
March Totem Line

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Totem YC's General meeting is March 5. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, dinner will be Shepherd's Pie, bread, salad, and Bailey's truffles.

Shakedown Cruise is March 15 - 17 to Longbranch.

Des Moines Swap Meet is March 23.

Tacoma Outboard Association Ball is March 23.

Tacoma Yacht Club's Daffodil Weekend is April 12 - 14.

[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. 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 board meetings. No meetings in July and August.



Commodore Debbie Ales

Vice Commodore Kris Huber

Rear Commodore Randy Kenyon

Commodore Debbie Ales: In February we took 5 boats, 1 RV and 28 members to Bremerton's Heavy Weather Cruise and came home with the first-place trophy for our skit. Many thanks to Bernie Merrifield for taking the lead reviving and directing this skit, to Matt Ales for taking the lead with the props, to Bob Watson for producing and directing the skit and to the many Totem members in the cast, backstage crew and supporters. We made a great showing and had an awesome time. If you missed it, be sure to participate next year. [Click here](#) for a video of the skit and pictures.

Thank you to Tim Reding and every Totem member who put in their time to make this year's Commodore's ball such a great event. Many thanks to Cathy Betts and Nancy Terrell for the decorating, Roger and Linda Lander for the fantastic balloon art along with the many volunteers that made this such a special evening for us. I am honored by your exceptional efforts, it was a perfect evening.

Remember that our club is fully funded by fundraisers, rentals and membership dues. So please support our fundraiser at Des Moines Swap Meet March 23. More information is located below.

The daffodil weekend is just around the corner. We will be working on a float for the theme of "Service with a Heart". This is a fun filled weekend that includes a 70's themed dance party on Friday night with awards for the best costumes. Saturday features the trivia contest along with the Token parade. We will need a Token and 6 people for the trivia contest. Totem will have a float boat and an officer boat in the Sunday marine parade. We need volunteers! Many hands are needed to plan and decorate the float boat and the officer boat. Contact me if you want to help out.

Seas the day ~ Debbie Ales 2019 Commodore

Vice Commodore Kris Huber: Wow! Another month has flown by! It seems that boating season is now under full swing. We just finished our trip to Bremerton. The Foul Weather cruise was a huge success this year. Thanks to the help from Bernie and Bob helping to direct us wanna-bes in our skit. As most know by now, we took first-place and now have the coveted 'Clam Shovel' in our awards cabinet.

We also just finished our Commodore's Ball. Another huge success. Thanks to all who helped on this. Too many people were involved to name them all and I don't want to leave any one out. A big thanks to Tim, Cathy, and Nancy. Thanks to all those in decorating, helping during the ball, donations, and of course, the clean up!

Looking forward...we have our Shakedown cruise. Another special one for Lisa and I as this was our first cruise with the club to the little marina, Longbranch. This is a great time to hang around with fellow club members and get to know each other.

Looking forward to our boating season!

Rear Commodore Randy Kenyon: Jenny & I had a lot of fun with the Bremerton Skit. I had fun being a pirate. Thanks to Bernie and Bob for taking the lead. We also had a good time at the Commodore's Ball. I appreciate everyone's hard work behind it.

March 30 is our spring house & grounds day, from 9 am – 1 pm. Project include cleaning the chairs and stage; replacing the florescent lights, cleaning the awning, and sealing the parking lot (weather permitting). You can sign up at the March meeting or email me at thethespian7@gmail.com. The more, the merrier and the quicker we are all done.

Thank you to our rental managers Noreen & Ted. We've had 4 rentals as of Feb. 28, with another 9 confirmed and 2 potential rentals.

Jr. Past Commodore Tim Reding: The Commodore party is over and it was a fun night. I hope everyone had a good time. Thank you for all that help put it together. Cathy Betts and Nancy Terrell took the reins and what a job they did on theme and decorations! Thank you to all the helpers with the set up: Linda Harms, Kris Huber, Heidi Merrifield, Mike Holman, Virginia Allard, Noreen Jensen, Rick Demere, Val Watson, Jenny Kenyon and our balloon artists Roger and Linda Lander. Also thanks to our cleanup

crew on Sunday morning: Val Watson, Kris Huber, Lisa Otto, Randy & Jenny Kenyon, Roger & Linda Lander, and Linda Harms.

It takes a lot work to put this on and nice to have everyone pitch in. Thank you all that help. Sorry if I missed someone.

PS...All the bills are payed with some money left over. :o)



The Commodore's Ball



Top: Jr. Past Commodore Tim Reding presented a "special" meal to Commodore

Debbie Ales, as he had been teasing her about. Bottom Left: Balloons by artist and member Roger & Linda Lander. Bottom Right: Logan, grandson of Commodore Debbie Ales & Yeoman Matt Ales, almost stole the show.



Addition to Standing Orders

February's snowmagedon brought to the board's attention that there was no process for cancelling or rescheduling meetings due to weather or other unexpected events. At the Feb. 19 board meeting, the following was approved for inclusion in the Standing Orders.

Regular Meeting Change for Cause: The Commodore may, with approval of a majority of the Board members per Article IV Section 4 (Board Action Between Meetings), cancel and/or re-schedule a regular meeting for cause. Members must be notified of a cancellation as soon as practical through e-mail or phone call (including leaving a recorded message). If the meeting is rescheduled, members must be given at least six days' notice of the new date, time and location, using the same notification methods.



