



# The Totem Line

*57 years of yachting – 58 years of friendship*



*In this issue: Crab Feed info; Commodore's Ball flyer; Heavy Weather Cruise and Predicted Log Race Flyer; Customs Pier Change in Victoria; Construction alert for Blair Waterway; Cruise and Activity Schedule for 2014; Pictures from the Christmas Party and Special People's Cruise*

## Upcoming Events

Jan 6..... General Meeting  
 Jan 18.....Crab Feed  
 Jan 21.....Board Meeting  
 Jan 24 – Feb 2.....Seattle Boat Show  
 Feb 14-16.....Heavy Weather Cruise

## Leadership

Commodore.....Carolyn Hershberger  
 Vice Commodore.....Joe Simpson  
 Rear Commodore.....Rich Johnson  
 Purser.....Sharon Nell  
 Yeoman.....Sharon Blair

## Area Fuel Prices

<http://fineedge.com/fuelsurvey.html>

*Updated 12/17/13*



## Commodore's Report



Happy New Year! I thank you for electing me your Commodore for 2014. I look forward to an exciting and fun year for Totem Yacht Club. I want to thank Ron Reding for his leadership during his tenure as Commodore in 2013. The club had a great year with Ron at the helm.

To my Flag Officers; Joe Simpson, Vice Commodore; Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore; Sharon Nell, Purser; and Sharon Blair, Yeomen, thank you for volunteering to help lead Totem YC through the next year. And to the Board; Ron Reding, PC; Provi Simpson, Rocci Blair, Rick Demere, John Herron, Heidi Merrifield, and Bob Watson, Fleet Captain, I look forward to working with you as we set course for the club for 2014.

Patty Chastain, Tim Reding, and Dave Redding have stepped up to handle the Totem Line, membership committee and By-laws, respectively. Thank you. I will be looking to the membership to fill other key roles, such as Galley Steward, RBAW representative, Sunshine, IOBG, clothing, and others.

We held a special meeting on December 17th to set the cruising and social calendar for the club. Thanks to all who participated. Two events coming up soon are the annual crab feed, Saturday, January 18th, and Totem's Commodores Ball, February 22nd. Please plan on attending both of these events. The Crab Feed is our main fund raiser so we need all members to attend and bring their family and friends. Sharon and Rocci Blair, and Ray and Charlene Sharpe are co-chairing the 2014 Crab Feed. It is only three weeks away. If you wish to attend, please email me at [hershkahn68@gmail.com](mailto:hershkahn68@gmail.com) to make your reservations. If you plan on having eight or more attend in your group, let me know and we will reserve a table for you.

I am looking forward to the coming year because of all of you, your friendship, and our mutual love of boating and being on the water.

See you at the January 7th General meeting for the Change of the Watch!

Carolyn Hershberger, Commodore

### *Vice Commodore's Report*

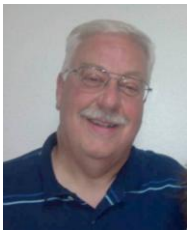


Hello to all and "Happy New Year!" I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. 2013 was a fulfilling year for me, and I have developed an affection for this club and its members, and for that I thank you. With the passing of this year we have a fresh new start for 2014. Are you ready for a new year of cruising, socializing and club activities? We recently had our planning meeting and we have a full schedule coming up, kicking off with our annual crab feed. Yum! Please make sure your family and friends know the date: January 18th, 2014. Hope to see you all there.

Now, on to the new business of Vice Commodore! Let's see how this one goes ;-)

Regards to you and yours,  
Joe Simpson, Vice Commodore

### *Rear Commodore's Report*



I am so very excited to take over the spot of Rear Commodore, or as it has been explained to me...The Totem Yacht Club Go-For (Gopher?)! That is all right with me – those who know me know I am a person who is always trying to build, or at least thinking of building, “A Better Mouse Trap,” or as some might say, “Think Outside of the Box.” I am looking forward to meeting additional members of Totem Yacht Club. I am hoping to see those of you who attend the Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting/swearing in and then move on to the Crab Feed Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. (I will be the one who looks a bit confused, but only for a short while, I hope.) As a participant in the 2014 Calendar planning meeting, I can assure you that we have much Cruising and Merriment planned for this year.

