



THE TOTEM LINE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 4 DMYC Ball 6:00 PM

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

Mar 28 Board Mtg 6:30 PM

Mar 31-Apr 2 Longbranch
Shakedown Cruise

Apr 4 Dinner \$6 6:30 PM
General Mtg 7:30 PM

Apr 21-23 TYC Daffodil

Apr 25 Board Mtg 6:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Come get your 2017 membership directory at March 7th meeting. The new format is half-size binders so they'll be easy to store aboard. Bob Watson did a fabulous job gathering all the content and updating contact information. It even includes our five newest memberships. Our sponsors advertisements covered the complete costs of the directory, so be sure to show them your support for their businesses. Also when visiting our reciprocal clubs be sure to have your new 2017 membership card available to present to confirm your active membership. (See article on p. 3)

Pictured above are 4 new member couples sworn in at February's general membership meeting: Kris Huber & Lisa Otto, Michael & Gabrielle Scanwell, Brian & Phillys Slater, and Robert (& Judy) Herrington.

GALLEY MENU – JOANN KAGEY

March 7th \$6 meal at 6:30 pm

*Shepherd's Pie, Soda Bread,
Spinach Salad, Chocolate Chip
Mint Ice Cream & Oreos*

provided by:

Virginia Allard, Val Watson,
Jenny Kenyon, & Sally Vraspir



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OFFICER'S REPORTS

COMMODORE – CATHY BETTS



As I write this I am sitting at home with 2 days to go before the Commodores Ball. I can sit here and think of all the work that is going on at the club. I have been told the floor looks wonderful. The work and effort Barb and Tim put in to make that all happen is greatly appreciated. I know others have worked hard to get the room ready and then finished right up to the baseboards. I will be getting a report from Rear Commodore Debbie. Everyone has worked so hard on keeping me in the dark. So I just want to thank everyone who put in their time at the club.

We have come so far in the last 2 years with improving the club I am so impressed on how nice it is looking, we should all be proud of ourselves.

We have Daffodil coming up and I hope you are ready to come down to Tacoma Yacht Club and join in all the fun. Also Seattle Opening and South Sound Opening are coming up quickly. Our cruise schedule is set and we are going to have a busy fun filled summer. I hope you can come join us.

I want to thank everyone working on the ball ahead of time - I know it's going to be the best one ever. You will not be able to change my mind on that. Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

VICE COMMODORE – TIM REDING



Ahoy All! We had another fast month go by but we have accomplished a lot! We have our new flooring down and hope you all are able to come in and check it out. A big "Thank You" to Rear Commodore Debbie and Skipper Matt for their hard work on

keeping things running smoothly for our club!

Thanks to Ray Sharpe and Lyle Kagey for helping to move items out of the building and back in and helping to install our new base. Great job men!

We are looking forward to our Commodores Ball this Sat., Feb. 25th. PC Mike has got everything under control and the place is looking great! Looks like overdress for chili and hotdogs! (Hee, hee!)

There's a new month coming up and we hope to see everyone at the Shakedown Cruise on March 31st at Longbranch. Please contact Fleet Captain Ron Reding if you are driving or boating over so we have a good headcount for food and docking procedures.

Don't forget our next meeting on Tuesday, March 7th. Bob Watson is working hard on our yearbook and plans on distributing at that meeting. Come and get your new book and binder and check out our new floors! Thanks, Bob, for all your hard work!!

Till then, Happy Sailing and see you on the water!

REAR COMMODORE – DEBBIE ALES



The clubhouse is looking great for the Commodore's Ball. The new flooring and baseboards have been installed. The galley and bathroom floors have been stripped and waxed. The stoves and ovens have been cleaned. Thank you to Tim, Ray, Matt & Linda for working on

those. Also thank you to Mark Girolami for shampooing the carpets. Additional flooring that was voted on the last general meeting has been picked up and stored in the office.

Please plan to come to the clubhouse on Saturday, April 8th from 9am-1pm to support our bi-annual House and Grounds. We will provide coffee, juice and donuts for breakfast and a light lunch so a head-count is needed to help with meal planning. We will be working on inside tasks – cleaning the galley, bathrooms and windows; outside tasks - repair and paint the deck, finish the repairing the awning, weed and trim the bushes, put down 4 yards of beauty bark, patch the roof, fix the 2 lights over the deck. We need to look our best to attract new members and rentals. We also need to set up a time to sort out and organize the basement. If you are

interested in working on this project, please let me know. Signup sheets for these will be at the March meeting.

