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Mark Your Calendar

(and see below for details)

Totem YC's General meeting is June 4. Bring your own meat to grill, and a potluck dish to share.

Viking YC's Summer Kick-Off and Pig Roast is June 14-15 off Herron Island. Click [here for details and a flyer](#).

The Taste of Tacoma/TYC Parking Lot Fundraiser is June 22 - 23. Sign up with Rear Commodore Randy Kenyon. Between parking cars, we will have a few projects available.

Commodore's Cruise to Eagle Harbor, Bainbridge July 12 - 14

Lots of cruises see below.

Totem's Fall Social is Sept. 28. Salmon dinner and Michael Crain Band. [Details here](#).

[View the full year's calendar here.](#)

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. **There are no meetings in July and August.**

Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the clubhouse. Members are welcome to attend. Minutes of board meetings are available by request; contact the Yeoman. **There are no meetings in July and August.**



Commodore Debbie Ales

Vice Commodore Kris Huber

Rear Commodore Randy Kenyon

Commodore Debbie Ales: Welcome to our newest members Ron & Patty Shepard and Gary and Wendy Sarrett. They will be sworn in at the June general meeting.

Our clubhouse has been upgraded. Read all about it in the Rear Commodore's report. I want to give special thanks to Barb and Matt for their negotiations and planning.

We had a great turnout for a wonderful Memorial Day Cruise! Many thanks to our cruise hosts Lyle, JoAnn, Kris and Lisa. The Port of Kingston welcomed us as well as the Kingston Cove Yacht Club. Can you guess who won the rubber ducky award at this cruise?

Summer is nearly here. We have one cruise in June then a break in club cruises until July. Make sure to read about the scheduled cruises in the Fleet Captain's report. Let's keep the "Totem blue wave" visible all around the sound this summer.

Remember our parking fundraiser on June 22-23 during the Taste of Tacoma. Contact Jenny if you can help with this fundraiser.

Please mark your calendars for our Fall Social fundraiser on September 28. The menu has been set, the band has been secured and we are ready

to have a great event. Please check out the flyer for the "Last Call before Fall Party". Be sure to ask your friends to save the date for this fundraiser.

We are in need of a Totem photographer. Bob takes photos for the membership annual and has taken other photos on requests of the Commodore. We need someone to take photos at our events and cruises on a regular basis. If you are interested, please contact me.

Seas the day.

Vice Commodore Kris Huber: Wow! Another month flown by! Maybe just because we are now in full boating season. May started off with a bang with Seattle's Opening Day -- a long time favorite of mine long before we were in boating. It's always a great time with the marine parade, zero dock, and the fun with fellow boaters from all over the North West.

Lisa and I were able to sneak in our annual trip to Mazatlan. A favorite of ours. And now mostly, to see our Mexican friends and spend time with them. We were able to catch up with several of them and have dinner. The Inn, where our time share is located, has gone thru some significant changes over the past few years, so catching up with friends was important.

We got back, and jumped right into the most popular of our cruises: Memorial Day in Kingston. Kingston is one of our favorite marinas. They treat everyone so well there. Weather was not on our side for the annual scavenger hunt. Lisa and I used the Kingston electric car to gain some lost ground. Lisa and I brought her mother, Linda, with us. She did great for her first cruise spending time on the water.

All of us can now see the great improvement with the new lights. Thanks to all that participated in installing these. They look great! We will have more great improvements to come.

Have a great boating season and be safe out there!!!!

Rear Commodore Randy Kenyon: We have new LED lights! Thanks to Barb Bernsten for negotiating a great deal, and to Matt Ales, Mike Holman, his son Gary Holman, and Ron Reding for installing the lights (I helped a little too). Thanks also to Debbie Ales and Cathy Betts who cleaned and organized the basement while lights were being installed, and to Debbie again for cleaning the clubhouse after the project was

