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Please join us in-person for our general meeting and **Change of Watch**. We'll meet on Tues. Jan. 4 at 6:30 for dinner and 7:30 for the meeting. Change of Watch is always a festive meeting. Out-going Commodore Kris Huber will acknowledge members who had an impact on the club. In-coming Commodore Randy Kenyon will swear in new board members.

The Jan.18 **board meeting** will be via Zoom. If you would like to participate, contact in-coming Yeoman Barb Bernstein for the connection info barb@bluedolfininteriors.com.

General Clubhouse Deep Cleaning Party on Sat. Jan. 29. See the Rear Commodore's report below for details.

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. Details coming on meeting up for dinner. Get your tickets [here](#).

Kris Huber & Lisa Otto are hosting a **Super Bowl** party on Sun. Feb. 13. While the Seahawks wont be there, we can still have fun. Bring \$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! For the log race, observers and volunteers are needed on Sat. Feb. 19. 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.

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". We are looking for a float boat and Officers' Boat -- if interested, contact Randy Kenyon at 206-353-4731 (text is best) or thethespian7@gmail.com. We are also looking for help designing the float boat. Matt Ales 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.**



2022 Dues

Dues for 2022 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, please add \$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, 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). Sadly this will be my last time as the Commodore. Ready to pass the torch on to Randy!

Just quickly on the past...Wow! This began 2 years ago as Commodore. Hard to believe. Started off with the Change of Watch, moving on to my first General Meeting in February. The Commodore's Ball. Then...Bam! We got hit by COVID! We did make it to Des Moines Commodore Ball. They had about half of those expected show up. And then we were done. We did go on one cruise as a club, that being the Shake Down in Longbranch. After that we were on our own. We did finally resume in person meetings and did some cruises this past year. Hopefully we are back on track to some sort of normalcy again!

But we stuck together through all of what hit us! Totem YC is still here. Many other clubs are starting to lose membership, and we are stronger than before. It shows what type of club we are and who we have as members.

I've said this before, 'A club is only as good as the members that are in it.'

So please plan on joining us on the 4th for the Change of Watch. We will be swearing in our new members. An exciting time.

See you on the water..

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon: This is my last Totem Line as your Vice Commodore. Looking back, 2021 was a good year with increased cruising and getting back to in-person meetings

As we move into 2022 I hope we continue to open up and come together to enjoy each other's company.

As a club, we rely on volunteers to make our events happen. If you have the opportunity, please do volunteer.

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

Rear Commodore Mike Holman: Greeting TYC and Happy New Year!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 29 for a General Clubhouse Deep Cleaning Party. As I discussed in the December Totem Line we have scheduled a cleaning party. It has now been 2 years since our last real House and Grounds clean up. The clubhouse needs some tender love and care to get ready for the TYC Commodore's Ball on February 26th. There is a lot to do and it will take a really good turn out to get the work completed on January 29th. We will start at 9:00 AM and hopefully be completed by 2:00 PM. Coffee, juice and goodies will be provided. Here is what we will tackle that day:

- A deep cleaning and organization of the galley including ranges, refrigerators, cupboards, and bar.
- Cleaning of all chairs including shampooing upholstery where needed and replacement of all chair bumpers and feet as needed.
- Deep cleaning of restrooms as needed.
- Window and blind cleaning.
- General dusting and cleaning of trophy cabinets and trim.
- Shampooing entryway carpeting (main and galley) and stage carpeting.
- Cleaning tape and gunk off tables and walls.
- Other items that may be brought to our attention between now and then

We will need 3 or 4 shampoo machines to clean the upholstery and carpeting. Bring your own pliers and straight screwdrivers with a thin head will help with chair repairs. A few scrub brushes would also be helpful. And a couple of great vacuums with attachments for doing upholstery and blinds will also help. For cleaning the galley sponges and rags and old towels would also be useful.

I hope that you watch your email and when you receive the signup you will indicate that you are coming so I can have all cleaning solutions, and food ready and on hand. I need to know who is coming so that we are completely prepared to knock this out.

We also need 2 or 3 individuals who are excellent painters to touch up some areas that have been damaged. This will be detailed, within-the-lines painting. This will be scheduled at a different time but still before the ball.

If you can help with the Jan. 29 deep clean or touch up painting, please contact me at 253-222-4461 (phone/text) or mike.zboat@gmail.com.

Finally, it has been an honor and a pleasure to work with the current board and officers in 2020 and 2021. It has been interesting and challenging. I am looking forward to 2022 and continuing to be back in full swing. I also want to give my special thanks to Jenny Kenyon for her work as Rental Manager. Not only has she done a stellar job that has taken an inordinate amount of time, but it has made my task much easier. And thanks to all of you for honoring me as your Rear Commodore.

Let's make 2022 a great year for TYC.

Jr. Past Commodore Debbie Ales: Happy New Year! May the New Year bring much happiness and health to each of you.

The day after our December general meeting, Totem donated 25 coats and 8 gift cards to the YWCA. Thank you for your generosity as we continued this Totem tradition.

Welcome to our incoming Commodore, officers and board. I encourage all members to attend our cruises and events this year. Your participation is what makes the club so great.

Seas the day!



Ray Aldridge ~ Fleet Captain Report

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Happy New Year Totem Yacht Club! This is your new Fleet Captain, Ray Aldridge.

As we start this new year coming off of a very cold final week in December, I want to remind everyone to check on their boats if you haven't been down since the big freeze! Cold weather can be hard on your boat and sometimes a quick look over can

save lots of time and effort later on!

Now on to upcoming cruises. For the next couple months we only have a couple cruises planned. I would like to get a count of how many people are interested in bringing their boats to the Daffodil weekend April 22-24 with Tacoma Yacht Club. Reservations open up after the first week of the year and so far we only have 1 or 2 boats going. Please reply back to me at ykkfrog@hotmail.com if you are interested in attending so I can get a rough count. Each boat will need to make their own reservations but it would be nice to let Tacoma YC know ahead of time about how many are coming.

We have a very full list of cruises coming up this year, and some final details are still being worked out with reservations in marinas so be aware some of the published cruises are subject to change as needed. I am looking forward to joining many of the cruises this year and seeing you all out on the water.

Here's to hoping for a return to normalcy and well attended cruises and events. Sincerely,
Ray Aldrige
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).



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 Heidi Merrifield (heidicmike@comcast.net) or TotemYachtClub@gmail.com).



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Andy Coster (2021 - 2022) | Andy Fernando (2022 - 2023) | Linda Harms (2021 - 2022) | Noreen Jensen (2022 - 2023) | Al Vraspir (2021 - 2022)

Thank you Roger Lander and Sally Vraspir for your time on the Board!

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