JoAnn Kagey headed up a great meal in February. Thank you JoAnn, Virginia, Jenny and Sally for providing the meal and the galley crew for their hard work. We appreciate having a meal ready for us at each meeting.

Provi has rentals lined up for the clubhouse on March 28, April 11 and 22, June 10, October 21 and December 9. We have the list of email addresses from the Bridal Fair and need some volunteers to contact them about renting the clubhouse. If you are interested in helping with this, please let me know. Continue to keep your ears open and help promote the clubhouse rentals. 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.

PAST COMMODORE – MIKE HOLMAN



No Report.

(Editor's Note: Being Past Commodore is a lot of work because the first event after change of watch is throwing the Commodore's Ball which is a huge production and takes a village.)

OTHER REPORTS

CLOTHING – SALLY VRASPIR



Please remember to bring clothing for embroidery of our club logo to the March 7th meeting. That will be the final date for collecting items to add our embroidered logo for \$11, as well as placing catalog orders so that you'll be able to receive your new items for our shakedown cruise the end of March.

FLEET CAPTAIN - RON REDING

Cruise flyers are now being attached to our website on our calendar of events page instead of in our newsletter. Cruise flyers will be sent out as a separate attachment.

Opening "Shakedown" cruise to Longbranch is March 31 – April 2nd. No reservations are necessary, but it is helpful to let me know so we can plan food. See the event flyer on our website calendar of events. Also if you are planning to moor your boat in the yacht basin for Tacoma Yacht Club's Marine Daffodil weekend April 20 – 23rd be sure to go to their website to complete the form http://www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil_2017/Non-Parade_Boat_Registration_Form_2017.aspx

To sign-up for cruises please contact me at r_reding@comcast.net or see me at our general membership meetings to sign-up in our cruise log book.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY – BOB WATSON

The Totem Annual Membership Directory will be available for distribution at the March 7 general meeting. The directories will consist of new small binders, similar to the ones some members presently have, which will replace the previous larger binders. Updated inserts for the new binders are approximately 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches, replacing the earlier 8 1/2 by 11 inch pages.

*ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTORY TO BE
AVAILABLE AT MARCH
MEETING*

Each member is entitled to one small book, and vessel memberships may receive one additional book for use on their boat. To assure there are ample books for everyone, including future new members, those who currently have a small binder are encouraged continue to use those and just take updated inserts instead of a second binder. Extra copies of the new inserts will be available for this purpose. The club will not be purchasing new binders each year.

Binders and 2017 inserts will be available for member pick-up at general meetings through June. Members who do not pick up their books may request the book(s) be mailed to them, but they will be responsible for postage. The directory will also be available soon on www.totemyachtclub.com which will be updated periodically, but password access needs to be worked out. Also, a PDF copy of the directory as well as periodic

updates can be sent to any member via e-mail for storage on smart phones, computers, etc. Contact Bob Watson, if you want to be on such a mailing list. The e-mail attachment could also be printed in 8 ½ by 11 inches, if someone wants to keep their large binder updated.

Thanks to our many sponsors this year and our members who sought out new advertisers, production of the directory will produce some additional revenue for the club beyond the cost of publishing the book. During this year, members might keep an eye out for potential sponsors for next year. Contact Bob Watson with any directory questions robertwatson6@comcast.net.

MEMBERSHIP – VAL WATSON

Totem's board of trustees approved revisions to the club's membership application form at its February 21 meeting. The revisions, proposed by membership chair, Val Watson, are intended to make sure questions on the form are relevant to today's club needs. "The new form is not terribly different from the current one," Val said. "But it does try to get a better understanding of interests, skills and ambitions new members may bring to the club as well as recognize that memberships in our club are often comprised of couples or partners, not just spouses."

Members can start using the new application form immediately – a copy is attached to this issue – although the previous form will still be accepted. A copy of the new form will also be sent by e-mail to the membership from which copies can be made. "We encourage vessel members to carry several copies of the form on their boats for use during cruising," Val said. Copies will also be available at the clubhouse beginning at the March meeting.

SUNSHINE – LOUISE BURNS

After last month I guess everyone is well. Contact me by phone 1-253-845-4326 or FBurns5105@aol.com.

TOTEM LINE – HEIDI MERRIFIELD

I'm still having technical difficulties with the name change from Patty to myself on the e-mail at totemline@gmail.com. Most likely I will need to start over and establish a new account.

