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Mark Your Calendar!

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Please join us in-person for our general meeting on Tues. Feb. 1 at 6:30 for dinner and 7:30 for the meeting. Andy & Tess Coster have planned a delicious dinner to mark the Chinese New Year: Eggs Rolls, Chicken Skewers, Honey Prongs, Beef & Broccoli, Orange Chicken, Steam Rice, Fried Rice, and Fortune Cookies.

The Feb. 15 **board meeting** will be both in person and Zoom. If you would like to participate by zoom, contact Yeoman Barb Bernsten barb@bluedolphininteriors.com.

The 2022 **Seattle Boat Show** on online and in-person, Feb. 4 - 12. Totem YC is attending on Feb. 5 as a social/land cruise. Get your tickets [here](#). There isn't a photo opportunity as in past years. But you're encouraged to wear your vintage TYC shirt. Coordinate with friends when/where to meet and walk around together. For dinner, we will meet at 13 Coins at at 5:30 ([255 S King St. Seattle](#), just above the North

Parking Lot). Please [RSVP here](#) so we can make reservations.

Kris Huber & Lisa Otto are hosting a **Super Bowl** party on Sun. Feb. 13. Kickoff (or the start of Super Bowl commercials) is at 3:30 pm. The While the Seahawks won't be there, we can still have fun. BYOB and \$1-bills for Football Squares. More info coming.

The **Bremerton Yacht Club Heavy Weather Weekend** is Feb. 18 - 20. It includes a log race and dinner party. Yacht clubs are encourage to present a skit after dinner. The whole weekend is a lot of fun -- come by car or boat! The dinner and skit are that evening; the theme is "A 3-Hour Cruise". Noreen Jensen is taking the lead to coordinate the skit. If you're interested in participating, contact Noreen Jensen at 253-830-4951 (call or text), fernwoodgirl@yahoo.com, or Facebook messenger. You can participate by being a stagehand; helping make the set, props or costumes; running sound or lights during the skit; helping to create the skit; and/or acting in it. See the Fleet Captain report for more info.

Totem YC's Commodore Ball, honoring Randy Kenyon, will be Sat. Feb. 26. See below for details.

Jeff from Tacoma Yacht Club's **Daffodil Weekend** team will be at our March 1 meeting to share details about the weekend. He will present at 7 pm.

Totem & Tacoma Yacht Clubs are co-hosting the annual **Jack Hyde Memorial Navigation Rally**, March 18 - 20. This is part of a series of log races sponsored by the [International Power Boat Association](#). Volunteers are needed as observers/timekeepers aboard contestants' boats; help with registration and ticket sales; and setup/breakdown crews for dockside activities. For further details or to join the team contact Bob Watson robertwatson6@comcast.net. The race is named for a long-term Tacoma and Pierce County civic leader, Ruston shoreline promoter, and Tacoma YC member. [More info here](#).



Tacoma YC is hosting **Daffodil Weekend** April 22 - 24. The theme is "Hope Rises". Matt Ales is looking for help designing the float boat. He has some ideas he's working on. Contact him at 434-942-5398 (call/text) or males.ohe@gmail.com.

Totem General Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise announced). When in-person, dinner is at 6:30 with the meeting starting at 7:30. If

meetings need to be conducted remotely, information will be provided to all members. **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.**



From the Commodore Randy Kenyon: Hello fellow Totem members! It has been a busy start to my year as Commodore. I have more appreciation for those who have filled this role before me. I'll be calling on you for advice and guidance throughout the year.

One of the first orders of business is to update our bylaws. There are two provisions that are out of sync with our Standing Orders and changes approved by the Board. The first is to codify the option to cancel or reschedule a meeting due to snow storms, power outages or pandemics. We put this in the standing orders in 2019 after a snow storm and just need to bring the bylaws into alignment. The second change is to delete the provision in Article VI about pro-rating dues when new members join. The board voted in the fall 2021 to stop prorating dues. Again this is to align the bylaws with changes made by our board. See the report below from our Bylaws Chair for more details.

There is lots of information in this Totem Line about upcoming events and cruises. I encourage you to join as often as you can. Our skit at the Bremerton Heavy Weather/Gala will be worth the price of admission alone!

To inform our participation in Tacoma YC's Daffodil Weekend, someone from their organizing committee will present and answer questions at our March 1 meeting. 6:30 for dinner, 7 pm presentation, and 7:30 meeting.

Safe tides.

Vice Commodore Matt Ales: My first month as Vice Commodore has certainly gone by quickly. Congratulations to our 2022 Commodore, Randy Kenyon. There is a lot going on in the club even so early in the year. The Annual Membership Directory is being worked on by Jenny Kenyon. It will again be available in electronic format so that it can be continually updated. We will provide printed copies for those that would like them -- [order yours here](#). If you know of anyone that might be interested in advertising in the Directory, please let me or any of the officers know or email the information to totemyachtclub@gmail.com. If you would like to have your photos updated or any other contact or address information has changed, please send that to totemyachtclub@gmail.com as well. We try to keep up with such changes throughout the year but sometimes things slip by.

