
December Totem Line

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Mark Your Calendar

Christmas Party honoring Totem's Past Commodores. Dec. 1, 6 - 10 pm at the club house. Heavy appetizers provided by the 2018/2019 Officers and Board. BYOB. Bring an unwrapped toy to donate to YWCA. If bringing, a child, bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give them. ** NEW ADDITION Sy's Trio will provide light jazz during the evening! Details [here](#).

General membership meeting and voting on bylaw amendments. Dec. 4 at 6:30 for dinner, 7:30 for meeting. 2019 Annual Dues are due at this meeting.

Lighted Boat Parade at Foss Waterway Seaport Moorage. Dec. 15 - 16. Details [here](#).

New Year's Eve at Des Moines Yacht Club. Dec. 31 beginning at 6 pm. \$50 per person includes dinner, mixers and dancing (BYOB). Details [here](#).

General membership meeting on Jan. 8, 2019 (moved to the second Tuesday as the first Tuesday is Jan. 1). 6:30 for dinner, 7:30 for meeting.

Totem General Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted), at 6:30 for dinner & 7:30 call to order.

Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. at the club house. All members are welcome to attend board meetings.



The board and officers have reviewed [proposed amendments](#) to our bylaws and recommend we vote to accept them. For reference, [view the current bylaws here](#). Here's a quick review of the proposed amendments:

- Added a table of contents
- Added titles to each section
- Clarified when "year" means calendar year versus a 12-month period
- Switched the order of articles on "Officers and Duties" and "Meetings"
- Clarified what constitutes a quorum for various meetings
- Added that if membership is inactive (a demit), the burgee must be returned to TYC
- Clarified that election of officers and board will be conducted by the yeoman (see Article VII Section 1)
- Cleaned up language for consistency throughout (i.e. Board of Trustees v. Directors is now always Trustees, and Membership Directory v. Yearbook) and pronouns gender-neutral
- Gave the board the option to seek an outside audit of financial records -- this is to protect the club and the purser (see Article IX Section 4)
- Condensed Uniforms and Devices into a single section

Under the Jan. 2018 bylaws, sharing the proposed amendments via email prior to our next general member meeting (on Dec. 4) constitutes the advance reading requirement.

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of membership present and voting at any regular meeting after such amendments have been read at a previous meeting. Sending the proposed amendment(s) in writing to the membership prior to the meeting at which introduced shall satisfy the requirement for a first reading at the meeting.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jenny Kenyon (206.353.4731) or any officer or board member before the Dec. 4 meeting. Please bring a copy to the meeting if you'd like to discuss them.



Commodore Tim Redding



Vice Commodore Debbie Ales



Rear Commodore Kris Huber

Commodore Tim Redding: Ahoy All! Wow! Another month gone by. The holidays are here. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

We had our election this month and have our bridge for next year: Debbie Ales as Commodore, Kris Huber as Vice, Randy Kenyon as Rear, and Rick Demere as Purser. We will be in good hands with them at the helm!

We had a nice Turkey Cruise to Des Moines. Thanks Mike & Heidi for a great job hosting and the nice breakfast in your home! The weather was also nice for the cruise. There were 11 boats total and 7 boats all decked out with Christmas lights, looking great and festive.

Our annual Christmas party this Saturday, Dec. 1. Doors will open at 18:00hr. This is hosted by in-coming and out-going flag officers and board. Come and have a nice relaxing evening with our Totem family and listen to SY's Trio playing nice evening music.

I hope to see everyone at our next meeting on Dec. 4th.

Vice Commodore Debbie Ales: This is my last month as Vice Commodore and I want to thank everyone who has supported me this year. Matt and I had a great time at all the events we have attended this year to support Totem.

Our clothing order should be ready for pickup at the Christmas party and the December General Meeting. Remember to bring a check to pay for your order.

Our year has come to an end and we have new flag officers and board members voted in for 2019. We had a cruising planning session for 2019 at the Turkey Cruise. Lots of folks were able to attend. It looks like it will be a great cruising year. We still need a Sargent at Arms for 2019 along

with someone to take over the Reciprocal Manager position and the lead the Education. If you are interested in any of these, please let me or one of the flag officers know.