I would like to thank Commodore Carolyn and Vice Commodore Joe for moving up one chair and giving me this chance, and also to thank those who voted me in! I feel that we have a dynamic Bridge this year so come enjoy, and let's work on membership, cruising and having a great summer. I hope that everyone had a great Holiday Season and New Year. We on the Bridge are beyond excited...Let's go 2014!

Rich Johnson, Rear Commodore

### *Past Commodore's Report*



Greetings fellow Totem members! I hope you have all had a joyous Holiday Season, and I wish you all a terrific Totem New Year! I have to say 2013 may have been my most memorable year ever. There were times when it was difficult to juggle work, family, home, romance, and Totem, but with the help and tolerance of many, I made through with all intact, and I think my sanity, as well!

What great fun it has been! New things to learn, see, and do all year long - chairing meetings,

and helping plan and host gatherings. There have been a lot of gatherings: Cruises, Commodore Balls, Daffodil, Seattle & South Sound Opening Days, NBC, RBAW, and more. I have met so many terrific people during all of this, and that may be the best part. What a great experience!

I want to thank Carolyn, Joe, Sharon Blair, and Sharon Nell for their support and stepping up and doing so much for the club. It's been fun partying with you all, as well. There are many more who deserve "thank you"s," as well, and that is what makes Totem a great club.

I expect Carolyn to take the "Baton" and run well with it. I hope you have as much fun as I did, and I wish you the best! I am looking forward to putting on a great Commodore's ball to honor Carolyn on February 22nd. It will be Totem's biggest party of the year, so be there or be square! Contact me or Purser Sharon Blair for reservations. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ron Reding, Totem Commodore 2013



### *Galley Report*

The January meeting will be a dessert meeting, with dessert provided. Come and enjoy the treats!

Your Galley Hostess, Virginia Allard



### *Sunshine*

Clenet Merrifield had thyroid surgery. She is doing well. Remember if you have news you can email me at [FBurns5105@aol.com](mailto:FBurns5105@aol.com) or call me at 1-253-845-4326.

Louise Burns

**Reminder: If you have not yet sent in your membership renewal for 2014, please fill out the attached form and send it in with your dues right away!**

### *Totem Sets Schedule for 2014*

At the planning meeting on December 17, Totem officers and members set the schedule of activities for the coming year. Most activities will remain in their traditional date and time slots, although a few changes have been made. Also, several new cruises have been added – e.g., the Heavy Weather Cruise and Skits at Bremerton Yacht Club in February, the City Cruise to Bell Harbor in June and the Lighted Boat Viewing Cruise to Dock Street Marina in December. Also, several cruises have been scheduled for different dates – e.g., The Olympia Cruise is now in July to coincide with that city's Lakefair Days, and the Eagle Harbor Cruise has been moved ahead to September.

Bob Watson will be assuming the duties of Fleet Captain for 2014, as Tim Reding will be coordinating membership, and Patty Chastain will become Totem Line editor. Bob is looking for host teams consisting of an experienced member(s) as well as a newer member(s) for the cruises and will be approaching all members to get involved as a host – even those with "no boat." Members having preferences for a cruise they would like to host should let Bob know. Members will also be surveyed for what they would like to see for the summer cruise – the two weeks following the Commodore's Cruise – and the yet unspecified cruise in October.

Social events are scheduled for March and October. House and Grounds will be in March and September, but are scheduled for Sundays this year, as the Rear Commodore, Rich Johnson, is not available on Saturdays.

The complete 2014 Activities Calendar is attached to this issue.

### *Totem's Newest Members*

Commodore Ron Reding swore in Totem's newest members, Doug and Melissa Gelowitz, at the Turkey Cruise in Des Moines last month. The couple resides in Maple Valley. Doug is a medical science liaison for Bristol Myers Squibb, and Melissa is in sales with CCI.

