



The Totem Line

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CRUISING SEASON IS HERE!

A message from our Fleet Captain, Lyle Kagey:

Thanks to all that came to Kingston for our annual Memorial Weekend Cruise. We had a fantastic time, a great turn out both by boat and a few drive ups and we couldn't have asked for better weather! The Port of Kingston and the town treated us very well and the facilities were near perfect! I have secured our place at Kingston for next year!

The summer cruise season is in full swing with a very busy month of May behind us, it's time to focus on June through August! Many of us will be out and about through the summer with vacations and weekend jaunts to our favorite docks or gunk holes. Here are our summer club cruises to keep in mind:

- **July 3-5 - The 4th of July Cruise to Quartermaster Harbor.** This is a great cruise, even during the week since it is so close to most of our home ports. The fireworks show is second to none! This is an anchor-out cruise. Typically, we like to do a "wagon wheel" style set-up but we need more boats to sign up! Regardless, it's always a fun time. Come join us! Hail Totem Yacht Club on channel 68 as you approach the inner harbor and we'll be ready to help get your boat set up!
- **July 13-15 - Commodore's Cruise to Eagle Harbor City Docks.** This will be our first cruise to the new docks on the north side of Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island! These are brand new docks just completed in March. We have lots of room for more boats to attend and I'm sure Commodore Tim has a great time on tap for us!
- **July 27-29 - First Mates/SeaFair Cruise to Bell Harbor Marina Seattle.** Downtown Seattle, SeaFair, Pike's Place Market, Torchlight Parade... What more could you ask for! Well, I'm betting Mike and Heidi Merrifield have more ideas and fun as they host this annual cruise to celebrate our First Mates (or Admiral's!). We have room for 14 boats and as of this writing, there are 8 slips still available.
- **Aug. 10-12 - Kid's Cruise to Dockton County Park Docks, Vashon.** Bring the kids, grandkids and big kids! This cruise is all about the kid in all of us but especially the ones that light up the docks with their antics, fish nets and unending energy! Ray & Shelan Aldridge are co-hosting this cruise of fun activities on the docks and the shore (they are looking for someone to help, let me know if you can give them a hand). Please keep in mind that the docks are first-come, first served.

- **Aug. 24-26 - Tim's Anchor Out at Penrose State Park.** A relaxing weekend at a great location! Lake Bay Marina is open, and their burgers and shakes are a great distraction from the boat grill! This cruise is our kick-off to a week in the south Sound!
- **Aug. 26-30 - South Sound Cruise - Anywhere we want to go!!** Just a leisurely cruise in the southern Sound... Points of anchoring to be determined. We will end the week at Swantown in Olympia.
- **Aug. 31 – Sept. 3 - Labor Day Cruise at Swantown Marina Olympia.** We have 4 slips remaining for this fun weekend around Olympia. Randy and Jenny Kenyon are hosting! I'm sure they will have a fun and relaxing weekend to end our summer cruise schedule! More details to be sent as the weekend gets closer!

Lots of fun, sun and good times! Come join us on one or all of these cruises!

As a final note, JoAnn and I finally got our boat back and running! It has been a difficult year without *Hip Nautic*! We are planning a trip north beginning on July 20 or 21. Our final destination is Princess Louisa Inlet and Chatterbox Falls. We have been there several times and we think it's the most beautiful place in the Northwest (I'm sure many would agree or argue that point!). If you are interested in joining us for any part or all of this very long cruise, let me know! There will be some planning required!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on the water! Have a safe, fun and memorable summer!!

Officers' Reports

Commodore Tim Redding



Ahoy All!

It's been another fun month on the water, and we are just getting started for the summer season!

The first weekend of May we went up to the Seattle opening.

We had 4 Totem boats and some drive-ups. Thank you, Rick Demere, for being our Flag boat and a great host!

The following weekend was the South Sound Opening at Des Moines Yacht Club. They put on a good time with live music both nights and lots of good food. If you have not participated in these events they are lots of fun!

Thank you, *Lucky Dog 2* and *Rehab*, for helping with transporting the Boy Scouts to Blake Island. We

had 26 parents and scouts that we provided lunch and dinner to. We appreciate the scouts as they do a super job each year cleaning up the Island to get it ready for the summer.

The Memorial Day weekend in Kingston sounds like it was a great cruise! Linda and I drove up on Sunday for the potluck and as always there was good company, food and stores.

