

## May Totem Line

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### Mark Your Calendar

(and see below for details)

**Totem YC's General meeting** is May 7. The galley will serve Mexican lasagna and dessert. There will be presentation on boating and Orcas from 7 - 7:30 (see details below).

**Des Moines YC South Sound Opening** is May 10 - 12. See the Fleet Captain's report or [click here for a flyer](#).

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

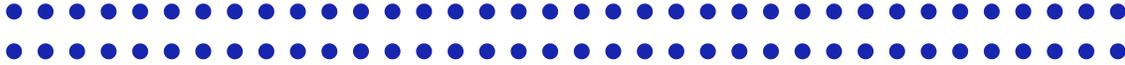
**Lots of cruises** see below.

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

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**Totem General Meetings** are the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** The first part of this year has been a busy one. Totem won the best theme award at the Seattle Boat Show, first place for our skit at Bremerton's Heavy Weather cruise and third place in the theme boat category of the Daffodil marine parade. We have been represented at all of the Commodore's balls, raised money at a fundraiser, had many rentals and welcomed 6 new members. Totem is definitely active and well represented in the area. Thank you to the many volunteers and participants that make this club so wonderful.

We had a great Daffodil weekend. Totem won Third Place in the Theme boat category. Many thanks to Matt Ales, Linda and Roger Lander, Dave and Cindy McKeen and the many volunteers that helped design and decorate our theme boat and our officer's boat. Thank you to our token Barb and our trivia team for representing Totem in the Trivia Contest. If you know anyone interested in purchasing the eagle or the military flags that were on the theme boat (for a donation to the club), please contact Matt (leave a message if no answer).

At the Fox Island ball in April, Totem had the yacht club with the most folks in attendance. Fox Island YC presented us with 2 bottles of champagne to share for our efforts. Many thanks to all of those who came to the ball to represent our club. Everyone had a great time at the "under the sea" themed ball that honored Casey Thigpen and his first mate Kristi.

At the May general meeting, we plan to have Todd Hass, the Governor's

Orca Task Force lead for the vessels working group, present from 7-7:30 PM. Please invite other boaters to attend this education. If you plan on inviting guests and they want to have dinner with us, please send an RSVP to Lisa Otto by May 3.

Coming in May are the Seattle Open, the South Sound Open, the Blake Island cruise and the Memorial Day cruise. Come by boat or by car and join the fun at these events.

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.

Please mark your calendars for our Fall Social fundraiser on September 28. We are looking for a Chair to lead this fun event as well as committee members. If you are interested, please contact me. Promotion for this should begin before the end of June.

The Seattle Boat Show would like to do another Yacht Club Challenge but would like to change it up. Maybe change it to a participatory event for clubs at the 2020 show. Someone had mentioned doing something for someone else as part of the challenge. They are asking us to submit ideas. Send me your ideas and I will pass them along.

Seas the day ~ Debbie Ales 2019 Commodore

**Vice Commodore Kris Huber:** Wow! Another month flown by! Totem really shined this past month by taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place on our theme boat at the Daffodil Marine Festival. I'm so proud of the decorating team. Not only for the design in the first place, but the actual finished product. It looked so good. This along with the win at Bremerton shows how great Totem's spirit really is. For that, other clubs look up to us.

Next up: Seattle Opening Boating Day. An exciting time to see yacht clubs from all over the Puget Sound area coming together in the largest parade of boats in the N'West. A festival that I have enjoyed for many years even before I got into boating. This is also the Windermere Crew Races. In case you don't know, Windermere invites crew teams from all over the world to compete against the Huskies on the Montlake Cut. This is a great time for watching all sorts of boating activities.

Progress is being made on the membership's approval of updating our hall. We are in the process of getting the lighting purchased and installed. It won't be long before we have made some very nice improvements for

our club for generations to enjoy.

Thank you all for the support and see you out on the water!

**Rear Commodore Randy Kenyon:** While boating time has been limited this winter, it has been an exciting and fun time with Totem: Seattle Boat Show, the skit competition with Bremerton, the Swap Meet, House & Grounds, and attending balls with other yacht clubs. I'm looking forward to warm weather and events on the water.

Interest in our clubhouse for rentals continues to grow. There have been 10 rentals already this year with another 11 confirmed for upcoming dates. The rental team of Ted, Noreen and Jenny are busy responding to calls and emails about the club.

