



THE TOTEM LINE

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LABOR DAY CRUISE TO OLYMPIA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 1 – 4 Labor Day Cruise
Swantown Marina, Olympia

Sept 6 (Wed) Dinner 6:30 PM
General Mtg 7:30 PM

Sept 9 House & Grounds

Sept 23 Fish Feed @ Clubhouse

Oct 3 Dinner 6:30 PM
General Mtg 7:30 PM

Oct 6-8 Shelton Oysterfest

Oct 13-15 Port Orchard Cruise

Nov 7 Soup Night 6:30 PM
General Mtg/Election 7:30 PM

Nov 23-26 Des Moines Cruise

Dec 2 Special People's Cruise

Dec 2 Totem Christmas Party



Sixteen boats are signed up for this year's summer finale cruise to Swantown Marina in Olympia. Cruise hosts Jim and Nancy Terrell have fun plans including appetizers on Friday night at 5pm, breakfast on Saturday, and pulled pork and chicken group meal on Sunday night. Saturday will be pretty independent so folks can partake in the Harbor Days festivities at Percival Landing. If you plan to drive down to join group activities, your best bet is Sunday. After dinner we'll play games including left-right & center.

For more information about Harbor Days go to <http://harbordays.com/>

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GALLEY MENU

Sept 6 BBQ Potluck

*Bring your own meat to BBQ
and a side to share*

GRILL WILL BE HOT AT 6 PM



OFFICER'S REPORTS

COMMODORE – CATHY BETTS



Welcome back from all the great summer cruising. We are in the middle of the South Sound Cruise. Heading for Olympia to meet up with the club.

I want to thank everyone who has worked all summer keeping us moving in the right direction. The roof is completed we have had a great response from the club in getting our funds replaced. Thank you everyone. We have updated our web page and have picked up some more rentals which is great.

Getting ready for the Fall Social on Saturday, Sept 23. Gather all your friends and family and join us for our salmon dinner and dancing. We have a great band coming and it will be great to see everyone at a social event. See you all this Wednesday at the meeting!

VICE COMMODORE – TIM REDING



Ahoy all Totem members! It's been a great summer of cruising, I hope you have all enjoyed it!

Starting in June we were at Heron Island with VYC. It was a fun weekend and we enjoyed hanging out with them. Heron Island is a great place to check out if you didn't make it.

We had 4th of July at Quartermaster, which was a great time as usual. We had wonderful weather and even though the 4th was in the middle of the week, people still came together for a great time. The fireworks show was fantastic to end our night. Thanks to Commodore Kathy for putting on a really great time!

The middle of July we were in Brownsville for our Commodore Cruise then we ended the month of July with a wonderful trip to Bell Harbor hosted by the Merrifield's. We saw the Torchlight Parade, Seafair, Pike

Place Market and lots more. Thanks Mike and Heidi for a great weekend!

In August we had our kids cruise at Dockton. There was lots of fun for the kids and adults to enjoy. The huge rubber ducky was a great attraction in the waterway! The kids had a great time and really wore themselves out. Thank you to Ray & Shelan Aldridge for hosting our kids cruise!

I am writing this on my way out of town, heading for our Penrose weekend. It should be a great time and the beach area there is terrific. Then we are off for our South Sound Cruise to finish out the month of August.

We begin September in Swantown. We have 16 + boats coming down to Swantown in Olympia for Labor Day weekend. This should be a fun time for all and a great wrap up to our summer cruising. I'm looking forward to the week off, cruising the Sound, and seeing everyone in Olympia!

It's been fun running into everyone on the water this summer. Remember, we have our 1st general meeting of the fall coming up on Wednesday, September 6th, I hope to see everyone there. Come and share your summer stories with us. I hear we have lots of awards to be given out! (Has anyone fallen in this summer??)

REAR COMMODORE – DEBBIE ALES



I want to thank everyone that has paid their assessment towards our new clubhouse roof. Thank you to everyone that has helped with this project. If you haven't paid this yet, please contact Purser Sharon Nell to make arrangements.

Please plan to come to the clubhouse on Saturday, September 9th from 9am-1pm to support our bi-annual House and Grounds. We want to be all pretty for our September 23 seafood dinner and dance! We will provide coffee, juice and donuts for breakfast and a light lunch so a head-count is needed to help with meal planning. Look at the list below and bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, cleaning tools, etc. to help out.

