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We will be in-person and on zoom for our general meeting on **Tuesday Nov. 2**. If attending in-person, it's **SOUP NIGHT**. The bar will be open. Doors open at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:30. Here are the sign-ups for soup. We need salads, sides, bread, etc.

- Barb: Clam Chowder
- Roger/Linda: Salad
- Andy/Tess: Wedding Soup
- Tim/Linda; Soup, (sorry don't know what)
- Al/Sally: Taco Soup
- Randy/Jenny: Sweet potato Soup
- Kris/Lisa: Ham and 15 Bean Soup

The next board meeting is **Tuesday Nov. 16** at 6:30 pm via zoom. Please contact Matt Ales if you'd like to attend (males.oh@gmail.com).

Totem's Christmas Party is **Saturday Dec. 4** from 6 - 10 pm. [Details here](#). Current and incoming officers and board members will provide heavy appetizers. We are collecting [gift cards](#) and [new coats](#) for the YWCA.

See the Fleet Captain's report for details on the Turkey Cruise and Holiday Lights.

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

From the Commodore Kris Huber: Hey Totem! Coming to you once again from the upper helm (AKA the condo) again.

Wow! Another month has flown by. Lisa and I have been so busy this fall, and not boating related. We did miss the Halloween Cruise, sorry to have done that. We enjoy decorating so much. We have had in the past two months: my 40th Class Reunion in MN, actually 41; our annual trip to San Juan's, and I had a conference in Orlando. Returning from FL, I was given notice of being on Jury Duty for Pierce County. So I did my civic service and went down to Pierce County Superior Court. I was again chose to sit on a trial. This is the 2nd time in less than 3 years. One doesn't always get chosen to be on a trial, or even jury duty itself, but I have to tell you, it's rewarding. Many talk of 'getting out' of jury duty, but you should experience it for yourself sometime.

On to the club events. We have the most important meeting of the year coming up in November. This is the elections of our new officers and board. Again, if

you want your voice heard, this is your chance to be heard. It's your club, be a part of it.

We are having our infamous Soup Night for dinner. Many have replied to bringing their favorite soup. So plan on coming.

Our next cruises are end of November for our Turkey Cruise. This helps to plan our events for next year. We have the Totem's Christmas Party coming in December with the Lighted Boat Parade two weeks.

Our year is quickly coming to an end, looking forward to spending Holiday Cheer in the following weeks with everyone.

See you on the water..

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon: Hi everybody. I look forward to seeing you at our November general meeting. I am calling out to learn if anyone is interested in Rear Commodore or Board positions -- there are 2 open. We are also in need of a Fleet Captain. These are great opportunities to step up and support your club -- it's only as good as the members are active. You will have plenty of support from those who have been in these positions before you and those you will work alongside. If you're interested, please contact me (206.227.8301 or thethespian7@gmail.com) or Matt Ales (434.942.5398 or males.ohe@gmail.com).

Rear Commodore Mike Holman: Greetings Totem members,

Before I report on Totem I thought it would be interesting to give a short overview of my most recent adventure on *Zivjeli*. Having completed two weeks of work on *Zivjeli* at the end of August and beginning of September my son, Gary, and I were looking for a chance to ply the waters of the Salish Sea before winter sets in. After several weeks of delays we left Tacoma on October 8th and cruised north to the San Juans.

Our first night we anchored in the calm waters of Pt. Ludlow and started into Admiralty the next morning. By the time we were an hour out I was feeling queasy and the water was churning. I don't get sea sick and quickly realized I would if we continued. So we made a decision to pull into Pt. Townsend and seek a reciprocal tie up. Checking the weather (via Predict Wind) we found that a storm was blowing in and decided to spend the night. Good decision as both the wind and the rain picked up and howled most of the night. Next morning we took off in calm seas, crossed the Straight, and ended up anchored in Blind Bay in the islands.

11:30 PM, much to my chagrin, we discovered a black water hose had leaked

and we had 3 of our bilge compartments inundated with black water. 2 1/2 hours later at 2:00 AM I finished as much cleanup as possible and decided to head into Anacortes to complete repairs and clean up in the morning. At Cape Sante we tied up to the AYC reciprocal dock and went to work. More clean up, a trip to West Marine and the leak was repaired. But as we checked Predict Wind we saw that two major disturbances had formed in the Gulf of Alaska and one was headed straight to the WA coast. With major winds and heavy rain predicted for Friday and Saturday we decided to stay tied up. Friday it rained very heavily and by Friday night we had 25 to 30 knot winds. Even tied up at the dock we were heeled over. By Saturday morning the winds were howling. That day's winds reached 35 knots or 40 MPH. We stayed put and enjoyed three nights courtesy of AYC.

