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Please join us via Zoom (phone or video) for our first meeting of a brand new year, on Jan. 5. 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 Jan.19 board meeting will be via Zoom. If you would like to participate, contact Matt Ales for the connection info (males.ohe@gmail.com).

The 2021 Seattle Boat Show will be online, Jan. 28 - 31. Check it out and register [here](#). Prices range from \$5 (virtual exhibit hall and free boating seminars) to \$89 (includes 15 Boat Show University classes).

The Bremerton Yacht Club Heavy Weather Log Race is Feb. 13. There will be no social activities in connection with the race this year.

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.**



2021 Dues

Dues for 2021 are now past due. Vessel memberships are \$250/year and Social/20 year memberships are \$140/year. Life members and surviving partners are still no cost. If you are an existing RBAW member and want to pay those dues through the club, they are \$20. You can also pay those on your own, [online](#).

Make your check payable to Totem Yacht Club and mail to the Purser at:

Rick Demere
PO Box 2021
Milton, WA 98354

If you have any questions or if you don't know whether you are a 20 year member or not please call Rick at 253-232-4228. For anyone that is changing from Vessel to Social membership or Vessel memberships not renewing, you will need to return your burgee to one of the club officers.



Commodore Kris Huber

Vice Commodore Randy
Kenyon

Rear Commodore Mike
Holman

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

Wow! Not only has a month gone by, but a year! I trust that everyone had a great holiday. I hope everyone is safe and feeling well.

With next week being our first meeting of January, and supposed to be the 'Change of Watch' meeting, I used the past few weeks looking back on 2020. As you know, the bridge & board have agreed to take on one more year. Thank you to all of you for doing that and being a part of what I feel the best club around.

A couple weeks ago, Lisa and I were going through some of the photos from Totem's Ball last year along with the many cruises that we had in the past. We were reminiscing of all the great times we have had over the past years with the club. 2020 provided us with many obstacles for sure. We attempted to keep some sort of normalcy through out the year. We had some small group cruises. We had some anchor outs to keep distancing. It just wasn't the same.

Now we have 2021. I'm hoping that we can at some point, get back to normal. We can get together with our general meetings. We can have our social events. And best of all, we can have our cruises. We can meet on the dock for Happy Hour, we can have our Pot Luck dinners. And we can decorate our boats. And play Left, Right, Center. Nothing like some good, clean fun and competition.

But most of all, we can spend time with our friends!

Please plan on joining us next week for our January General Meeting. We don't have much to go over, so that part goes fast. We've added training and informational videos. Now we offer a prize for the one answering the question at the end. The Zoom meetings have proven to be fun as we can see each other, talk to each other, all at a safe distance. It's easy to do. Or you can just call in with your phone. If you don't know how, ask one of us.

Hope to see everyone next week and here's to 2021!!!

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon: As we welcome a new year, I want to wish all of you a very happy 2021, with hopefully more in-person meetings and gatherings. 2020 was a crazy year and it can't leave soon enough.

The Annual Membership Directory is about 3 months away. If you have moved or changed phone numbers or emails, please let Purser Rick know. Also, if you know any one or any business that would like to advertise in the directory, put them in contact with the club.

Take care, stay safe, and I hope to see you on the water soon.

Rear Commodore Mike Holman: Happy New Year to all! Well if you are anything like me saying goodbye and good riddance to 2020 wasn't even a bit hard to do. To say that the year was challenging to most of us is an understatement. At the same time there is hope for 2021 and beyond. There are now three approved vaccines and the process of inoculation has begun. Well it will take several months to get the majority of folks vaccinated at least it has begun. On the TYC side of things the club house currently has 5 confirmed rentals for 2021 which is good news. And on the lighter side of things the following was sent to me, so if you need a chuckle read on and see if you can identify. Hope this adds a laugh to your day. Happy New Year, see you soon.

Just had to share.

Now That I'm Older...

1. My goal for 2020 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.

2. Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce, and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza...OK!?

3. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

4. Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

5. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside they closed school? Yeah, Me neither.

6. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.

7. I love aging, I learn something new every day and forget 5 other things.

Pass this along to anyone who could use a chuckle today

Jr. Past Commodore Debbie Ales: Happy New Year! I hope that 2021 will be a much better year for everyone. We have missed our Totem family but I am excited to make new memories in the new year.

There are many cruises planned for 2021 that should get us out on the water even if we have to continue the social distancing. I am looking forward to more time out on the water. We cannot go to the boat show in January; however, there will be a virtual Seattle Boat Show this year that should be interesting.

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. Last month we had a video on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and a short session from Al on how to navigate the currents near the Narrows Bridge.

A toast to the New Year! Be happy. Make memories. Celebrate life and friendships. May you be blessed with a great year.

Seas the day!



Linda Lander ~ Fleet Captain Report

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Happy New Year and Happy 2021!

I hope this finds everyone well and happy after the holidays! While it was not the Christmas we have all had in the past, nonetheless it was a special time. I have added a copy of the 2021 cruise schedule for everyone to view.

The first boating expedition is scheduled again for February 12th -14th at Bremerton Yacht Club. However, this year, it will only be the log race and not the social event/skit that it has been in the past years. If you are interested in being an observer or a participant, please let either me or Bob Watson know so it can be coordinated.

March is the first cruise of the year with Long Branch as the Shake Down Cruise location again this year. Mark your calendars for March 12th -14th and come join in the fun.

Here are a few dates for all the Totem Events as well as cruises:

- January 29th-30th - [Seattle Virtual Boat Show](#)
- February 13th - Bremerton Log Race Heavy Weather Cruise
- March 6th - Des Moines Yacht Club Ball (Confirmed)
- March 12th-14th Shake Down Cruise - Long Branch Marina
- March 20th - Des Moines Swap Meet
- March 20th - TOA Ball

Fingers and toes crossed we get to do more as a group this year, but if not, remember you can reach out to the officers and the board if there are things you need. Stay safe, wear a mask and I hope to see you all on the water 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*).



The Sunshine Committee has no health issues to report. Here's wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

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@bluedolfininteriors.com or TotemYachtClub@gmail.com).



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