We will be working on inside tasks – cleaning the galley, bathrooms and windows; cleaning and reorganizing the

galley cabinets. Outside tasks - repair and paint the deck, weed and trim the bushes. The bushes by the front sidewalk need to be trimmed back to allow 36" wide wheelchair access. If you are interested in working on these projects, please let me know so I can have enough food for everyone. Text me at 434-944-0348 or email me at alesmw161@gmail.com

Provi has rentals lined up for the clubhouse on September 8, 11, & 16, October 14, 21 & 28 and December 2 & 9. 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.

Cruising season has been great and we have enjoyed our time on the water with our Totem family. We are having a great time on the South Sound Hop and hope to see many more join us in Swantown for the Labor Day weekend.

OTHER REPORTS

FLEET CAPTAIN - RON REDING

To sign-up for cruises please contact me at r_reding@comcast.net or call 253-279-0314.

The cruises below require moorage reservations for our limited slips, so sign up today to secure your space.

DATE	CRUISE
Oct 13-15	Halloween, Port Orchard
Nov 24-26	Turkey Cruise, Des Moines
Dec 9	Lighted Boat Parade, Dock St

When cruising feel free to hail "Totem Yacht Club" on Channel 16 and see who responds!

SUNSHINE – LOUISE BURNS

If you have sunshine news to share with members, please contact me at 253-845-4326 or at FBurns5105@aol.com.

UPDATE FROM THE STATE PARKS BOATING PROGRAM

The 2017 Legislature enacted legislation that affects recreational boaters. And U.S. Coast Guard regulations regarding Hull Identification Numbers have been a source of angst among many boaters. We wanted to give you an update on these hot topics.

2017 Legislative Changes



Vessel impound authority. The Legislature passed House Bill 1605, giving marine law enforcement officers the authority to impound a vessel if they arrest the operator for boating under the influence and cannot find another qualified operator to take control of the vessel. This law created due process and protections for boaters as well as officers. The law went into effect on July 23, 2017. The Department of Licensing is currently working on developing the Vessel Impound Authorization and Vessel Foreclosure forms.

Some key provisions in the new law (RCW 79A.60.045) include:

- Officers must exhaust reasonable alternatives before they impound the vessel—such as calling friends or relatives of the operator to come take control of the vessel.
- Officers have the authority to trailer a vessel if the operator is incapable.
- Officers must have the permission of the facility where the vessel will be stored prior to leaving it there.
- The impounding officer must provide a vessel impound authorization and inventory form to

the legal and registered owner or owners within one business day following the impound.

- If an impounded vessel is not redeemed within 15 days, then a foreclosure process can begin.

Visual distress signals exempted from the definition of a firearm. The Legislature passed Senate Bill 5552, amending Washington's firearm



law. Flare guns or other pyrotechnic visual distress signaling devices are now excluded from the definition of firearm. (RCW 9.41.010)

Verification of Hull Identification Numbers

In 2012, the U.S. Coast Guard passed a regulation requiring all agencies registering or titling vessels to verify that Hull Identification Numbers (HIN) conform to federal regulations during the re-registration process. The Department of Licensing (DOL), and their agents, is responsible for implementing this regulation. We are providing a few facts and tips to help inform boaters about the issue.

- In 1972, the U.S. Coast Guard began requiring all vessel manufacturers to permanently affix the HIN on all vessels. The purpose was to give the Coast Guard an easier way to recall unsafe vessels. It also helps law enforcement track stolen vessels.
- There are three approved formats of the HIN. A vessel's HIN format must conform to the standard that was in effect the year the vessel was manufactured. DOL is responsible for verifying this when a boat is registered.
- Boaters are responsible for verifying the HIN on their boat matches the HIN on the vessel registration documents. If it does not, we

recommend taking a picture of the HIN and bringing it to a registration office.

- Earlier this year, the DOL sent letters to 19,000 vessel owners they identified as potentially having non-conforming HINs. If you received this letter, you may need a new HIN issued.

The State Parks Boating Program has no oversight of the HIN regulation or process. Please work directly with DOL. If you have questions, contact the DOL customer help line at 360-902-3900. TTY users, please call 360-664-0116.

Invitation from Shelton Yacht Club for Oct 6-8 Oysterfest

Each year, for 36 years, on the first weekend in October, The **Mason County Oysterfest** is held next door to the Port of Shelton Airport. Thousands attend the event to enjoy the oysters, other foods, music, wine, etc. And the Championship Oyster Shucking Competition!

Shelton Yacht Club opens its Club House doors to welcome visiting boaters from our reciprocal yacht clubs. Totem Yacht Club is invited to attend.

