
January Totem Line

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Mark Your Calendar

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. Dinner is \$7 per person, exact amount appreciated.

Seattle Boat Show on Sun. Jan. 27 with the club. More details coming soon on tickets, carpooling, and a chance to win the Yacht Club Challenge.

Bremerton Heavy Weather Cruise is Feb. 15 - 17. This is a great weekend filled with socializing, log races, entertainment, skits, awards dinner, and a lot of fun. More [details here](#), or contact Bob Watson (robertwatson@comcast.net or 253.925.0751).

Commodore's Ball is on Sat. Feb. 23. Details to follow.

Totem General Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise announced), at 6:30 for dinner & 7:30 call to order. Dinner is \$7 per person, exact amount appreciated. No meetings in July and August.

Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the club house. Members are welcome to attend board meetings. No meetings in July and August.



A big thank you to everyone who brought gifts to our holiday party. We collectively donated 49 gifts to the YWCA for families for the holidays. This is about twice as many as we have donated in past years. Your generosity and care for kids and families who are struggling is appreciated. And another thank you to Carolyn Hershberger for coordinating!



Commodore Debbie Ales



Vice Commodore Kris Huber



Rear Commodore Randy Kenyon

Commodore Debbie Ales: Happy New Year! As we get underway in 2019, I want to thank everyone who has joined me on the board and volunteered for the committees for this journey. Remember to invite folks to become members of Totem along the way.

We have many great cruises and social functions planned for this year. I encourage you to attend as many as you can to enjoy all that Totem Yacht Club has to offer. Be sure to keep up with the announcements about these as the year goes on.

The best way to enjoy the activities is to become involved. We plan to meet at the upcoming Seattle Boat Show in January for a group photo to try and win the 2019 Yacht Club Challenge for the most folks from a yacht club at the show on that day. In February we are going to Bremerton's Heavy Weather Cruise (by land or by boat) to try and win the rubber clam shovel, first place in the skit contest. This cruise is attended by the Grand 14, plus Totem so a win here is extra special.

In closing, here is a toast to the New Year:

There are good ships, And there are wood ships,
The ships that sail the sea. But the best ships,
Are friendships, And may they always be.

Seas the day,
Commodore Debbie

Vice Commodore Kris Huber: Wow! A year has flown by. I want to thank all of those who have helped and supported me this past year as the Rear Commodore. I sure learned a lot about the yacht club. I remember like it was yesterday when Lisa and I were trying to decide on a yacht club to join. On how we thought: 'How would we know if this was the right club to join? And what about the people?' It has paid off for us in so many ways not only learning more about boating but meeting so many new friends along the way. What a group!

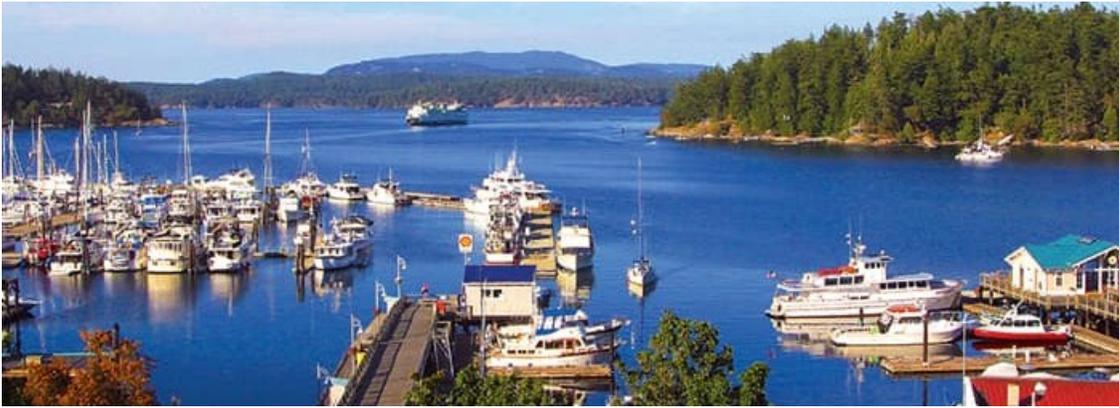
I look forward to this year as the Vice Commodore. I appreciate those who trust in me in continuing to move the Club forward and improving ourselves. I look forward to all the new challenges ahead.

We have a great year planned ahead of us. Let's us all make it a great year and enjoy all of the functions and gatherings that we have together. Let's have a great and safe boating year!

Thank you!

Rear Commodore Randy Kenyon: I am thrilled to be your new Rear Commodore. I look forward to meeting with all of you and getting to know you. As I start my turn through the chairs, I welcome your tips and advice. My hope is to grow this club and make it a fun for everyone.

See you on the water!



Fleet Captain's Report from Lyle Kagey

The 2019 cruise schedule is 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 horizon!

I'm looking for cruise hosts for nearly every cruise. It's a lot of fun to host a cruise and put your own personal stamp on it. 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!



Amendments to the bylaws were passed unanimously at the December 2018 meeting. You can [view or download a copy here](#).

