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Call for help **setting up Christmas decorations** at the clubhouse on **Thursday Dec. 2 at 3 pm**. There's a tree to assemble and wreaths and garland to hang.

Totem's Christmas Party is **Saturday Dec. 4**. Current and in-coming flag officers and board members will provide an array of heavy appetizers (BYOB). Join us at 6 pm. When we slow down on eating, the band will start as Santa Clause makes his appearance (7 or 7:30-ish). Kiddos are welcome. There will be dancing after Santa Clause wrecks his magic. [Details here](#). Please bring [gift cards](#) or [new coats](#) for the YWCA to distribute.

We have a **board meeting Tuesday Dec. 21** at 6:30 pm via zoom. This is Kris Huber's last Totem board meeting as Commodore. Contact Matt Ales for the zoom link (males.ohe@gmail.com).



Change of Watch will take place at our general meeting on **Tuesday Jan. 4, 2022**. The out-going Commodore will recognize members who went above and beyond in 2020 and 2021. Commodore Kris Huber will then swear in the new commodore, Randy Keyon. Commodore Randy will then swear in new Bridge Officers, Flag Officers and Board members.

The **Seattle Boat Show** will be in-person Feb 4 - 12, 2022. We will have a "social cruise" to the show on **Sat. Feb. 5**. Stay tuned for details.

Feb. 18 - 19, 2022, Bremerton Heavy Weather Cruise/Log Race, Party & Skit. The skit theme is **"A Three Hour Tour"**. If you have ideas for the skit, please bring them to the December meeting, send them to TotemYachClub@gmail.com, or reach out to any of the in-coming flag officers: Randy Kenyon, Matt Ales, Mike Holeman, Rick Demere or Barb Bentsen.

Totem General Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise announced), at 7:30 call to order. **There are no meetings in July and August.**

Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30. 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 Kris Huber

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon

Rear Commodore Mike Holman

Commodore Kris Huber: Hey Totem! Coming to you once again from the Upper Helm (AKA the Condo).

Wow! Another month has flown by. Oddly enough, none of it was on the boat? Lisa and I had the opportunity to go razor clam digging this past November. I

had made reservations back in early October for mid-November camping. At that time, the digs were not approved, only pending. Didn't matter to those making reservations for campsites and campgrounds in Ocean Shores were booked. I had worked out to stay one night in one location and moving the next night. We did this 3 times. I don't suggest it, but we got er done!

We just finished another successful Turkey Cruise to Des Moines. We were able to get cruises and events scheduled for next year. It is going to be another busy cruising season next year. We have added Log Races to the calendar. Should be exciting year

Our annual Christmas Party coming up this Saturday, the 4th. We have nearly 60 people signed up. So this really looks to be a great turn out and how exciting to get back together. We will honor our Past Commodores. There will be food from the Flag Officers and Board members (if you would like to bring something, please email totemyachtclub@gmail.com). I have a live band set up. Depending on when I can get final times, we should have some nice background music while eating, then Santa Comes to Town! After that, we have dancing. Plan on a full evening. Should be lots of fun for all!!!

Our final cruise of the year will be the Lighted Boat Parade at Seaport. Always a great time.

See you on the water...

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon: Hi All. This is almost my last report as your Vice Commodore. A lot has happened since I became Vice, all of it good. I have enjoyed my time in this chair.

Now that our Bridge and Trustee positions for next year have been filled, I want to bring attention to the fact that we have some appointed positions that need to be filled:

- **Archives/Library** was active a couple years ago under leadership of Bob Watson. He met with several other clubs to learn best practices for preserving and organizing important events and activities for the club. These efforts stalled when COVID set in. We'd love for a small group to re-energize this effort.
- The **Education** sessions at our general meeting have been very helpful. I'm looking for someone who can coordinate sessions based on our members' various expertise. The Education Manager would not have to lead all the presentations, but schedule members based on their expertise.
- Doug Gelowitz was our **Facebook Manager**. With his passing, we're looking for someone who knows how to navigate Facebook from a business perspective. This would include keeping our event calendar updated,

adding pictures from events and generally publicizing Totem YC as a great club to join.

- The **Galley Manager** plans meals for general meetings and coordinates with galley volunteers. Prior to meetings the Galley Manager coordinates any cooking, baking and prep. Prep includes setting out salt & pepper, eating utensils, napkins, serving utensils, etc. The Galley Manager also restocks supplies as needed (e.g. plates, bowls, utensils, and condiments)
- The **Sergeant at Arms** greets members as they arrive for general meetings, collects money for the dinner, sells raffle tickets, and has members sign in. As the meeting starts, the Sergeant at Arms leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

If you are interested in any of these, please contact me or any of the other officers. (206.227.8301 or thethespian7@gmail.com).

I hope to see all of you at our Christmas Party and soon out on the water. Take care and be well.

Rear Commodore Mike Holman: Ahoy Totem Members! **Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 29 for a General Clubhouse Deep Cleaning Party**

We are rapidly approaching the end of 2021 and the start of a fresh new year. As a result of the pandemic, a great many maintenance items in and around the clubhouse have been ignored through most of 2020 and 2021. It has been over 2 years since we have had a work party to clean the inside of our house. February 26, 2022 is our Totem Commodore's Ball. We have a number of projects that must get done before that event. After all, with 5 other clubs attending, and in honor of our own Commodore for 2022, Randy Kenyon, we want our club to shine.

So here is what we will tackle that day:

- A deep cleaning and organization of the galley including ranges, refrigerators, cupboards, and bar.
- Cleaning of all chairs including shampooing upholstery where needed and replacement of all chair bumpers and feet as needed.
- Deep cleaning of restrooms as needed.
- Window and blind cleaning.
- General dusting of trophy cabinets and trim.
- Shampooing entryway carpeting (main and galley) and stage carpeting.
- Cleaning tape and gunk off tables and walls.
- Other items that may be brought to our attention.