A Free Shuttle Bus conveniently picks up passengers right in the **Shelton Yacht Club** parking lot and brings them to the grounds of the **Oysterfest**.

Friday, Oct 6: 6:00 to 9:00 PM Potluck Dinner for visiting members. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Saturday, Oct 7: 8:00 to 10:00 AM SYC will be serving coffee and pastries. 5:00 to 7:00 PM Appetizer Potluck. Please bring an appetizer to share. 7:00 PM to late we will play BUNCO.

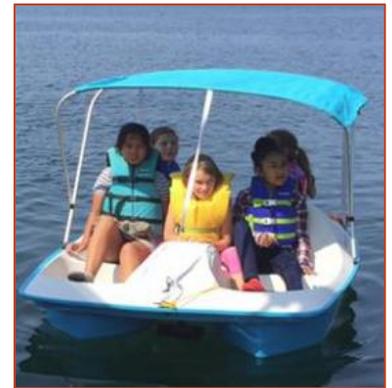
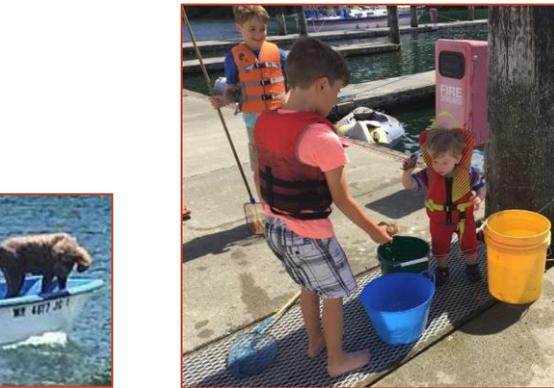
Sunday, Oct 8: 8:00 to 9:30 AM SYC will be serving a complimentary breakfast. High tide is at 9:00 AM. You can ride the ebb out of Hammersley Inlet for 6 hours.

Please contact us at Mike.Ashford@SheltonYachtClub.com so we can plan for your arrival.

For more info on the **2017 Oysterfest** go to: <http://www.oysterfest.org/>

DOCKTON KID'S CRUISE AUG 11-13

Tailgating, rafting, kayaking, party barge, crafts, net fishing, crabbing, and water balloon fights make the kids cruise a weekend paradise thanks to host Ray and Shelan Aldridge. Young and young at heart had a good time.



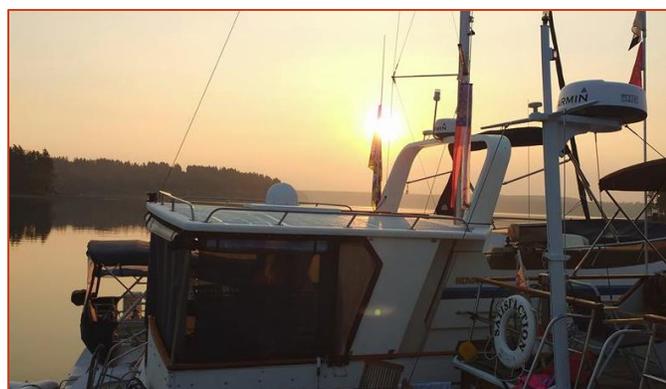
PENROSE ANCHOR OUT AUG 25-27



SOUTH SOUND HOP AUG 27 – SEPT 1



SOUTH SOUND HOP AUG 27 – SEPT 1 (CONT.)



TOTEM MAGIC - MATT ALES

Magical iridescent green bioluminescence in the water of a secluded bay under half of an August moon! Maybe native Western Washingtonians or those that have spent a lot of time in the Pacific northwest have seen this kind of thing so often that it is commonplace but Debbie and I were mesmerized as the three rafted-together dinghies putted around Oro Bay dodging boats that may have been moored there for years and docks that suddenly loomed out of the darkness. Tim Reding, Cathy Betts, Linda Harms and Rick Demere were also splashing the luminous water or driving the boats and seemed equally amazed by the light show around and below us. It was like a fireworks show all in bright green as schools of fish caused the water to glow around them. Dipping an oar or your fingers in the water was like a scene from Fantasia. Even bubbles or bugs on the surface caused the water to light up. Under the dinghies the water was so bright that it looked like we had green underwater lights attached to the hulls. Boy, are we glad we came along on the South Sound Hop between the Penrose Point anchor out and Labor Day weekend in Olympia. And that was just one evening.