FEB 2017 NEW MEMBERS



KRIS HUBER & LISA OTTO



BOB (& JUDY) HERRINGTON



MICHAEL & GABRIELLE SCANWELL



BRIAN & PHILLYS SLATER

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

TED SHELL & NOREEN JENSEN



Ted is from Bossier City, Louisiana where there is tons of bass fishing. From a young age, Ted has enjoyed the outdoors. He used to take vacations to resorts and would frequently rent boats or go on boat rides.

Noreen is from a small

town called Fenwood, Saskatchewan (Canada) where there is no salt water, and the freshwater is too cold for a good portion of the year to be able to take a boat out. Her family were not big boaters and so other than an occasional ride on a friend's boat during the summer, her boating experience was limited. The majority of her exposure to boating has been in Tacoma which was her first opportunity to live so close to the water and to have met Ted who was the avid boater.

Ted and Noreen joined Totem in 2015. They had lived across the street from the clubhouse since 2008, but didn't realize they



could join a yacht club with a smaller boat. When they finally bought their 28' boat they started looking into joining a club. They learned about the benefits of reciprocal moorage through the Hawaii Yacht Club in 2014 while Noreen was working in Hawaii. They wanted to be a part of a group that went out and had fun on the water. They were considering joining Tacoma Yacht Club, when they decided to compare local clubs on the internet and found Totem. OMG! They thought the dues were too good to be true, and were relieved to find out they could become members without a huge time or money commitment. Noreen commutes to the East Coast weekly for work, so weekends are precious. They really enjoy social get togethers, even Totem's house and grounds which is simple for them to participate being only two doors away.

Ted was working for Tacoma Detox when he attended his first Totem cruise two years ago at Harbor Days for the Labor Day weekend cruise to Swantown in Olympia. He hadn't been to that marina, however he had lived aboard his boat in Olympia one summer with his daughter while working a job for the government involving environmental restoration.



Ted and Noreen both love being able to boat year-round. Their favorite Totem cruises so far have been the Turkey Cruise, Longbranch, Gig Harbor, and Poulsbo. "Hang Ten" Ted loved getting to be in the Daffodil Marine Parade, and encouraged to take risks going up the mast of a sailboat and surfing in front of a crowd. He also enjoyed doing the boy scouts cruise. They are looking forward to going to Bell Harbor with the club this summer as well as to

Port Orchard for the Halloween cruise as these are cruises they have not yet participated in.



Noreen has a special ring that Ted made her that symbolizes their two paths coming together with a boat in the middle. He had a friend help him make the setting by melting down some old silver rings he had and using some Oregon Sunstones he'd found with his daughter Callie.

JACK & SHARON NELL



Lifetime members Jack and Sharon Nell have the distinction of both serving as Past Commodores for Totem Yacht Club. Jack served on the board for

three years before going through the chairs to become Commodore in 1982. Sharon was serving on the board in 1985 when PC John Annable nominated her from the floor for RC. In 1988 she was the first woman to ever serve as a Commodore for Totem Yacht Club. The opportunity meant a lot to her, it boosted her self-confidence and made her feel like a better person. She has always felt that Totem members were her family.

Jack and Sharon have been married for 53 years. When they met, Sharon already had three, then together they had one more. Jack had always wanted to have a boat, so he bought an old valentine and kept in in the yard until he could afford to buy a motor (which with 4 kids to care for didn't happen.) Eventually they sold it and started out with a 12' boat – which was too small with 4 kids, so they quickly moved up to a 24' boat. That was the period that they learned about Totem Yacht Club from PC Will Wittie. Their family was over at Dockton and they ran into him on the dock and he told them all about the club and also encouraged them to join the Coast Guard Auxillary.

One of the first Totem parties they attended was a Halloween party and their disguise as Dracula and his wife won them first prize!

(Which was a good trick! The prize was that they got to plan the next years' party!) When they'd arrived at the party nobody recognized them, so they thought they would fool folks by saying they just wandered off the streets and saw there was a party going on an decided to check it out! The next year when they planned the party, their daughter worked at a store with maniquins, so they decorated using all the body parts.



After the three older kids moved out, they continued to move up in boat size taking their youngest Doddie along. Their first 28' boat was a mistake – when they bought it the seller said he'd already had the blower turned on, but they later discovered it didn't work because of barnicals. They'd thought it must have a really a huge water tank because it took so long to fill-up, only to discover that was because it leaked! Next they bought a 34' Carver in Seattle and had to start out bringing it back through the locks. Unfortunately the engine stopped running while they were in the locks and they ended up needing to leave it over night. They had a lot of fun with that boat and explored all over with it. They named the boat after Sharon's favorite wine Jacaré. (They are currently on their 3rd Jacaré a 21' Marsh.)