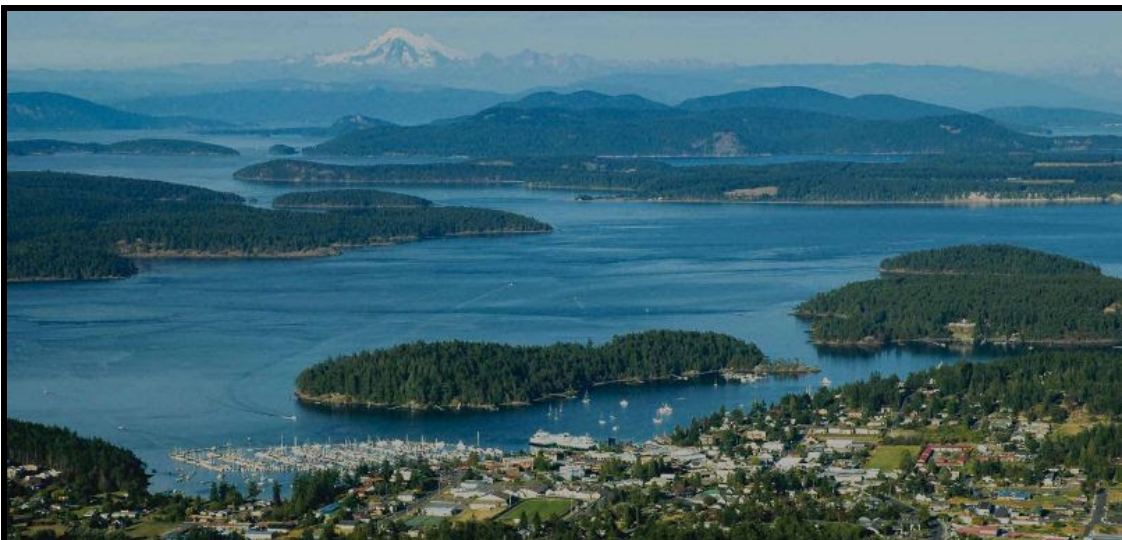
complete. The new lights have a low profile, cool color, are dim-able and turn on instantly. Come to the June meeting to see what a difference they make and to thank the crew.

Please sign up to support our Taste of Tacoma Parking Lot Fundraiser on June 22 - 23. It is a nice, relaxing afternoon, and you'll get free parking to visit the Taste. When not parking cars, there will be opportunities to do some weeding/yard clean up and replace the pegs in the chair legs.

Interest in renting our clubhouse continues to grow. There have been 12 rentals year to date through May. There are 7 scheduled for June (an 8th rental cancelled, forfeiting part of the rental fee). There are 5 rentals confirmed for July through the rest of the year. We are starting to get calls about winter rentals

Regrettably, we have cancelled our experiment with recycling. Ruston's recycling rules are very different from other communities. During our experiment, every renter put unacceptable items in the recycling. Jenny & I will continue to collect materials at our club meetings to take home to recycle.

See you out on the water!



Fleet Captain's Report from Lyle Kagey

Itching to get back on the water!?! I know I am! Here's a list of upcoming cruises and a few details.

We still need **HOSTS!!** Please consider hosting a cruise. Sure, there's a little work involved but it's a great way to get to know the new and old

club members, put your personal touch on a cruise and add some great memories to your boating experiences!

Here is a quick list of the upcoming cruises:

- July 3 – 7 Independence Day Anchor Out, Quartermaster Harbor
- July 12 – 14 Commodore's Cruise, Eagle Harbor -- [details here](#)
- July 14 – 25 Totem Yacht Club cruise the North Sound
- July 26 – 28 First Mates Cruise and Sea Fair, Bell Harbor Marina
- Aug. 9 – 11 Kids Cruise, Dockton Marina at Quartermaster Harbor (This is a bit up in the air due to challenges at Dockton Park. Stay tuned for updates.)
- Aug. 23 – 25 Anchor Out, Penrose State Park
- Aug. 25 – 30 South Sound Cruise, Various Stops
- Aug. 30 – Sept 2 Labor Day Cruise, Swantown Marina
- See the -- [full schedule here](#).



Destinations Launches

Totem is introducing a trial program: [DESTINATIONS](#). This is a series of write-ups about cruising destinations that members may be interested in visiting. It is designed to be dynamic, with new destinations and updates for those previously published.

Membership chair, Val Watson, pointed out that many new applications for membership express interest in exploring new cruising destinations – especially the San Juan and Gulf Islands - and sharing experiences with "seasoned" boaters. The Education committee took this into consideration in creating [DESTINATIONS](#) as a trial project. The program will be discussed at the June membership meeting. Member interest and participation will be monitored in the current boating season.

The initial launch contains 14 destinations, with an early focus on the San Juan Islands and border-crossing locations as well as some destinations close to home. The guide for each destination includes position, navigational guidance, mooring and anchoring tips, rates and fees, photos and charts, amenities and points of interest ashore, etc.

Members are invited to suggest future destinations include and offer their

own destination descriptions. Future features being considered include linking specific destinations to create possible cruise plans and destinations that can accommodate members without boats (auto, ferry, etc.).

Feedback and suggestions for the project should be directed to [Bob Watson](#).

New & Prospective Members



Ron & Patty Shepard and Gary & Wendy Sarrett will be sworn in as vessel members at our June meeting.

Julia Di Re is attending our June meeting as a prospective member. She has submitted her application for vessel membership.

Please introduce yourself to make them feel welcome.

Questions or a new member to recommend? Contact Val Watson at robertwatson6@comcast.net or 253.219.7704.



Louise Burns will have surgery June 5 in an attempt to restore her vision.

Randy Kenyon continues to recover from rotator cuff surgery. He's hoping to get out of the sling in mid-June.

Please report sunshine news to Louise Burns at FBurns5105@aol.com (include "Totem" in the subject line) or 253-845-4326.

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