The Heavy Weather Weekend at Bremerton Yacht Club is February 18-20th. Totem is planning on being part of the skit competition and our team, led by Noreen Jensen, has been practicing and working on the set and props for the theme of "Gilligan's Island" (but with a Totem YC twist). Some will go there by boat and some by land, staying at one of the local hotels. Anyone is welcome to come and participate in this weekend of fun so even if you aren't part of the skit or doing the predicted navigation rally (aka, log race). Come enjoy and support our skit team.

The Commodore's Ball is February 26th. It has been two years since we were able to have one and it should be quite an event. Let Jr. Past Commodore Kris Huber know if you would like to help with it or to donate items for the raffle.

The Daffodil Marine Parade and weekend in April is currently expected to be back in full this year. The theme is "Hope Rises". Totem's Officer's Boat (Flagship) will be Roger and Linda Lander's *Our Happy Place 2.0* and Patty Chastain has once again volunteered *Sea Dancer* for the float boat. If you would like to help out decorating or being on the float boat let me or Noreen Jensen know. We are also hoping to have the boat that Tim, Ron and JR Reding's father built entered in the classic wooden boat category.

Please check out the Fleet Captain's report for other cruises or events coming up soon. It will be time to get back out on the water before we know it.

Rear Commodore Mike Holman: Rental Report - Jenny has done an excellent job thus far booking rentals for 2022. Total booked rentals are currently expected to generate approximately \$11,000 in income for 2022

and we are only through January. Of this amount \$4,500 is expected from a single renter for 3 weeks in June, July and August, 5 days each for a Legos/robotics summer camp. 2022 could turn out to be an exciting year.

Last week I met with the Assistant Chief of the Ruston Fire Department to conduct an inspection of the clubhouse. We will schedule a professional inspection and maintenance of fire extinguishers and the kitchen hood to stay current with requirements. We also reviewed the storage/office space and because of a code change, we are once again allowed to use the upper shelves, which restores much needed storage space. Plus, we'll be adding some wiring to handle the needs of the printer and sound system components.

As you all know we elected to cancel the deep cleanup of the inside of the clubhouse that was to be held January 29th. Only 7 members volunteered. That was too few to accomplish what we wanted to get done. So we are postponing those tasks to be done during the Spring House and Grounds work party.

Finally, it is important to remember that Totem is run by volunteers. Every officer, every Board member, and every chairperson is volunteering numerous hours of time to keep Totem running and afloat. We are only as strong as the number of folks that volunteer their time in service to the club. So, I am asking that all members please make a commitment in 2022 to volunteer for work parties, kitchen duty with Andy and Tess, to host a cruise, serve on Daffodil committees and race committees, etc. It seems as though the same 12 or 15 people are always out in front volunteering. Imagine what we could accomplish if everyone made a commitment to get involved and help. When we announce the Spring House and Grounds sign up, and come have some fun meeting other members that you might not know and then volunteer for other items. Let's make this fun for everyone and not work for a few. We all benefit.

Stay safe out there.

Jr. Past Commodore Kris Huber: Hello Totem! Coming to you once again from the upper helm (AKA the condo). However, this time as your Past Commodore. We had a great Change of Watch last meeting. Thank you Jenny for the great Storyline follow up. Where did you ever get that cool wine glass?

We have some great stuff coming up in the month of February. I will let others speak of their items. Already proving to be a very busy February. Lisa and I are hosting a Super Bowl party. It is the 13th of February and

again will be held at our condo. All are welcome! I will have a flyer at the General Meeting on Tuesday to give out. And we will send out an email with the flyer attached.

See you on the water...



Ray Aldridge ~ Fleet Captain Report

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Hello from Simple Dreams,

This weekend was cold and foggy with no cruises so we spent several hours cleaning up our boat and getting ready for warmer days. If you don't take your boat out often during the winter, I highly recommend exploring this time of year on the water. Often on cold foggy days the water is flat calm and most of the popular places nearby with power usually have space available for just about anyone. Des Moines, Gig Harbor, and Blake Island are all nice and have power to keep you warm and still plenty to see and do in the winter. Shelan and I frequent Gig Harbor at least once a month so if you see us out at the dock feel free to stop by and say hello.