Fleet Captain's Report from Lyle Kagey

Even though it is winter, there are still some great opportunities to get out on the boat! JoAnn and I tend to do shorter cruises and we like to go to the many reciprocals that our club has to offer. There are several within a 15-mile radius! Take a look in your Totem Annual Membership Book for details or ask me and I'll help you find one! Winter is a slower time for club cruises, but we still have some on the agenda:

Mar. 15-17 - Totem's Shake-Down Cruise to Longbranch Marina

Our annual Shake-Down cruise is a great time to get together for a late winter cruise to Filucy Bay. We will conduct the "Blessing of Totem's Fleet" on Saturday afternoon, followed by a great potluck. This is the cruise to start making that clean-up and maintenance to-do list! Summer cruise season is just around the corner! Thanks to Rick Demere for hosting. [Click here](#) for more details.

Apr. 12-14 - Daffodil Weekend at Tacoma Yacht Club

Daffodil weekend is always a great event and a fun time! Their website has all the details, [you can find it here](#). Registration is open and I will need to get a good count on the number of boats that plan to attend (currently 3). If you plan to attend, please let me know or sign up in the Cruise Book at the meeting.

The Cruise Book is updated and all set for your cruise planning. It'll be at the meetings or you can reach me via email to add yourself to any cruise! [See cruise plans here](#).



Get rid of your boat junk, while benefiting Totem YC at the Marine Swap Meet

How many extra boat parts are laying around your home, boat and shed that you don't need anymore? Or projects you've given up on?

Bring that stuff you no longer need to Totem's March 5 meeting.

Totem YC will sell these "someone else will love me" items at the Des Moines YC Swap Meet – the largest indoor swap meet in the northwest. Check your boat, your storage areas, your garage, your friend's junk pile and donate your items.

Donations! Questions! Contact

Rick Demere at rdemere@hotmail.com or 253.232.4228

Jenny Kenyon at pinkjennyg@gmail.com or 206.353.4731

Key Dates

March 5: Bring items to Totem's general meeting.

March 22: Help needed at the clubhouse in the evening to price items.

March 23: Help needed to transport items to Des Moines, set up, and staff our booth

THE SWAP MEET IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday March 23, 2019 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm



Totem members are invited to attend the

Tacoma Outboard Association Commodore's Ball honoring Commodore Don Winnett and friend Carla Lovell

Saturday March 23, 2019

Day Island Yacht Club | 2120 91st Ave W #1, Tacoma

6:00 Social Hour (BYOB & Mixers) | 7:00

Commodore Introductions | 7:30 Dinner by Scott

Clement | 8:30 - 11:00 Michael Crain Band

Dress grays for officers. | \$90 per couple

RSVP to Larry or Sherri Olsen @ 253-377-5000 or
olsenls1515@comcast.net.

Send checks, payable to TOA, to Larry Olsen 18006 64th St E Lake Tapps, WA
98391

Membership Directory

The 2019 annual membership directory will be distributed at the March 5 general meeting. A digital copy will also be sent to each member for downloading to a computer, device, etc. Vessel members are entitled to two hard-copy sets; please consider if you need both or if one printed and one downloaded is sufficient. The

directory will be updated with new information mid-year. Members not present at the March meeting can pick up their copy at a subsequent meeting or contact Bob Watson about having it mailed to them (robertwatson6@comcast.net).



Past Commodore Bernie Merrifield was hospitalized briefly. He is home and doing fine.

Floyd Burns was in the hospital for a collapse lung. He is home and doing well. Please report sunshine news to Louise Burns at FBurns5105@aol.com or 253-845-4326.

Welcome New Members!

Two couples who will be sworn in at our March meeting. At 6:30, **June and Stuart Simpson** will take their oath via cell phone. They are currently sailing in the Caribbean on their catamaran. **Linda and John Winther** will be installed later during our meeting. Please give a warm welcome to all.

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



Archiving Totem's History

Archives is interviewing longer-term members to fill in gaps in our club history. Bernie Merrifield is coordinating those interviews. We will start our ongoing and formal archiving of significant club events, materials and assets with a digital record of the Bremerton Heavy Weather Weekend and skit. This will serve as a resource for similar events going forward as well as a permanent history of the event.

Such items to be archived include cast notes, scripts and assignments, skit development and presentation, drawings of props and arrangements, physical records of the presentation stage and facilities, video and photos of the skit presentation, etc. Members

involved with the recent Commodore's Ball should be thinking about what records and other assets should be archived for that function. Contact Bob Watson robertwatson6@comcast.net.

Totem YC at Seattle Boat Show



Thanks to Totem YC members that met up at the Seattle Boat Show for the Yacht Club Challenge. We didn't win any prizes -- but we certainly look good!

2019 Board of Trustees

Barb Bernstein (2018 - 2019) | Andy Coster (2019 - 2020)

Linda Harms (2019 - 2020) | Al Vraspir (2019 - 2020)

Sally Vraspir (2018 - 2019)

2019 Appointed Chairs

Archives – Bob Watson | Bar – Linda Harms | Bylaws – Jenny Kenyon | Clothing – Sally Vraspir | Facebook – Doug Gelowitz | Galley

Manager – Lisa Otto | IOBG & RBAW Delegate – Ron Reding |
Membership – Val Watson | Reciprocal Manager – Ron Reding | Rental
Managers – Noreen Jensen & Ted Shell | Sergeant at Arms – Barb
Berntsen | Sunshine – Louise Burns | Totem Line – Jenny Kenyon



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