When they were about to become empty nesters, they decided it was time to move up to a liveaboard. They sold their home and bought a 46' Chris Craft "Jacaré" were they lived on for 11 years in Pleasure Craft Marina in Gig Harbor. Their daughter Doddie got married aboard. Sharon became the bookkeeper for the marina and has been there for 35 years. She also managed their houseboat rentals for 5 years. The first year they lived aboard the harbor froze sold and they took their dingy out breaking trough the ice to have the best onion soup ever on Tim Ozanich's boat past Arabellas.

Jack was the first recipient of the Screwball Award - it was created especially for him because he'd drilled a hole in the boat below the waterline when he added a washer and dryer to the 46' Jacaré! One Totem member that really stands out in their experiences with the club is Ray Sharpe. On a cruise at Poulsbo one year, Jack had too much to drink and wandered onto someone else's boat and fell asleep. The next day while everyone was in the gazebo in the

park, Ray turned on a boom box and cranked up the recording he'd made the night before of Jack snoring! Jack and Sharon have so many fond memories of their 40 years as members of the club. They haven't missed a Commodore's Ball in 35 years, and anytime they have an event to choose from, Totem is always first on their list.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: NEW MEMBERS



SHELLI ROWE

Shelli is a proud native of Washington State, born in Auburn and grew up in Federal Way. Although she has lived and worked in other parts of the country and Canada, Washington will always be home. She worked in the oil industry in Arizona

and the natural health arena in British Columbia before returning to Tacoma in 2014. Having attended Green River Community College, many years later she pursued her undergraduate degree in Health Psychology from Bastyr U. in Kenmore. She now calls Tacoma home.

She shares a house in North Tacoma with "Mr. Bill", a high school friend and has 2 adorable Shih-tzu/Bichon brothers, Alvin and Simon and 2 indoor/outdoor cats.



She is an animal lover. One of her hobbies is dog walking. Others are cooking, watching movies, scuba diving and just being active outdoors.

Shelli is a hospital sales rep, working from home for Theraworx, a company that makes an antimicrobial skin product. There are several hospitals in the Puget Sound area that use this product to protect the skin from infection on infirmed patients. The company is only 5

years old and Shelli has been in on the ground floor, having worked for them for 3 years.



Although she has been on boats with friends and family, it was time to take on the challenge of owning and operating a vessel. Last August, she

and Mr Bill, her housemate, partnered to buy a 30' gas powered Bayliner Ciera from a friend which is moored in Foss Harbor Marina. They took it out about 5 times last summer. Mostly out to Gig Harbor or Quartermaster, but the best trip so far was boating to a Huskies

game. That alone is quite a feat for new boaters! Bill operates the boat, so Shelli doesn't get out as much as she would like. Hence, joining a yacht club was a logical step to learn from experienced members about boating in general and plans to master piloting ASAP. Kerri and Tom Swift, who are live-aboard neighbors at Foss Harbor, were happy to sponsor Shelli to become a member of Totem.



Shelli expects to join us on cruises and also looks forward cruising to Gig Harbor to visit her mom and step-dad at their beach house.

We encourage our members to use Facebook to get acquainted. See our facebook site at: <https://www.facebook.com/totemyachtclub/> Photos from Saturday's Commodore Ball will be posted soon.

View our newsletters and cruise & event schedule on our website (see left column): <http://totemyachtclub.com/>

Cruise flyers are now being added to the calendar of events page for easy access and reference.

BOATING SAFETY TIPS

Bob and Val Watson are members of ActiveCaptain and passed along a recent article that is timely before we do our opening cruise – it deals with talking about how to handle medical emergencies onboard to give you the confidence and knowledge that could save the life of a loved one. (see ActiveCaptain website under Resources/Medical).

The main point is in all medical emergencies onboard, these are the first three things you should always do:

1. **Practice scene safety** - make sure you, as caregiver, aren't in a position of being involved in your own emergency. This often means delaying care to make sure you are safe.
2. **Call 911 or issue a Mayday** if you are in a real medical emergency and you need help. If there are any serious injuries, unconsciousness, or difficulty breathing, don't delay. There was a big discussion on the ActiveCaptain Facebook group about whether this should be a Mayday or a Pan-Pan. Ignore that - it's a Mayday. Just do it.
3. **Standby to assist with ABC** - airway, breathing, circulation. These topics are the main focus of CPR and other first aid classes. Everyone onboard should have had a CPR course in the last 2-3 years (5 years is too long ago and although you think you remember it, you don't).