We are at the start of a fun cruising season, but we are in need of some cruise hosts. Please get with our fleet captain, Lyle, for more information if you would like to host a weekend. And don't forget to sign up for cruises it helps with planning.

The mural is underway! They have fitted the plywood to the building and now have it ready for a warehouse painting. Barb Bernsten is working on color to paint the exterior of our building. She will have some sample colors painted on the building so when you come to the meeting on Tuesday,

June 5th, take a look at the samples. We will be voting on a color that night as a club.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meeting, June 5th. Happy boating!



Rear Commodore Kris Huber

Wow! What a great and busy month of May we had! And it looks like June is going to be just as busy. Just coming off a great weekend at our new Memorial

Day weekend cruise at Kingston. We all had a fantastic time there. I will add that this is the 4th time that Lisa and I have stayed in Kingston. They have always been

great to us. It is a great location for a reciprocal moorage and the halfway point to many of the northern locations. The town does offer restaurants and shops.

For us, May was a very busy month. We actually were on a cruise each weekend! I have to say the high light was the Boy Scout cruise. I was not able to participate last year but had a chance this year. Well worth the effort.

We are moving forward on the hall as well. The mural has begun. The boards were placed on the northern side of hall getting ready for the painting. We have also been in discussion for other repairs and improvements to the hall for us all to enjoy.

Looking forward to a great June and summer ahead.

Other Reports

The Galley – JoAnn Kagey

Galley Wench JoAnn Kagey offers the following menu for our general meetings. If you can take the lead or help with any meeting, please contact her at 253-840-9538.

- **June** The annual "Bring your own meat" meal. Bring your favorite meat to grill and a side dish to share. Grills will be on the deck. Come a little early to make sure your cuts have time to grill.
- Sept. Lasagna, rolls, dessert
- Oct. Beer & Brats, German Potato Salad, Strudel
- Nov. Soup Night, Bread, Dessert
- Dec. Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, dessert

Membership – Val Watson

Please welcome Mike & Karen Mulcahy at our June meeting. They live in Tucson during the winter

months and cruise the waters of Puget Sound on their boat for the summer.

Sandra and Alberto Rodriguez will also join us. They are looking to buy a boat, but first need all the info they can get before doing so. With all the expertise at our club, I'm sure we will be able to direct them. Feel free to offer any and all the help you can.

Sunshine – Louise Burns

No news here is good news!

Clothing – Sally Vraspir

If you ordered a shirt with the Totem logo, they are ready. Sally will bring them to the general club meeting in June 5. They are \$25.50 each. Bring your check book.

Totem Line – Jenny Kenyon & Heidi Merrifield

There will be no Totem Line for July or August. We will return to your in-box in September!

Other 2018 Appointed Chairs:

Archives.....Bob Watson
 Bar.....Linda Harms
 Bylaws.....Jenny Kenyon
 Education.....Bob Watson
 Facebook.....Doug Gelowitz

Fleet Surgeon.....Tony Dulas
 IOBG & RBAW.....Ron Reding
 Reciprocal Manager.....Ron Reding
 Rental Manager.....Provi Simpson
 Sergeant at Arms.....Randy Kenyon
 Website Updates.....Bob Watson

Land Lubber Events

Totem General Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 for dinner & 7:30 call to order.
 Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.
 Meetings are at the club house. No meetings in July & August.

June 16 @ 3 pm My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy!.....Broadway Center
NEW – See page 8 for details!

June 22-24.....Taste of Tacoma Parking Fundraiser.....Totem Yacht Club

Sept. 2 @ 3 pm..... Historic Tall Ships "Adventure Cruise" Olympia
NEW – See page 9 for details!

Sept. 8.....Fall House and Grounds.....Totem Yacht Club

Sept. 29.....Fall Social Fundraiser.....Totem Yacht Club

Sept. TBD.....Carling Yacht Club Commodore's Ball.....TBD

Oct. 6.....Viking Yacht Club Commodore's Ball.....Viking Yacht Club

Nov. 6.....Totem General Meeting & Elections.....Totem Yacht Club

Dec. 1.....Christmas Party.....Totem Yacht Club

Cruise Schedule 2018 – Fleet Captain Lyle Kagey

Date	Event	Where	Details
June 1—3	Blessing of the Fleet	Gig Harbor	Anchor out.
July 3 —5	Independence Day	Quartermaster Harbor	Anchor out.
July 13—15	Commodore's Cruise	Eagle Harbor City Dock	
July 27—29	First Mates/SeaFair	Bell Harbor Marina	14 slips on B dock reserved.