Plus, we need a couple of members that are very detailed and careful painters to

volunteer to come in and work together to do touch up painting of walls. This will have to be done on a different date as we can't have wet walls and spots when we are cleaning. So if a couple of you will volunteer to come and do the touch up painting please let me know ASAP and we'll set that up.

Finally, January 29th was chosen so that we don't interfere with rentals and club events and can do the cleanup before the Commodore's Ball on February 26th. The work will start at 9:00 AM and probably take us 5 to 6 hours. Although, the larger the turnout the faster we will get finished. More detailed information will be forthcoming in the January and February Totem Lines.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas to all and if I don't see you at the Christmas party - Happy New Year.

Jr. Past Commodore Debbie Ales: I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year! We were blessed to have time on the water and friends to enjoy in our travels. May the New Year bring much happiness and health to each of you. Seas the day!



Linda Lander ~ Fleet Captain Report

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Happy sliding into Winter Everyone! It is crazy how fast the year has flown. We are down to the last cruise of the year! December 18 is the Lighted Boat Parade along Foss Waterway. Totem has reserved 400-feet of dock space with the Foss Seaport. There was damage to the dock and we are working on getting as many boats as we can to have power hook ups. We can raft along this dock as well. We have more than 400-feet of boats committed to coming so rafting may be the answer to getting power to as many as possible. You can contact me via email or text (253-222-9663) if you want to be on the waitlist, if you want to

join and don't need power, or if you made a reservation and can no longer attend.

The parade will leave Tacoma Yacht Club at 5:30 pm and head south through Foss Waterway, turning around at Dock Street and heading back.

I have enjoyed being your fleet captain for two years. I look forward to supporting our incoming fleet captain, Ray Aldridge!

Linda Lander, Fleet Captain

253-222-9663 call or text | linandell@usa.net

2022 Incoming Fleet Captain Ray Aldridge – Hello Totem members! My family and I are just getting home from the Turkey Cruise where we had a great turn out, good food, and a full house to decide cruises for 2022. A detailed cruising plan will be sent out in the near future once we start confirming reservation.

As my first act as Fleet Captain, I was able to make reservations for Bell Harbor in Downtown Seattle for the nights of July 29- 30 for 13 slips (plus 2 members who made reservations ton their own). This cruise will coincide with Seattle's Torchlight Parade.

In the coming weeks I will work to confirm reservations for the year. We have a full schedule for 2022 with some close-to-home cruises and some ranging all over the Sound. There should be something for everyone. Most cruises will have both drive up and boat in availability.

A note about the Totem AED. Shelan and I already keep an AED onboard *Simple Dreams*. The club's AED will remain with Linda & Roger Lander aboard *Our Happy Place 2.0*. In the unlikely event that one is needed, either boat will have one on hand.

I am looking forward to joining more cruises this year and getting to know club members better.

One final note, you won't see me at the club meetings because I work nights, but you can email me directly at ykkfrog@hotmail.com with any questions about upcoming cruises and I will get back to you as quickly as I can!

Stay safe out there!





No new illnesses or other news to report. Stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

If you have information about an illness, injury, surgery, or death that you would like Totem members to know about



Membership

If you know someone interested in joining Totem YC, please refer them to Barb Berntsen (barb@bluedolphininteriors.com or TotemYachtClub@gmail.com).



**RECREATIONAL BOATING
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2021 RWAB held their annual meeting on Sat. Nov. 20. Here are digital versions of the presentations from the meeting:

- [Bob Wise Presidents Report 2021.pdf](#)
- [Brian Considine DNR -2022 DNR Legislative Agenda_Final.pdf](#)
- [Brian Considine DNR Derelict Vessels Removal Program-factsheet.pdf](#)
- [Tom McBride WDFW Preso.pdf](#)
- [2022 RBAW Leg Reg Priorities.pdf](#)
- [Tom Tidyman - Slate of Officers and Directors.pdf](#)
- [BoB Wise - Awards.pdf](#)





Is Alaska on your bucket list?

IPBA, Puget Sound’s log racing/cruiser navigation sponsor organization, is readying plans for its AK2022 rally and cruise. Racers and cruise-only participants* are invited.

- May 17, 2022 departure
- Protected waters of the Inside Passage
- Explore on your own, in groups or mix `n match
- 8 mini navigation contests, Seattle to Wrangell
- Group rendezvous approximately every 5 days
- Moorage reservations and planned social activities
- Welcome reception, dinner and departure breakfast planned with town folk at Thorne Bay
- Participate in the July 4th parade through downtown Wrangell
- Alaska exploration and return routes/timing flexible

For more information or questions, contact Bob Watson at robertwatson6@comcast.net

* On a space available or wait list basis



2021 Board of Trustees

Andy Coster (2021 - 2022) | Linda Harms (2021 - 2022)
 Roger Lander (2020 - 2021) | Al Vraspir (2021 - 2022)
 Sally Vraspir (2020 - 2021)

2021 Appointed Chairs

Archives – Bob Watson | Bar – Linda Harms | Bylaws – Jenny Kenyon | Clothing – Sally Vraspir | Education - TBD | Galley Manager – Lisa Otto | IOBG & RBAW Delegate – Bob Watson | Membership – Barb Berntsen | Reciprocal Manager – Rick Boskovich | Rental Manager – Jenny Kenyon | Sergeant at Arms – Barb Berntsen | Sunshine – Patty Chastain | Totem Line – Jenny Kenyon



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