One of the things suggested every couple onboard do to prepare for medical emergencies is to practice scenarios. For example, pretend your first mate got her fingers cut off in the windlass while retrieving the anchor. The skipper's first response is not to attend to Karen. Scene safety says to make sure the boat is still well anchored and secure. Only then can he go to assist her, no matter how much she's screaming at him. So here's the thing. While underway or even in the kitchen at home this winter, practice "what if" scenarios. Make sure everyone knows it's a scenario. Don't grab your chest in pain to see what your partner would do.

Things to discuss and practice:

- *What if the person at the helm while underway has a stroke?*
- *What if one person at anchor at night wakes with*

crushing chest pain?

- *What if while on a remote beach, one person walks into a hornet's nest and goes unconscious?*

- *What if one person falls into a companion-way while underway and doesn't respond to, "are you OK?"*

These scenarios and others particular to your boat will help you uncover things you never thought about. And while we hope you never face any emergency situation, running through the scenarios in the calm of day will prepare you and give you more confidence for your cruising adventures.

RBAW REPORT

On an issue that RBAW has been very active over the last several years, this announcement yesterday from District 10 EPA:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued a final affirmative determination that adequate sewage pump-out facilities are available for recreational and commercial vessels to support the Washington Department of Ecology's proposed "No-Discharge Zone" for Puget Sound.

*EPA clears the way for
Washington Dept of
Ecology to establish an
all-Puget Sound
"No Discharge Zone"*

Ecology has proposed to establish a "No-Discharge Zone" for Puget Sound which would prohibit the discharge of vessel sewage - both treated and untreated - into Puget Sound waters. Ecology's petition concluded that there is sufficient need for establishing a No-Discharge Zone to protect water quality and the related ecological, economic, and recreational benefits provided by Puget Sound.

Under Section 312(f)(3) of the Clean Water Act, EPA's role in the No-Discharge Zone process is to determine whether adequate pump-out facilities for recreational and commercial vessels are reasonably available. EPA's final determination was based on information that the Department of Ecology included in its petition package

and a supplemental submission. EPA’s final determination also considered over 40,000 comments received during a 45-day public comment period from individuals, environmental organizations, vessel associations, boating and yacht clubs, industry representatives, port authorities, federal, county, local and tribal governmental entities, and other interested groups.

EPA’s final determination does not constitute designation of a no-discharge zone. The state of Washington may now finalize the proposed designation in accordance with state law and take the steps it determines are appropriate to implement and enforce the discharge prohibition.

EPA’s final determination was published in the Federal Register on February 21, 2017 and is available for review at the link below:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/02/21/2017-03353/washington-state-department-of-ecology-prohibition-of-discharges-of-vessel-sewage-final-affirmative>

Region 10 website: epa.gov/Puget-sound/epas-final-determination-no-discharge-zone-Puget-sound

EPA’s response to comments is also available at:

epa.gov/Puget-sound/epas-final-determination-no-discharge-zone-Puget-sound

For more about the Department of Ecology’s petition: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/nonpoint/CleanBoating/nodischargezone.html>.

This determination paves the way for our State to establish the all-Puget Sound NDZ -- which, when implemented, effectively will eliminate the use of onboard sewage treatment systems ("type I" such as LectraSan and similar for recreational vessels, and type II for vessels larger than 65', including the commercial fleet) thus forcing all vessels plying these waters to rely on ONLY ONE approved sewage handling, the type III "holding tank" system. Even before such NDZ, it was

lareay illegal to discharge RAW sewage into Puget Sound. RBAW will be carefully following our State's implementation of the "No Discharge Zone", and will keep its constituents advised of developments.

TOTEM CRUISE SCHEDULE

DATE	CRUISE
March 31-Apr 2	Shakedown Cruise, Longbranch
Apr 20-23	Marine Daffodil, Tacoma YC
May 2-7	Seattle Opening, Seattle YC
May 13	South Sound Opening, DM YC
May 19-21	Boy Scouts, Blake Island
May 26-29	Memorial Day Cruise, Poulsbo
June 2-4	Blessing of the Fleet. Gig Harbor
June 9-11	Herron Island
July 1-5	Independence, Quartermaster
July 14-16	Commodore’s, Brownsville
July 28-30	First Mates, Bell Harbor
Aug 11-13	Kid’s Cruise, Dockton
Aug 25-Sept 1	Penrose to Swantown
Sept 1 – 4	Labor Day Cruise, Swantown
Oct 13-15	Halloween, Port Orchard
Nov 24-26	Turkey Cruise, Des Moines
Dec 2	Special People’s Cruise, Foss
Dec 9	Lighted Boat Parade, Dock St