From Bremerton YC on Heavy Weather & Skits -- Skippers, Mates and Crews, On behalf of the Bremerton Yacht Club and all its members, I am pleased to invite you to the 86th running of our annual Heavy Weather Navigation Contest and Social Gala to be held on President's Day Weekend, February 18th through 20th, 2022. The centerpiece of the weekend is the Heavy Weather Navigation Contest that will take place on Saturday. This contest has historically been one of the biggest IPBA events of the season and we welcome participants from all clubs. For those not familiar with these navigation contests, or Predicted Log races, we would be glad to help introduce you to the sport. This year we will also have an "Open" class that makes workup and participating easier. Please contact our Regatta Chair for Power, Jim VanAntwerp (jvanantwerp3@gmail.com), and we will help arrange for some coaching before the event from participants in your area. While the centerpiece is the navigation contest, the highlight of Heavy Weather weekend is Saturday night. After a great meal, all will be entertained by skits put on by BYC and visiting yacht clubs to the theme of "Gilligan's Island". Again, all clubs are invited to participate and attempt to wrest the highly coveted Rubber Clam Gun award away from Bremerton Yacht

Club. Awards for the navigation contest will also be presented Saturday night. So, get in the spirit with your Gilligan's Island appropriate dress and enjoy the fun! To round out the weekend, there will be a dinner Friday night and a breakfast Sunday morning. All clubhouse activities are BYOB, with wine and beer available for purchase at the club store. We will have plenty of moorage and power available. All planning to attend, whether for the navigation contest, as a skit team, or just coming to join in on the fun are asked to register. For more information about club facilities, please refer to our web site www.bremertonyachtclub.org.

I wanted to give a heads up to the possibility that Dockton Park on Vashon Island will be at least partially open by the end of April. My understanding is that the outer break water will remain closed for the near future but that the interior should open by then. More to come as we learn any new details.

Here's to hoping for a return to normalcy and well attended cruises and events. Sincerely,
Ray Aldridge
Fleet Captain 2022

AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) are onboard *Simple Dreams* (Ray and Shelan Aldridge's) and *Our Happy Place 2.0* (Roger & Linda Landers).



You are cordially invited to our
**2022 Commodore's Ball
Honoring Commodore
Randy Kenyon**

**Saturday, February 26 | 6pm to
Midnight**

Totem Yacht Club
5045 N. Highland, Tacoma, WA 98407

6:00: BYOB/Cocktail hour | **7:00:** Introduction of Commodores

7:30: Dinner | **9:00:** Music

Attire: Dress whites for officers, semi-formal for guests

More details coming soon to your inbox

Pay to: Totem Yacht Club | **Mail to:** TYC, noting who you are paying for
Contact: Kris Huber at 253.777.5976 (call/text) or Seattle_REO@live.com

Raffle Donations Needed

Totem Yacht Club will have raffle baskets at the Commodore's Ball. We are looking for NEW item donations for the baskets or monetary donations to help fill the baskets. Please bring donation to the general meeting Feb. 1 or the Board meeting Feb. 15. If you can't make these dates, call/text Noreen Jensen at 253 830 4951 to coordinate. Your donation is appreciated!



Amy Cook has completed 15 of 16 chemo treatments, and a recent MRI showed not a trace of the tumor!

Sadly, Joanne Kagey's cancer has returned, but the doctors say it is treatable. Please keep Joanne in your thoughts and prayers as she enters this next phase of treatment.

Dianna Ankenman shared on Facebook that she will have hip replacement surgery soon, so please also keep her in your prayers

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.



Membership

If you know someone interested in joining Totem YC, please refer them to Heidi Merrifield heidicmike@comcast.net or TotemYachtClub@gmail.com.





Proposed Changes to Bylaws

There are two provisions that are out of sync with our Standing Orders and changes approved by the Board. The Commodore will put this to a vote of members at the March 1, 2022 meeting.

The first is to codify the option to cancel or reschedule a meeting due to snow storms, power outages or pandemics. We put this in the standing orders in 2019 after a snow storm and just need to bring the bylaws into alignment. Here is the proposed Article IV, Section 2:

Regular Meeting Change for Cause: The Commodore may, with approval of a majority of the Board members per Article IV Section 4 (Board Action Between Meetings), cancel and/or re-schedule a regular meeting for cause (e.g. inclement weather or natural disaster). Members must be notified of the cancellation as soon as practical through email or phone call (including leaving a recorded message). If the meeting is rescheduled, members must be given at least six days' notice of the new date, time and location, using the same notification methods.

The second change is to delete the provision in Article VI about pro-rating dues when new members join. The board voted in the fall 2021 to stop prorating dues. The proposal is to delete Article VI, Section 2 entirely:

Pro-Rate Dues for New Members: Annual dues for new members only shall be equally prorated in three-month quarters starting January 1st of each fiscal year. New members shall pay for the quarter in which they are issued a membership card as well as quarters remaining in the current year.

-- From Jenny Kenyon as Bylaws Chair



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