
December 2020 Totem Line

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Mark Your Calendar

The Dec. 15 board meeting will be via Zoom. If you would like to join the board meeting, contact Matt Ales for the connection info (males.ohe@gmail.com).

We are gathering at the Seaport Dock on Sat. Dec. 19 at 5 pm to watch the Lighted Boat Parade.

Our first meeting of 2021 will be on Tues. Jan. 5.

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.**

be concerned of this, but it's pretty easy once you get started. And we find that it is a lot of fun. We have changed up the monthly meetings. As there is not so much to report every month, we are now instituting an educational portion again. We will have new items relating to boating, and at the end, we are giving away a prize to that person that answers the question correctly at the end of the meeting. Something to take over the 50-50 game. So please plan on joining us next month.

We just finished our last meeting with this format. Matt played the building and designing of the Narrows Bridge. Some great facts. That was followed up with Al giving us a new look on how to motor thru the Narrows during incoming/outgoing tides. We will have something for next month.

We have also started a 'Social Hour' on the Zoom meeting. A casual meeting on a Friday evening to just talk and get up to date with everyone. It's fun to just sit and listen or join in. We are a social group, so please plan on trying it. Next one is scheduled for this coming Friday, the 11th.

We also just finished our Turkey Cruise that was in Gig Harbor this year. We have the cruises set for next year. Providing we can get back together, we have plenty of cruises set for next year. If you want to attend, let Linda Lander know.

Hope to see everyone at our next Zoom meeting on Friday!

Jr. Past Commodore Debbie Ales: Merry Christmas! This year has been stressful for most of us. I am hoping that 2021 will be a better year for all.

Between the Covid virus and watching our grandkids, we did not get much time out on the water this year but we hope to have more boat time next year. Let me know where you will be next summer so we can stop by and say hi.

Most of all, I have missed the chance to visit and have fun with our members at meetings and at cruises. We saw some of you but not as much as we would have liked. Totem has a great group of members that are always helping each other and having fun together.

Please watch your emails from our Yeoman to keep up to date with any club announcements or activities. We have planned the activities for 2021 in the hopes that we will be able to actually have them as planned. Our zoom meetings are going well. If you have not tried them yet, please do.

Seas the day!



Linda Lander ~ Fleet Captain Report

Cruise planning for 2021 is underway. Stay tuned for announcements. If you have any special requests of places you would like to go as a group, please feel free to email me and I will work it in to the set in stone cruises. As always, we need cruise hosts.

Linda Lander
Fleet Captain

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





For several years, Past Commodore Carlyn Hershberger has coordinated collecting donations of toys, clothes and money for the kids in the Pierce County YWCA Domestic Violence Program. Donations are brought to the clubhouse at our Christmas party. Since we are not able to have a Christmas Party this year, please consider sending a contribution directly to the YWCA. If you do, please mention that it is from Totem Yacht Club so the YWCA will know we didn't forget them this Christmas. Like so many non-profit agencies, they have been hit very hard by the pandemic. Their address is: Pierce County YWCA, 405 Broadway, Tacoma WA 98402.



Surviving partner club member Joanne Girolami passed away on November 11th after a five year battle with small cell lung cancer. Here is a [link to her obituary](#) if you would like to post a memory. Her son Mark Girolami is currently an active member of the club.

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 Barb Berntsen (barb@bluedolphininteriors.com or TotemYachtClub@gmail.com).



Survey Results

Many thanks to all the Totem members who took the membership survey. Not surprisingly, social interaction of one sort or another was the biggest thing that would be your best memories about your TYC membership and involvement if you were looking back three years from now. Nearly half of the survey responses said that they were OK returning to in-person meetings but a large number of folks are not willing to do so until they have had the COVID vaccine. Unfortunately, the survey was before the latest uptick in cases and resulting restrictions so we can't meet in-person for the foreseeable future.

We are doing what we can to get people together socially without physically getting together. The virtual membership meetings by Zoom will have a social time before and after and virtual happy hour gatherings are being scheduled. The first of these was pretty well attended.

This technology is new to many folks but please give it a try if you haven't yet. We would love to see you. It's pretty simple and if anyone needs assistance let one of the officers know.

Lastly, learning about cruising in the PNW was a significant reason for people to join our club so we have re-started the educational sessions that we used to have and will be having them during the general membership meetings. Other parts of the meeting are being shortened where possible to compensate for this.





RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON

The voice of Northwest boating

Hello RBAW Membership,

Earlier this month, we received a request that recreational boaters [take an official "pledge"](#) to give additional distance to Southern Resident Orca Whales in the Salish Sea and including waters between and around the San Juan Islands. The WEC (Washington Environmental Council) is being joined in this request by several other environmental organizations.

At the heart of the "pledge" would be a commitment to stay at least 1,000 yards (1/2 nautical mile) away from the Southern Resident Orcas, **especially now that three of the whales are pregnant and carrying calves**. We wanted to share this information, as well as some background on what we at RBAW believe and have tried to do in respecting the Orca population and the health of our marine environment.

As you review this 'Take the Pledge' request, know that there is an updated statute on recreational boating and commercial whale watching distancing from Southern Orcas, collaboratively developed and agreed to in the 2018 Legislature. We've provided more detail about that law at the end of this email. We also have checked with other organizations and with Ports, and while this request has not yet been widely received or is viewed with concerns, we felt it was important enough to share with our membership. RBAW believes strongly in protecting Southern Resident Orcas (and all whales), and in maintaining a respectful distance from them.

We are sharing this information to keep you aware of and educated on issues that affect you as recreational boaters. We encourage you to take the actions you believe will be most effective in protecting these awesome creatures and the waters they call home.

If you have any questions about this pledge request, or would like to discuss it further, please contact an RBAW Board Member that represents your club, or our state lobbyist Doug Levy (Doug@outcomesbylevy.onmicrosoft.com).

More info here: <https://www.bewhalewise.org/>



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