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Aug. 10—12	Kids' Cruise	Dockton Marina Vashon	No reservations: first come, first served.
Aug. 24—26	Tim's Anchor Out	Penrose State Park	Anchor Out.
Aug. 26—30	South Sound Cruise		Multiple stops.
Aug. 31—Sept. 3	Labor Day Cruise	Swantown Marina, Olympia	Hosted by Jenny & Randy Kenyon
Oct 12—14	Halloween Cruise	Port Orchard Mariana	With Des Moines YC.
Nov 23—25	Turkey Cruise	Des Moines Marina	Hosted by Mike & Heidi Merrifield.
Nov. 30—Dec. 1	Special People's Cruise	Foss Waterway	Dock Street Marina 11/30. Foss Waterway 12/1.
Dec. 15-16	Lighted Boat Parade	Foss Seaport	

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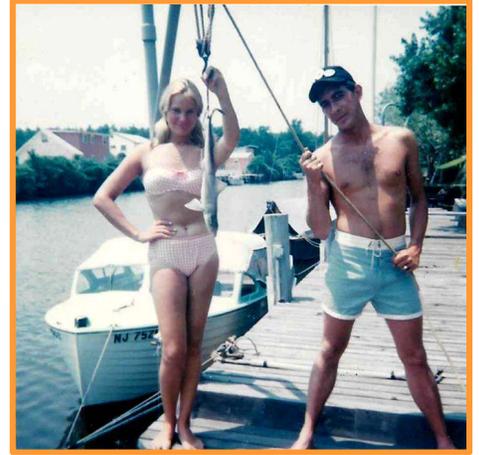
- Vertical ribs for extra protection.
- Can be hung vertically or horizontally.
- Non-abrasive poly.
- Center through-hole with reinforced tube ends.
- Size: 8.0" x 20"
- Color: Black

\$30 each or set of 3 for \$75. Priority given to purchase of set (3) until June 9.

Contact Bob Watson at [253.209.6452](tel:253.209.6452) or robertwatson6@comcast.net.

Member Profile: Bob & Val Watson

Long ago and far away in a village called Verona in the land of New Jersey lived a young couple, who were, unbeknownst to them, preparing for a destiny to one day join Totem Yacht Club. Having easy access to the Jersey Shore, even before Snooki became the lady of the Seaside Heights boardwalk, the two enjoyed taking their 14' converted rowboat with a 25 hp Johnson (never had the motor cover on, since keeping it running was always a work in progress) thru wake-rocked Bayhead Canal, out the risky Manasquan Inlet and into the Atlantic Ocean to surf the waves and play chicken with the beach. But before moving west to the boating capital of the world, the formative years of their lives unfolded.



Along the way, after a three-year stint in the army, Bob was a police officer in his home village and later an organized crime investigative agent on the docks of the Newark and New York waterfronts. While on the local police force, he and a fellow officer founded a junior football program for local youth – the Verona Eagles - that recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and has seen more than 7,000 Verona boys and girls pass through its ranks. BTW: Some years later, as an elected member of the Verona council and appointed “police commissioner,” Bob had the unique experience of walking into the police chief’s office and uttering: “Hey, Tom, remember when you used to be MY boss?” Everybody should have that feeling once!

Meanwhile, Val attended nearby Fairleigh Dickinson University and Presbyterian School of Nursing, becoming an RN and head nurse in the OB/GYN unit of the very hospital in which both of them were born years earlier. Bob, approaching age 30 and now “matured” through combat(less) service to his country and edge-of-life crime fighting in the hangouts of the Soprano’s, decided to get serious about his education – something he had never done in high school. He graduated magna cum laude from Montclair State University, certified to teach K through 12, and seasoned with forays in soccer, golf, student government, fraternity life, and anti – antiwar protesting (it was 1969, after all). All this time Val was working to keep the family afloat and support Bob’s extra-curricularities. The couple dabbled a little in theater, producing an early rendition of the *Jersey Boys* – Mark, now age 50, and Chris, 41.

