take over the helm in 2017 and welcome attendees.



Past Commodores line up per year of service: Jack Nell (1982), Sharon Nell (1988), Bernie Merrifield (1993), Tim Reding (2008), Dave Redding (2012), Ron Reding (2013), Carolyn Hershberger (2014), and Joe Simpson (2015).