We can now recycle at Totem YC! There are several limits that we all must be aware of. Ruston does NOT accept glass (Jenny & I will continue to collect this and recycle at our home). Recycling cannot be in plastic bags - it must go directly into the blue bin. Ruston does accept plastics #1, #2 and #5, paper, cardboard, tin, and aluminum cans.

The new light project is underway. One light was replaced with an LED unit to see how it looked before committing to the rest of the lights. We like the low profile but the light output seemed too low and the color too yellow. We are ordering different units with up to 50% more light output and a cooler color. The light that was installed will be returned or used in the office. Meanwhile, preparations are being made in the attic for the change-out.

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## Be ready for new laws: slow down and give Southern Resident orcas space

New state legislation in 2019 will change approach distances and speeds around Southern Resident orcas. Before heading out on the water, go to **[www.bewhalewise.org](http://www.bewhalewise.org)** to see the latest regulations and guidelines. These changes aim to reduce the noise and disturbance that Southern Resident orcas experience around boats, allowing them to more easily find their salmon prey, care for their young, and communicate with one another.

At our May 7 general meeting, Todd Hass, from the Orca Task Force work group on vessels, will present from 7-7:30 PM. He will discuss the issues that threaten the Southern Resident Orcas with extinction, what boaters can take to protect them, and the new regulations for boating near them. Please invite other boaters to attend this education. If you invite guests to join us for dinner, please notify Lisa Otto at [Lisa.Otto@fnf.com](mailto:Lisa.Otto@fnf.com) by May 3. [Click here for a flyer.](#)

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## 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:

- May 3-5 -- Opening weekend at Seattle Yacht Club
- May 10-12 -- South Sound Opening at Des Moines Yacht Club.  
Details here.
- May 17-19 -- Boy Scout Cruise to Blake Island - We have a small group of Scouts coming this year and will need some help to get through the list of chores Ranger Paul will have for us! Please plan to help out a little and if you haven't signed up for this cruise, please consider it as a way to pay back for the use of a beautiful marine park.
- May 24-27 -- Memorial Day Cruise to the Port of Kingston - JoAnn and I plan to host along with Kris and Lisa. A flyer will be sent in a separate email very soon.
- May 31 - June 2 -- Blessing of the Fleet in Gig Harbor - This is an anchor-out cruise. There are many things happening in and around Gig Harbor the entire weekend. A parade, a car show and of course, the blessing of the fishing fleet.
- See the -- full schedule here.

JoAnn and I will be on vacation next week and will miss the club meeting but I will make sure the cruise book makes it!

Lastly, the Kid's Cruise in August is a bit up in the air due to the problems at Dockton Park. The Board discussed it at our last meeting and we have a few ideas and options if things don't work out for our usual trip. I'll keep you posted!

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## Prospective New Members



Prospective new members Ron & Patty Shepard will attend our general meeting on May 7. Please give them a warm welcome!

*If you have questions or a new member to recommend, contact Val Watson at [robertwatson6@comcast.net](mailto:robertwatson6@comcast.net) or 253.219.7704.*

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Rear Commodore Randy Kenyon had surgery for torn tendons on his left shoulder/rotator cuff. He will have 4 months of recovery, rehab, and telling First Mate Jenny to pull the lines.

Louise Burns has a little bit of her vision back and hopefully, with more time, will get it all back.

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

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## **CPR & AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)**

The weather is improving, boating season is about to open in full swing, and there is a possibility a Totem member may find him- or her-self faced with a cardiac arrest situation while boating. That member's responsive actions may



be the difference between life or death of another person - perhaps even a family member. The use of CPR and an AED have proven to be life savers and are not complicated to learn and apply.

At our December 2017 meeting, members were provided with training on the steps to follow in the use of CPR and an AED. For a refresher, see the [video by a certified trainer](#) and [this brochure](#) with a summary of steps to follow. You're encouraged to review them to develop confidence in your ability to respond to cardiac arrest situations. The brochure can be printed 2-sided (flip on short side) and folded for convenient use and sharing.

Totem has two AEDs - one in the clubhouse on the wall by the Sergeant-At-Arms desk and a second which is carried by the Fleet Captain or another designated boat on all club cruises. At a club cruise, familiarize yourself with where the AED is located and how to access it. When cruising alone, be alert for any boats or marinas indicating the presence of an AED.

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