



The Totem Line

58 years of yachting – 59 years of friendship



In this issue: Daffodil Parade and Seattle Opening Report from Heidi Merrifield; Fleet Captain's Report on upcoming events. Don't forget – Hamburger Night and General Meeting May 5.

Upcoming Events

May 5.....General Meeting
 May 9.....Olympia & Des Moines Opening Day
 May 15-17 Boy Scouts Work Party, Blake Island
 May 22-25Memorial Day Cruise, Poulsbo
 June 5-7.....Anchor Out, Gig Harbor

Leadership

Commodore.....Joe Simpson
 Vice Commodore.....Mike Holman
 Rear Commodore.....Cathy Betts
 Purser.....Sharon Nell
 Yeoman.....Provi Simpson

Commodore's Report



Hello Totem!

Another great Seattle Opening of boating season. We had Tim Reding's *Satisfaction* showing our colors again this year, and what a day. Sunburns included! The weather couldn't have been better and the parade was stellar. I wasn't too pleased when it came time to introduce 'Totem' and we got introduced as 'Tacoma Yacht Club commodore Joe Simpson,' but hey, mistakes happen. Make sure to check our Facebook postings, as well as the photo bucket, for pictures of the event. We had two Jr. Past commodores on board, as well as the Commodore, Rear and our Yeoman. For those of you who didn't make it, we missed you.

Now upcoming, we have the South Sound openings at Olympia, as well as Des Moines on Saturday, May 9th. Hope you all can attend one or the other. They are always a good time.

We will be swearing in two new members this Tuesday at our general meeting, and I would like to welcome V.J. Suttmeier and Debbie Zachary to the clan. WELCOME ABOARD! We also will have a reintroduction of Jim and Joanne Ross who joined and have been sworn in, but haven't had the chance to come to a general meeting yet. WELCOME!

Now that the Flag officers are back in order and positions filled appropriately I would again request the service of our membership for some "loose ends" such as: (1) Sargent at Arms; (2) IOBG council; (3) RBAW council; (4) Reciprocal chair; (5) By-laws Chair; As well as galley and bar positions. Don't be shy Totem, there are great spots to be held :-)

Let's get those hulls scraped and painted, and that brightwork done because here we are..... in Boating Season! "Ta-Ta" for now! We'll see you at the next meeting!

Regards,
 Joe Simpson, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report



(This is a copy of a note sent via email earlier. Some of you may have already volunteered for tasks, but that is not recorded here, so please contact me to see what remains to do.) On Saturday, April 18th, we held our annual Spring House and Grounds Party. Over the course of six hours, 12 members including Sharon and Rocci Blair, Jim and Nancy Terrell, PC Dan Toft, PC Ron Reding, PC Tim Reding, Fleet Captain Heidi and Mike Merrifield, Rear Commodore Cathy Betts, Lois and myself worked to weed gardens, clean the deck, trim shrubs, clean driveways and parking areas, and generally spruce up the outside, including a short term painting of the awning structure to cover the rust spots. Despite the great efforts and work of this group of volunteers we still have a number of items that must be accomplished.

Given that organizing a large work party is difficult due to scheduling, I am distributing a list of projects remaining. Many of these items only require 1 or 2 people to complete. If you will, please review the list below and if there is an item or two that you are willing to take on, please send me an e-mail to mike@pensionlabs.com or call me at [253-222-4461](tel:253-222-4461) to let me know what you have selected. There is no timeline that we must meet, only that we complete these items over the next 3 to 4 months so that all (except the awning repairs) are completed by September. If everyone takes a project we can easily and economically accomplish all.

