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## Totem Line

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### Mark Your Calendar!

Click for the: [2021 Cruise Calendar](#) or [2021 Social Calendar](#)

Please join us via Zoom (phone or video) for our March 2 meeting. The line will be open at 7:15 for pre-meeting socializing. Commodore Kris will call the meeting to order at 7:30. Yeoman Matt will send details via email.

The March 16 board meeting will be via Zoom. If you would like to participate, contact Matt Ales for the connection info ([males.ohe@gmail.com](mailto:males.ohe@gmail.com)).

Virtual Happy Hours are scheduled on Fridays for March 12, March 26, April 2, April 16, April 30, May 14, and May 28, starting at 6 pm. Yeoman Matt will send the zoom link in advance of each. BYOB.

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**Totem General Meetings** are the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**From the Commodore Kris Huber:** Wow! Another month gone by... coming to you from the Upper Helm (aka the condo) hoping that all is well.

Big month ahead of us. We are having our first cruise of this year. Oddly, it was the last organized cruise from last year. Please plan on joining us for the Shake Down Cruise on the 12<sup>th</sup> at Long Branch. We are still going forward with the Blessing of the Fleet. While we won't have any other organized gatherings this year, we can still see each other at a safe distance. Hopefully the weather will be nice so we can at least sit on our cockpits and enjoy each other's company. We have also been discussing, that if the weather is nice, we can maybe plan a dinghy ride Saturday afternoon.

Our general membership meeting will be an important one. As many of you know, Foss Harbor Marina, where we moor our boat, had a fire last month. Too close for comfort for us as it was 2 boats down from us. Could have been much worse if it hadn't been for the fast thinking of some live aboards at Foss and the fire department. So for that reason, Al Vspair is going to go over some important maintenance on your power cords and batteries. This is very important stuff. I learned a lot from other members of yearly maintenance to keep you boat safe. Please plan on joining this.

For April, we are planning on attending the Daffodil Parade at Tacoma Yacht Club. If you're interested in helping out decorating or designing, reach out to one of us.

Thanks all! Stay safe and see you on the water!

**Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon:** Wow! Another month has flown by. Coming to you from the lower helm (aka our home dining room) hoping that all is well.

Much thanks to Jenny Kenyon and Rick Demere for the soon-to-be-published annual membership directory. Jenny focused on content and layout. Rick followed up and secured advertising and payment. Working together, they are planning to electronically publish the 2021 Membership Directory/Annual during the March 2 membership meeting. Since we've moved to an electronic version, we will provide instructions for printing all or portions of the directory, and we'll be able to update it as needed throughout the year.

The membership directory includes planned cruises and events. Similar to 2020 when the pandemic began, our cruising and social opportunities often change. Stay tuned to the Cruise Calendar and Social Calendars linked in the "Mark Your Calendar" section as these are updated more frequently than the cruise list in the directory.

Take care, stay safe, and I'll see you on the water soon.

**Rear Commodore Mike Holman:** Hoping everyone is staying safe.

**Jr. Past Commodore Debbie Ales:** We are getting closer to spring and I am looking forward to more time out on the water. Our first cruise will be the shakedown cruise in March at Longbranch Marina. Keep a watch for more information from our Fleet Captain.

Recently there was a fire at Foss Harbor Marina where two boats burned and sunk. That was followed by the heavy snow that damaged some boat canvas. I am hopeful that your boat survived the winter in good shape. It is time to prepare our boats for the boating season. As you inspect your boat, also inspect your safety gear such as life jackets, navigation lights, ventilation, fire extinguishers, CO2 detectors, distress signals, battery cover and connections. The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary has safety information on their website <http://www.cgaux.org/>

With the continuation of COVID-19, our schedules are changing daily. Activities that were scheduled have been cancelled or postponed to a later date. Please be sure to check the Totem Line and your emails for the latest updates.

If you have not attended a zoom meeting, please try to do so. It is nice to see the other club members and catch up on the news as we keep up on the club's business. We have also had zoom Happy Hours on some Fridays, watch your email for the next one. Hopefully we will be able to meet in person again sometime soon.

Seas the day!



## **Linda Lander ~ Fleet Captain Report**

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Happy Boating Everyone!!

Finger and toes crossed that we will all be together again soon on the water. We are still getting cruises and activities canceled, however the Shakedown Cruise is still on for March 12th - 14th. This is at Long Branch and no reservations are accepted as this is a first come first serve marina. As others have stated, the Daffodil Parade only is on. We have 3 boats to be in the parade, our float boat, officers boat and Tim's beautiful wooden boat Bob.

The social and cruise schedule are linked above. Please check back as this will be updated as things are canceled or postponed to the best of our ability.

Have fun on the water, be safe, and we hope to see you all soon!!

Linda Lander, Fleet Captain

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The Fleet Captain will have the AED (automatic external defibrillator) on her boat (*Our Happy Place*). Rick Boskovich has oxygen on his boat (*Vigilant*).



Former Commodore John Ancich passed away after being hospitalized with heart issues. He was a Life Member (joined in 1978) and served as Commodore in 1985. His family is hosting a memorial service at Totem YC.

*If you have information about an illness, injury, surgery, or death that you would like Totem members to know about contact Sunshine Chair Patty Chastain so we can offer support. You can reach Patty at 253.670.3072 or [pattychastain@yahoo.com](mailto:pattychastain@yahoo.com).*

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## Membership

Welcome new Vessel members Jerry and Kelley Burch. The Burch's lived aboard for 5 years but now have a condo in Tacoma. They stay on their '86 Angel motoryacht, "Lab Experiment" which is moored in Seattle when they are up there working during the week. They had a 36' ChrisCraft for a while that was named "Carefree". Jerry is an IT director and Kelley is a limited practice officer. In addition to boating, they enjoy cooking and are members of the Elks.

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

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