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Mark Your Calendar!

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We will be in-person for our general meeting on **Tuesday Oct. 5**. You are invited to attend in-person or via zoom. If attending in-person, please bring a pot-luck dish to share.. The bar will be open. Doors open at 6:00, dinner at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:30.

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
KenyonRear Commodore Mike
Holman

From the Commodore Kris Huber: Hello Totem YC! Coming to you today from the upper helm (AKA the condo).

Hope everyone has a chance to dry out after the wettest week we have had in a long time. All sorts of things going on now.

First, the business end: we have our October meeting coming up on the 5th. As mentioned earlier this week from Matt, we have decided to forgo the Galley portion and have a pot luck dinner instead. So please bring a dish to share. September tends to be a slow month for attendance as it is right after Labor Day and a summer off from get togethers. However, October meeting is an important one, we need to start nominations for the Bridge and board members. If anyone has wanted to 'speak' their minds on the course of the club, here's your big chance. Please let one of us know, or plan on being at the meeting Tuesday. We will have several open positions, so you can have your choice. Feel free to question any one of us on your duties. Some are very limited, so don't be scared. It's a chance for you to support your club. Elections will be in November. So don't miss out.

Lisa and I just got back from our annual trip to the San Juan's. Great trip this year. Got to see different islands than before. Hiked to different places and saw more things that the islands have to offer. And even a chance of catching some crab along the way! Due to small craft advisories, we left later than thought, so for the first time, I had the Vikings/Hawks game on the TV during the cruise home. Kind of cool.

I remember a year or more ago, there were space flights. For some reason, this has always fascinated me. I remember as a kid watching the moon landing at some crazy early morning with my dad. So the recent flights into space this past month are very exciting to me. I relate to boating, as we go out on the boat in hopes of exploring new places and seeing new things. There's nothing like it and maybe that is why we all

enjoy boating so much.

Lastly, How about the M's?!!! it's been 20 years, and this has nothing to do about boating, but exciting that we are getting back to normal and gathering together and seeing events.

See you on the water..

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon: Hi everybody. I look forward to seeing everyone at our October general meeting. I am calling out to the membership to hear if anyone is interested in Rear Commodore, or if anyone is interested in Board positions. We have 2 open board positions. We are also in need of a Fleet Captain. 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: No report.

Jr. Past Commodore Debbie Ales: September just flew by. Matt and I enjoyed the IPBA South Sound log races this month. It was our first time as contestants. We came in first place overall in the Gig Harbor Yacht Club Invitational and second place overall in the Jack Hyde Memorial. It was great to meet folks from other yacht clubs while participating in the log races.

Positions are open for the 2022 year and we are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in any position, please contact Randy Kenyon or a flag officer. Please think about how you can contribute to our club. Remember that nominations will be at the October general meeting and elections will be at the November general 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 typically plan next year's calendar during the Turkey cruise.

Seas the day!





Linda Lander ~ Fleet Captain Report

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It is crazy that Summer is over and Fall has begun! Time for the Halloween Cruise, Turkey Day Cruise and the Lighted Boat Parade!.

- First up is the Halloween Cruise at Seaport Dock in Foss Waterway on October 8-10. We have 400 ft of dock space and can get more if needed. We're expecting 11 boats and several people stopping by on Saturday. [See details of the cruise here.](#)
- [Turkey Cruise to Des Moines.](#) Nov. 26 - 28. Traditionally, cruise planning for next year happens on this Saturday in the afternoon. Be there. Contribute. Or don't complain.
- Special People's Cruise on the Foss Waterway. Dec. 4. TBD.... holding for confirmation and instruction.
- Lighted Boat Parade from the Seaport Museum Dock. Dec. 11 - 12. Easy peasy. Tie up on Seaport and have an adult beverage every time (or every other time) a lighted boat goes by.

Hosts are needed for a couple cruises. Please contact me if you're interested.

Stay safe and be safe!

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*).



Get Totem's Logo on Your

Fav Shirt or Jacket

If you want to order clothing with the Totem logo or have something you already own embroidered, now is the time to order. Bring your clothing to the October meeting. There will be a catalog to order from at the meeting. If you are unable to come to the meeting please email Sally Vraspir with your order or questions. (a.vraspir@comcast.net) The goal is to have an order ready to submit and delivered by our November general meeting.



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

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon will undergo surgery on his right foot in mid-October. The doc is basically going to break all his toes then pin them back together. He'll be off his feet for 2 - 3 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).



South Sound Series Predicted Log Navigation Races (Log Races)

Veterans Bob and Val Watson and newbies Matt and Debbie Ales

participated in the South Sound series of Predicted Log Navigation Races (otherwise known as Log Races). The series was 5 separate races over a week from September 8 - 15. Bob and Val did 4 of the 5 races and Matt and Debbie did 3. In a nutshell, a Log Race is similar to an automotive rally race where your score depends on how close your predicted time between waypoints matches your actual time. But the hitch is that you cannot use any GPS or timekeeping device during the race; just your compass and engine RPMs.

While the challenges of planning and running the races are fun, the really fun thing about log racing is meeting great people from other yacht clubs. Every race day ended with a happy hour and awards for the winners (generally "wetware", i.e., bottles of wine) then dinner with the other racers.

Novices Matt and Debbie came in first overall in their very first race, the Gig Harbor YC Invitational and second overall in the Jack Hyde Memorial race. Bob and Val Watson came in second overall in the Filucy Bay Challenge and won a number of individual leg awards including one with a **ZERO** percent error.

Totem YC is currently second only to Queen City YC in team standings and Bob Watson is Second in the South Sound standings.

If anyone is interested in this fun and challenging sport, the International Power Boat Association (IPBA) will be having an educational session at the Tacoma Yacht Club on October 21 at 7PM. Contact Matt Ales or Bob Watson if you are interested. You can also check out what a Log Race is at this IPBA link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ILpPHUPb14>

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