Bob eventually went to work! First with a small security consulting firm and then as a security manager with pharmaceutical giant, Hoffmann La Roche, both in Jersey. Someone from Totem must have been watching, because by and by Bob got a call to come to join the security staff at Weyerhaeuser Company in Tacoma. Four years later he was named Corporate Security Director for Weyerhaeuser worldwide, from which position he retired 20 years later. Val struggled with the decision to leave Verona, since her family still resided in New Jersey. But Bob, looking at the size of Puget Sound on a map and imagining the boating opportunities, told Val: “Me and the kids are going to Washington; you’re welcome to come with us.” She did, and their boating adventures followed. Val went on to be a caregiver with some local residents for a number of years.

Their first boat, after moving to Puyallup, was a 23’ Bellboy – cruise speed 35 mph, stainless prop and straight exhaust pipes – cool! The first weekend they owned the boat, they made it to Victoria in about 1 1/2 hours, then

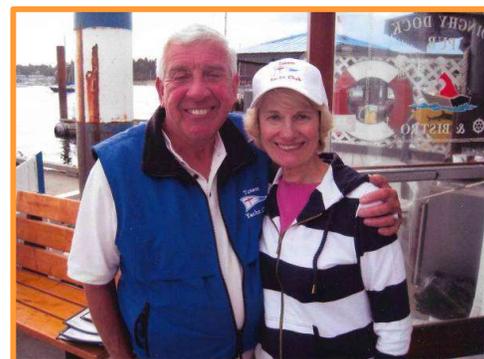
on to Friday Harbor the following day. Hurrying home on Sunday, they were desperate for fuel in Admiralty Inlet. If you think you cannot fuel up at Bush Point, check some of your old Marine Atlases (© mid-80's). After you approach the barren shore, a dolly is sent down a rail track and disappears under the water. You pull up and tie off to the exposed posts, and there you go up to shore, get fueled and re-launched. Maybe not your first choice, but if it's the only choice, you go for it.

One weekend in 1986 they left Nanaimo and crossed the Georgia Strait to Vancouver on a planned trip to Expo '86. The cruise over was smooth and took 1/2 hour to Snug Harbor. However, the return trip was far from enjoyable. Forced to leave their expired slip Sunday evening due to zero available moorage space, they headed off to Nanaimo. The seas were not what the Coast Guard predicted. They faced 8-foot swells, but it was still daylight...for a while. Their radio shorted out because of the green water that came over the bow and under the roof canvass – no chance for a Mayday call. With no trim tabs, Bob maneuvered each wave, up one side and down the other with great care, using the reflection of the stars after darkness set in to see the next coming wave. Forget about the course...just follow the pointy end! A tug was spotted in the dark about half way across the strait. Our heroes yielded, of course, and started to pass behind it only to spot three lights on the tug's mast, indicating it had a (non-visible) tow. Bob had to maneuver around that problem as well as dealing with the seas. They were ecstatic when they came upon Entrance Island light – a mere one mile off their original intended course - and made shore at Newcastle Island 5&1/2 hours after leaving Vancouver.

They had only pleasant experiences with their next boat, a 28' Bayliner with a flybridge which they bought new in 1988. Again, with the benefit of maturation, there were no horror stories to report over the next seven years, except those annoying ferry wakes. Then, at the 1995 boat show and now living in NE Tacoma, Val saw a 32' Bayliner Command Bridge which they (Val) couldn't live without. Over their next 23 years, there were adventures, but they enjoyed the "luxury" of a boat that could get them through most challenges and the wisdom to know when to stay put.



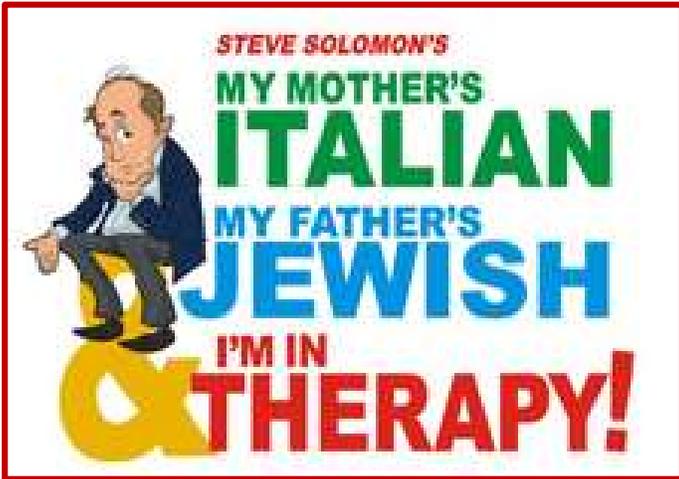
They added to their boating pleasure with a seven-year membership in Everett Yacht Club while living in Tacoma (don't ask!). But Bob was active in the Tacoma Tall Ships festivals in 2005 and 2008, and two trips to the Everett club every month wasn't cutting it. Finally, in 2008, their destiny was fulfilled when they joined Totem Yacht Club. Over the years, their travels have taken them from Tacoma, south to Olympia, north to the San Juan's, further north to their beloved Gulf Islands, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Princess Louisa Inlet and beyond to the Broughton's, always seeking out the best fish and chips to be had. In 2015, with Bob entering the fourth quarter of life's big game, the couple from that village of Verona completed their boating bucket list with a memorable four-month cruise to Alaska – not as thrilling as playing chicken with the Jersey beaches, but exciting enough for their mellowing years.