Here's the list:

Outside:

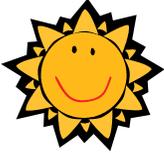
1. The front entry and awning: (this is a 6 to 8 man job that will probably take a weekend, could be done in the fall if the upper metal structure can be moved to a shop or large garage of a member, this will require someone with a welder as a member of the team)
 - a. Remove rust with wire brushes (preferably power) and sand paper
 - b. Replace rusted out portions of frame
 - c. Prime rusted areas with Rustoleum
 - d. repaint with new white paint
 - e. fix and replace as needed the tape edging provided I can find the material
 - f. remove moss from roof under the awning and clean that roof portion
2. Paint outside of doors going out to deck (1 man job for good painter on a sunny day)
3. Repair light fixtures over deck (a 10 minute job - one is hanging down and looks like it is coming loose)
4. Inspect roof and treat for moss via sweeping and apply moss killer (Ron Reding will handle)
5. Clean up parking lot and remove moss from blacktop (side edge needs cleaning -- can be done by 1-2 people - need pressure washer, and flat shovel and broom)
6. Wash outside of windows (can be a 1 to 2 person job)
7. Inspect structure for rot, mildew, or needed repairs. (Should be done by construction experienced person or persons)
8. Repair and repaint rear deck decking (2 person job)
9. Clean and prep barbeques for repair and summer use (1 person job, this one should be done, if possible before MAY 5th)
10. Replace burnt-out exterior parking lot lights (Joe Simpson)

Mike Holman, Vice Commodore



Galley Report

No Galley Report this month.



Sunshine Report

No Sunshine Report this month. Send Sunshine information to Louise at FBurns5105@aol.com or 1-253-845-4326.

Area Fuel Prices <http://fineedge.com/fuelsurvey.html> Updated 12/16/2014

Current wind direction and speed conditions in Puget Sound:

<http://i90.atmos.washington.edu/ferry/Ferryjs/mainframe1.htm>

Webcams showing current coastal water conditions:

<http://www.northwestwebcams.com/washington-web-cams.shtm#coastal>

Fleet Captain Report

FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT – Heidi Merrifield 253-219-8108

Come see a presentation of our upcoming cruises at 7pm on Tuesday, May 5.



May 22-25 Memorial Day Weekend at Port of Poulsbo Marina. Heidi coordinates moorage for Totem boats, so sign-up soon and I'll assign your slip. So far 6 have signed up and we have 20 slips set aside for our club. We will have use of the dock building all weekend for group meals and activities. Slips are \$0.90/ft (min 30'). Roger and Louise Gallington are hosts and will put together a flyer soon with meals, activities and costs.



June 5-7 Blessing of the Fleet Anchor Out in Gig Harbor. Free event. Let Heidi know if you are interested in hosting. 3PM Sunday is the fleet blessing ceremony.



June 12-14 First Mates Bell Harbor Marina in Seattle. Totem has reserved 10 slips, but attendees need to secure moorage by **Fri, May 29** by calling [206-615-3952](tel:206-615-3952) to prepay first night \$1.35/ft. Let me know if you are interested in hosting this event.

July 3-5 Independence Day Anchor Out in Quartermaster Harbor, Burton.



<p>July 24-26 Commodore's Cruise Port Orchard Marina. Hosted by Commodore Joe Simpson. Totem has reserved 10 slips, but you must call 360-876-5535 to confirm 48 hours prior; \$36 per night + \$0.90/ft >40ft.</p> <p>Ideal for starting a summer cruise to the San Juans.</p>	
 <p>Aug 14-16 Port of Bremerton Marina. Totem has reserved 5 slips, but you must call 360-373-1035 to confirm 48 hours prior; \$36 per night + \$0.90/ft >40ft.</p>	<p>Aug 28-30 Penrose State Park Anchor Out. Hosted by Tim Reding.</p> 
<p>Aug 31- Sept 3 South sound cruise connects Penrose and Olympia. TBD Anchor out or marinas in route.</p> 	<p>Sept 4-7 Labor Day Weekend Swantown Marina, Olympia. Totem has reserved 10 slips, Moorage \$0.80/ft includes power.</p>

Cruise Reports:

Because of the size limitation of most people's email accounts, the Cruise Reports are being sent as separate documents from the Totemline this month.

Rick Demere wrote the first Cruise Report of the year, and Heidi Merrifield wrote the following reports about the Daffodil Parade and Seattle Opening Day. It would be great if other cruise hosts or participants wrote up a summary of some of the highlights of our cruises. It is most helpful to those who can't attend to keep up with club activities, and affords excellent advertising for our club from those who might see it online. I am happy to help with pictures, formatting, or editing to fit available space, if needed. Thank you, Rick, for starting a new tradition! If you have some notes or observations, pictures, etc., please send them to totemline@gmail.com and thank you!