Do you have ideas to raise funds for the club? We have done well with the Swap Meet, the Taste of Tacoma Parking and the Fall Social. Is there any interest in an additional social fundraiser? If you have any ideas, please contact me, a flag officer or a board member.

Happy Holidays to each of you and your families.

Rear Commodore Kris Huber: Wow! Another month has flown by. We had our elections this month. Now we are almost set for next year. We just finished a great cruise to Des Moines for the Turkey Cruise. Great time decorating our boats. We had a great turn out. Thanks to Mike and Heidi Merrifield for hosting and putting on a fun weekend.

By the time this comes out, we will have had our Special Needs cruise and Totem Y/C Christmas party. We will still have our Lighted Boat Cruise to come.

I want to thank everyone that attended the meeting for capital improvements on the club. Sorry I missed it. I see many of the items on the list are no surprise to any of us. I had mentioned last month that we are now trying to offer ad space for our membership directory. We have until February to finalize. If anyone would like, they can provide me with the name and number of someone they think might want to advertise. I can follow up with that person if you would like some help. I believe that we are trying to get the application on the web site for ease of submitting. Thanks for all your support.

Finally, I brought up at the Board meeting the possibility of having a Super Bowl party at the club. I will open it up for discussion on the General Meeting to see the interest.

Have a great and safe Holiday season!



Fleet Captain's Report from Lyle Kagey

As we get into the holiday season, there a few club cruises that you should be aware:

- Sat. Dec. 1, the holiday special people's cruise commences. At this point, it may be tough to get involved if you haven't already signed up. However, if you feel the urge to help out, please contact Bob Watson for details.
- Sat. Dec.15 is the annual Lighted Boat Parade. Space is limited at the Foss Seaport Dock. Please contact Bob Watson if you are interested in joining the fun!

Our annual club cruise planning meeting was well attended and the 2019 cruise schedule is all set. [See preliminary plans here.](#) Please keep in mind that some of these cruises may change slightly as reservations are made. It looks like another fun year of boating is waiting on the other side of the holidays!

I'm looking for cruise hosts for nearly every cruise next year! It's a lot of fun to host a cruise and put your own personal stamp on a cruise weekend. If you haven't hosted a cruise, think about doing one in 2019. I'll be happy to help guide you through the process! It's really easy and fun!

JoAnn and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

New members Lee & Del Deide were sworn in as social members at the November meeting. Please welcome them to our club.



Membership Directory

Photos for 2019 Directory

If you need to have your picture taken for the 2019 membership directory (or would like a different picture), see Bob Watson at the Dec. 4 meeting.

Build Advertising Revenue

In 2019, we want to increase the number of ads in the directory. In recent years, the ads have more than covered the cost of printing the directory. We'd like to step that up this year and see if it can be a money maker. If we can get just 15 new full-page ads, that would be \$1500 of income which is as much as would have been realized by a proposed \$25 dues increase that was voted down at the October 2018 meeting.

If you know a business interested in advertising, [please share the details and form here](#). If you know a business that might be interested but are uncomfortable approaching them, please share the lead with Kris Huber or Bob Watson. Ads are included in the printed and PDF copies of the directory as well as on Totem's website on the sponsors page.

Thank you to the members who advertise their businesses in the directory -- your support is appreciated.

Contact Kirs Huber (253.777.5976 or seattle_reo@live.com) or Bob Watson (253.925.0751 or robertwatson6@comcast.net) if you have questions or to reserve ad space.



Floyd Burns is slowly recovering from respiratory failure, brought on by pneumonia. Floyd and Louise hope to attend the Holiday Party.

John Anchich's sister suffered a stroke.

Lets all stay health thru this coming holiday season!

Please report sunshine news to Louise Burns at FBurns5105@aol.com or 253-845-4326.



The Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW) works to minimize and eliminate burdensome rules and regulations that hinder the boating community.

TYC has a club membership, but encourages individual memberships. Individual membership receive the support of RBAW and a variety of benefits including:

- **50%** off membership to Boat U.S., including a **10%** discount on towing packages
- **10-30%** off online purchases of marine, fishing, and boating supplies at Fisheries Supply in Seattle. www.fisherliessupply.com
- **10%** off in-store and online purchases of marine clothing, gifts, and supplies at NautiGirl Brands. www.thenautigirl.com

These benefits are only available to individual members.

2018 Appointed Chairs

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