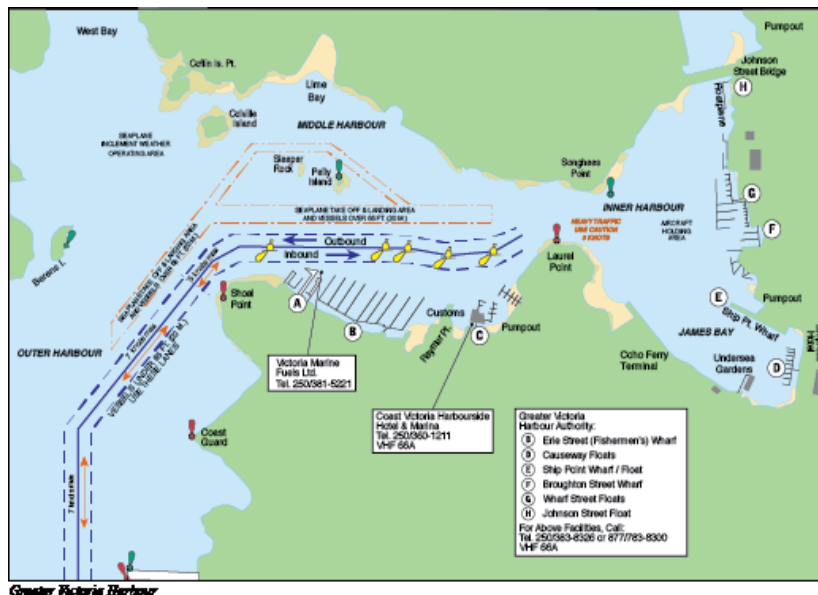
Like their sponsors to the club, Mike and Heidi Merrifield, Doug and Melissa are sailors. They keep their 34-foot Beneteau Oceanis LE, *Moshi*, at Chinook Landing marina in Tacoma. Their most frequent cruising grounds include South Sound, San Juan Islands and Gulf Islands of British Columbia. Among their other interests they list fishing, travel, trap shooting, computers and dogs. They point to Totem's good reciprocals and the opportunity to link up with new cruising couples as what attracted them to the club.

Totem is happy to welcome Doug and Melissa to the club and look forward to seeing them at coming cruises and activities.

### *Victoria Customs Dock Relocated*

Effective immediately, boaters clearing Canadian Customs at Victoria's inner harbour will do so at a new location. The Canadian Customs dock is now located on Raymur Point next to the Coast Victoria Harbourside Marina. The former customs dock located adjacent to the seaplane float on the downtown shoreline is no longer in use.

"The placement allows for a more efficient flow of marine traffic, allowing vessels to reach Customs facilities earlier in entrance to Victoria harbour," said Greater Victoria Harbour Authority President and CEO, Curtis Grad.



### *Caution Required in Local Waters*

Orion Marine group will be installing piling at Pier 3 for the Port of Tacoma between the dates of December 10 and January 25. The project site is located in the outer Blair Waterway just north of the Husky terminal on the south west side of the shipping lane. Several barges will be moored via offshore anchors toward the center of



the waterway approximately 1000 feet in length and mooring lines extending to the pier. Typical working hours will be 0600 to 1800 hrs Monday to -Saturday. Vessels are requested to limit their speeds to reduce wake and to contact the derrick barge St. Helens on VHS channel 66 prior to entering the waterway to ensure safe passage and work conditions.

Orion Marine Group will also be conducting dredging operations at the Port of Olympia Marine Terminal and the Swantown Boatworks in Olympia Harbor. Dredging commenced about November 25 and will continue until approximately the first week of February. Operations will be conducted Monday through Saturday, 24 hours a day. The derrick barge Rainier and tug Skagit will monitor VHF channels 09, 13 and 16. Mariners are requested to use the slowest safe speed to minimize wakes when transiting the area.

### *Totem Yacht Club Christmas Party December 2013*

Santa and Mrs. Claus took some time away from the North Pole to drop in at the Christmas Party. Great fun!



### *Special People's Cruise December 2013*

What a special day for both hosts and guests on the Special Peoples Cruise!





# **2014 Annual Crab Feed Totem Yacht Club**

5045 N. Highland, Tacoma, WA 98407

**Saturday, January 18, 2014**

6:00 p.m.