It's been a hell of a ride!

“Land Cruise” to the Theatre for a Laugh-Riot

Join your Totem friends for an afternoon of laughs... No boat required!



Date: Saturday June 16

Time: 3 pm to 5 pm

Where: Broadway Center for Performing Arts, Tacoma

Cost: \$43.50 per person (additional discount if our group is 20 or more). Bring your checkbook to the June 5 meeting!

RSVP: to Tess Coster at 412.480.8844 or tesscoster@icloud.com

The two-time award winning: *My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm In Therapy* created by Steve Solomon has met with rave reviews and great audience acclaim throughout the country.

Now one of the longest running one-man shows in New York history. It is an evening of hysterical comedy topped off with 30+ voices of the most hilarious characters and situations you've ever seen. All this brought to life by the comic genius of Author, Steve Solomon, starring Peter Fogel. Over 450,000 have seen and loved this show. This is a "don't miss evening of side-splitting laughter."

We meet the people that we're all too familiar with; the family members that make you remember why you left home in the first place. This time, however, we get to see greater nuances into the personalities of the dozens of characters we'll meet along the way, especially Steve's sister, "THE SMOKER" & his dysfunctional and wacky Italian and Jewish relatives & friends whose sole purpose is to drive him into therapy... and they succeeded!

One-part lasagna, one-part kreplach, and two-parts Prozac, you don't have to be Jewish or Italian to love the show. All you need to know is what it feels like to leave a family dinner with heartburn and a headache!

My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy is a laugh-filled fest of everybody you know, have known and some you'd want to forget but can't; all brought to life on stage by the comic magic of Peter Fogel.

Contact Tess Coster at 412.480.8844 or tesscoster@icloud.com

The date is coming quickly! Contact Tess ASAP to RSVP.

Bring your checkbook to the club meeting on June 5.

Lady Washington & Hawaiian Chieftain

Adventure Cruise in Olympia

Sunday Sept. 2

For the Labor Day Swantown Olympia Cruise, join your Totem friends on an “Adventure Cruise” on these beautiful ships. Cruisers and social members are all invited.



Sunday Sept. 2 at 3 – 5 pm; boarding begins at 2:30. Vessel choice is first come, first served.

Port of Olympia, Port Plaza Dock
704 Columbia St NW, Olympia

\$49 adults/\$42 children 12 & under

<http://www.historicalseaport.org/public-tours-sails/sailing-schedule/olympia-washington/>

Tall Ships Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington, official ambassadors of Washington state and film stars, will visit Olympia from August 29th to September 4th for Olympia Harbor Days. Join us for a two-hour, family-oriented Adventure Sail to experience tall ship handling, sea shanty singing, and maritime amusement. It will be a day to remember!

A ticket is required for all passengers, including babies. Children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments are not provided, but you are welcome to bring your own (no glass please). Accessibility is addressed on a case-by-case basis; contact Grays Harbor Historical Seaport ahead of time so they can accommodate your needs: 800-200-5239 or hello@historicalseaport.org.

Contact Grays Harbor Historical Seaport for tickets or accessibility questions.
800-200-5239 or hello@historicalseaport.org

Contact Jenny Kenyon with questions about Totem’s participation in this event or the cruise.
206.353.4731 or pinkjenny@gmail.com

As of May 10, all Totem members who signed up for this cruise have purchased tickets for this adventure.
The walk from Swantown Marina to Port Plaza is about a half-mile.