Membership Application: June & Stuart Simpson

The application for membership for June and Stuart Simpson was recently shared with membership. At the January 8 meeting, we plan to have a conversation with them via Skyp, to introduce them. They cannot join us in person as they are cruising their 39' catamaran and will not return for an extended period of time.

If you have questions or a new member to recommend, contact Val Watson at robertwatson6@comcast.net or 253.219.7704.



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 Jan. 8 meeting.

Building 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.



Lets all stay healthy in 2019!

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.fisheriessupply.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.

Getting to Know You: Randy & Jenny Kenyon



Randy & Jenny met in 2003 at a dive bar in Kirkland, WA. After a short few months of dating, they moved in together, bought a home in Bothell, WA and got a dog. They told everyone that their haste was based on getting a dog 😊

As their relationship grew, Randy shared his dream to be a sailor. His grandfather and uncle were sailors. Jenny spent her childhood in a warm climate, on an 8' Sunfish she would take out with friends with the goal of flipping it and getting in the water. Jenny easily joined Randy's dreams of sailing.

The 1966 Victory

In 2004, Jenny found a sailing class and Randy immediately signed up. Half way through the class, he bought a boat: a 1966 21-foot Victory Sloop. They had trouble registering it as the hull number was 446, and DOL insisted on a 4-digit number. On their third try at licensing, someone suggested adding a "0" before "466". Success!

As new sailors and boat owners, Randy & Jenny welcomed the previous owner and friend as crew and teachers. This group sailed the Lake Union Duck Dodges for two years, teaching Jenny & Randy to sail. The Victory had zero amenities but was a lot of fun to sail.

Because the Victory could be trailered, Jenny & Randy took it out of the water at the end of each season, storing it at their home. In November 2006, just hours after getting it home, a tree crashed down during a storm. The tree landed mostly on the Victory, destroying it, but saving Jenny & Randy and their house.

The Rebound Boat: The MacGregor

Randy took the insurance payout on the Victory and dashed to find another boat. Rebound boats are as bad as rebound relationships: Do. Not. Do. It. The 1980 MacGregor Venture met the definition of a sailboat but lacked any semblance of eloquence or smoothness. It was like sailing a bath tub. Despite its lack of finesse, the MacGregor was easy to single-hand, and sufficed for an afternoon on Seattle's Lake Union.

The Bat Boat

In 2012, trolling Craigslist.org, Randy found a cute runabout that appealed to his love of sleek lines and vintage looks. The owner didn't know he had a gem in need of a little polish. Randy & Jenny stole it for \$320 (including the trailer). The 1968 Glastron V156 is a classic, collector's boat. The 1966 version was featured in the Bat Man movie! It's perfect for a quick afternoon of fishing, crabbing, towing the granddaughters, or checking progress on the new 520 Bridge construction.



2014: Tacoma, Masters & Wedding

In 2014, Randy & Jenny moved to Tacoma from Bothell, Jenny started a Master's program, they lost 2 of 3 beloved dogs, finally got married, adopted Pete the Peg-Leg Pirate, and decided to upgrade from the MacGregor. The move was to be closer to the granddaughters and to support Randy's mom (his dad passed away in 2010). The wedding, 11 years after meeting, took place in Las Vegas, officiated by Elvis and witnessed by their closest friends and family. Shortly after Vegas, Jenny & Randy took their Irish Wolfhound, Maddie, to the pound to pick out her new pack mate. Pete was adopted on Talk Like A Pirate Day.

Good Morning Star Shine & Totem Yacht Club!

The difference in housing prices between Seattle suburbs and Tacoma equals cash to buy a bigger boat. In early 2015, after several weeks of viewing and trying out sailboats, they purchased a 27-foot 1978 Ericson: *Star Shine*. For the first time, they had a boat with a cabin, galley, table, head and V-berth! The couple regularly enjoys *Star Shine* on Commencement Bay, sailing with family and friends, or on Randy's mid-week off days while Jenny works from the boat.

The couple joined TYC in 2016 and jumped in to club events. Jenny helps in the

galley, edits Totem Line and works on the club's bylaws. Randy was Sgt. At Arms in 2018 and is Rear Commodore for 2019. They had their first experience hosting a cruise in 2018.

Randy & Jenny truly enjoy sailing the Salish Sea, especially with the club. Their 5-year plan is to downgrade their home and upgrade the boat. Their plan aligns with Randy's retirement; Jenny will work from the boat.



2019 Appointed Chairs

Archives – Bob Watson
Bar – Linda Harms
Bylaws – Jenny Kenyon
Clothing – Sally Vraspir
Education – Bob Watson
Facebook – Doug Gelowitz
Galley Manager – Lisa Otto
IOBG & RBAW Delegate – Ron Reding

Membership – Val Watson
Membership Annual – Bob Watson
Reciprocal Manager – Ron Reding
Rental Managers – Noreen Jensen and Ted Shell
Sergeant at Arms – Barb Berntsen
Sunshine – Louise Burns
Totem Line – Jenny Kenyon



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