\$35.00 per person

Fresh Crab

Cole Slaw

Barb's Famous Beans

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Beer, Wine, and Soda bar

Music after dinner to D J Leon Crawford

Reservations: Carolyn Hershberger

[hershkahn68@gmail.com](mailto:hershkahn68@gmail.com) or 360-981-0727



# Heavy Weather Cruise and Predicted Log Race

February 15, 2014

## *Bremerton Yacht Club*

### Friday

Evening Dinner and Social \$10

### Saturday

Complimentary Continental Breakfast  
Log Race Registration and Observer Training  
Heavy Weather Predicted Log Race  
Race Awards  
Dinner \$10  
Skit Presentations  
Dancing

### Sunday

Breakfast \$8

Free Moorage and Power! Observers Welcome! (No Experience Necessary) Boat-in or Drive-in!  
Come join in the fun of log racing or just relax with other boaters

For More Info or to Sign Up  
Contact Bob Watson  
253-925-0751 or [robertwatson6@comcast.net](mailto:robertwatson6@comcast.net)



**Totem Yacht Club's  
2014 Commodore's Ball**



**Honoring Commodore Carolyn Hershberger**



**Saturday February 22, 2014**

**No-host Cocktail Hour at Clubhouse 6:00pm**

**Introduction of Commodores 7:00pm**

**Dinner Catered by "Papa Eddie" 7:30pm**

**Dancing to Live Music 8:30pm to Midnight**

**Cost \$40 Per Person or \$80 Per Couple**

**Dress is Semi-Formal, Dress Whites for Officers**

**Seating is limited – For Reservations and Tickets, please contact**

**Ron Reding 253.279.0314      Email – [r\\_reding@comcast.net](mailto:r_reding@comcast.net)**

**Or**

**Mail Checks by 2/15/14 to 5045 North Highland, Tacoma, WA 98407**



# Totem Yacht Club

## 2014 Calendar of Activities

January 18	Crab Feed at Totem Yacht Club
February 14-16	Heavy Weather Weekend and Skits – Bremerton YC
February 22	Totem YC Commodore's Ball
March 14-16	Coming Out Cruise - Longbranch Marina
March 22	Spring Social
April 11-13	Marine Daffodil Weekend - Tacoma YC
April 25-27	Des Moines Cruise
May 2-4	Opening Day - Seattle Yacht Club
May 10	South Sound Opening Day - Des Moines YC
May 16-18	Boy Scout Work Party Cruise to Blake Island
May 23-26	Memorial Day Cruise - Poulsbo Marina
June 7-9	First Mates Cruise - Dock Street Marina
June 27-29	City Cruise – Bell Harbor Marina
July 3-6	4th of July Anchor Out - Quartermaster Harbor
July 10	Activity at Clubhouse (TBD)
July 18-20	Olympia <u>Lakefair</u> Cruise – Swantown Marina
July 25-27	Commodore's Cruise - Port Orchard Marina
July 28-August 8	Summer Cruise (Tentative Dates, Destinations TBD)
August 7	Activity at Clubhouse (TBD)
August 8-10	Kids' Cruise - Dockton Park
August 22-24	Anchor Out - Penrose State Park
August 24-28	South Sound Cruise
August 29-September 1	Labor Day Cruise - Fair Harbor Marina
September 19-21	Eagle Harbor Cruise
October 10-12	Cruise (TBD)
October 25	Fall Social
November 5th	Annual Soup Night and Election
November 28-30	Turkey Cruise – Arabella's Marina
December 6	Special People's Cruise - Foss Waterway
December 6	Christmas Party
December 12-14	Lighted Boat Parade Viewing – Dock St Marina

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Membership type (Circle one)

Vessel (\$175)      Social (\$100)      20+ Years (\$100)  
Life (\$0)      Widow/widower(\$0)

Please Print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner/Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

We will need new pictures for most of you and your spouse/partner for the 2014 Yearbook. Please plan on having pictures taken at the December/January General Meetings.

Again this year Totem is offering members the opportunity to pay your Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW) dues in conjunction with your Totem Yacht Club dues. These dues are optional, but your continued support of RBAW helps fund an organization that is providing legislative information and lobbying for recreational boaters at the local, state and national levels.

Totem Yacht Club 2014 Dues (from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Recreational Boating Association of  
Washington (\$20.00 optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and check to:

Totem Yacht Club  
5045 N Highland  
Tacoma, WA 98405