Sunday morning we fueled up. With calm seas and a little rain we made our way to Echo Bay on Sucia and dropped the anchor. We started watching Predict Wind, comparing models, to determine the best day to cross the Straights and then cruised over to Prevost Harbor on Stuart Island and dropped the anchor. Monday and Tuesday were beautiful and the bay and island were a great place to be. Still watching the building storms off the coast (now being called "bomb cyclones") we determined that either Thursday or Friday looked to have the best conditions to cross. We left Prevost and went to Friday Harbor and got another reciprocal. After watching the predictions for winds, weather, and the waves on the straights we decided to cross on Friday, our 12th day of the trip.

We left Friday Harbor Friday morning at 8:15 AM and crossed the straights with only 1 ft swells. But when we entered Admiralty we suddenly had 5 ft swells which continued until we were even with Eagle Harbor when the waves calmed. At 9:15 PM, 13 hours of solid cruising later, we docked at Chinook Landing in Tacoma. It was a long day, but we had timed our return perfectly, and *Zivjeli* took everything in stride, reaching speeds of 10 to 11 mph throughout the trip when running with the currents.

It was in many ways a great trip and a great shakedown cruise after all the work we had just completed. The San Juans in October are lovely, they were deserted so there were no crowds, and at anchor we were almost alone. We spent 6 nights tied up at reciprocal docks saving us \$186.00 in fees. A great club benefit. Would I do it again so late in the season? Absolutely. And no, because of time constraints, and wind conditions (too much or too little) we never deployed our sails. But then that's sailing in the Northwest.

Now for the club. Jenny Kenyon continues to bring in rentals for the club. When the end of the year arrives we will have received just under \$16,000 in rental receipts (this includes the 6 rentals thru the end of the year). Given that the club had virtually no rentals in the first 4 months of 2021 this is amazing. Jenny has done a herculean job. As a result of our experience with a couple of

back to back rentals we have made some changes to the rental agreement, our policies regarding handling of trash, and club cleanups and the procedure for deposit forfeiture. These changes should, I am certain, improve rentals for both the club and the renters.

Finally, as we meet this Tuesday for the election of our 2022 Bridge and Board members please keep in mind that Totem is a volunteer club. We are only as strong as the willingness of our members to serve as officers, board members, and on committees and at work parties. Now is the time for new members to step forward and join older members in serving. There are positions to be filled and work to be done so please come Tuesday, November 2nd and volunteer.

Sail on.

Jr. Past Commodore Debbie Ales: Thank you to everyone that helped with the Halloween cruise at the Seaport dock in October. It was well attended and everyone had a great time.

Come to the November general meeting for soup night and to vote for the officers and trustees for your club. Nominations will be accepted again at this meeting.

It is never too early to start thinking about next year's cruise calendar. Think about which cruises you enjoyed the most or maybe a new location that the club should try. We will be planning next year's calendar during the Turkey cruise. If you want to host a cruise or activity, let someone on the board or the incoming fleet captain know.

Seas the day!





Linda Lander ~ Fleet Captain Report

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Happy Fall Everyone!

We are down to the last two cruises of the year! Time has flown by so fast!

Turkey Cruise - Des Moines Marina - November 26th - November 28th. Please RSVP to me so I can add your name to the growing list of boats. We have limited spaces, so please email or text me ASAP to lock in your space. We set up the cruise schedule during this cruise - typically on Saturday, so be sure to be there to get your input in! If you can't make it, let me know where you would like to see the club cruise to and we will see about making that happen.

December 18th is the Lighted Boat Parade - the calendar dates were incorrect earlier. This will be at Foss Waterway - again limited dock space so let me know if you are planning to attend.

Stay safe and Happy Boating!

Linda Lander, Fleet Captain

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The Fleet Captain will have the AED (automatic external defibrillator) on her boat (*Our Happy Place 2.0*). Rick Boskovich has oxygen on his boat (*Vigilant*).





Amy Cook is receiving treatment for breast cancer. The outlook is positive.

Joanne Kagey is through with her cancer treatments and gaining strength.

Sally Vraspir is recovering from ankle surgery. She's looking forward to getting out of a cast and into a boot.

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon is recovering from surgery on his right foot to correct a hammer toe. He'll be off his feet for about 2 months.

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).



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



South Sound Series Predicted Log Navigation Races (Log Races)

Veterans

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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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