Totem Yacht Club **Volume 63 Issue 6** **June 2016**

The Totem Line

59 years of yachting – 60 years of friendship

In this issue: Don't forget – BBQ Potluck (6:30) followed by General Meeting, Tuesday, June 7th; pictures from South Sound Opening Day, and Memorial Day Cruise to Poulsbo.

Upcoming Events

June 3-5…….Blessing of the Fleet, Gig Harbor
June 7……..BBQ Dinner and General Meeting
June 24-26 Taste of Tacoma Parking Fundraiser
July 1-5……. Independence Day - Quartermaster Harbor Anchor Out

Leadership

Commodore……Mike Holman
Vice Commodore…….…….....Cathy Betts
Rear Commodore……...…..Heidi Merrifield
Purser……....Sharon Nell
Yeoman……Barbara Berntsen
Fleet Captain……..Ron Reding

Commodore's Report

Ahoy Totem Members,

The next general membership meeting is coming up on this next Tuesday, June 7th. We have a great meeting planned to kick off the summer and as our last meeting until September. Some exciting things are going to take place.
1st: This is our annual "bring your own meat and BBQ it" on a serious 6 ft by 3 ft grill. In fact this grill is so big it is its own trailer. Why it's so big you cook a whole cow all at once.
2nd: And this is exciting - we will be introducing 15 new club members that have joined in just the last month. That is big, really big, like seriously exciting. The club is growing and new boaters are joining our ranks.
3rd: The business portion will be short, really short - like maybe 15 minutes, and then our first serious program of the year

And Finally - The Program: Boat Inspections - What you need to know to pass and shorten, even eliminate on the water Coast Guard inspections.

This 45 minute presentation will refresh your knowledge of the required safety equipment, how to pass your safety inspection, and how to deal with a Coast Guard on the water inspection stop. Our presenters will also be reviewing basic safety tips, how to handle medical emergencies and distress calls, border crossings, etc. If you are going to be doing some serious, or even casual cruising this summer you will want this update and review. This will be informative for all boaters, sail and power

Our presenters will Otto Rasmussen, Tacoma Power Squadron Education Officer, and Vicki Sharpe, Past Commander of the Olympia Power Squadron and the number one inspector for the Tacoma Squadron with over 100 inspections in 2015.

This is the program and these are the speakers you want to start the summer cruising season with. See you Tuesday evening.

Mike Holman, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report

Hi all,
We had a great time at Seattle Opening. I want to thank Rick Demere for being our parade boat for the weekend. We all had a fun busy time. The next weekend we went to South Sound Opening in Des Moines for a great day and evening celebrating the opening of boating for all clubs in the South Sound. We also had a group take Boy Scouts to Blake Island so they could clean up the trails and beaches. Thank you to all of you who took the time to transport the boys.

On the Memorial Day holiday we went to Poulsbo with 15 boats and even though we had high winds and rain we all had a great time. Louise and Roger Gallington put on a great weekend. Louise won big at LRC (Left, Right, Center.) Theresa (Schneider) thinks the game was rigged.

We are heading this weekend to Gig Harbor for the blessing of the fleet. It looks like the weather is going to be amazing.

So now off we go for a summer of boating! Hope to see you all on the water.

Cathy Betts, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report

Thank you to Allen Vraspir and Ray Sharp for fixing the issue with the hot water tank during our spring house and grounds. That was a huge undertaking – I can't believe I forgot to mention it last month! Tim and Linda did a fabulous job with May's Taco feed, even adding a little Cinco de Mayo decor. Virginia Allard has agreed to take over coordination of the bar services and JoAnn Kagey will provide backup for her in June. Provi Simpson reports rental income is already near the annual projected amount! Awesome job Provi! It is great to see growth in this area and we recognize the hard work, coordination, and salesmanship involved.

Two items on the list for house and grounds that didn't get completed yet are painting the deck and re-taping the awning. The board agreed at the last meeting, that it makes more sense at this time to re-tape instead of replacing the awning and to look into adding lighting so it also serves as signage. Both items will go on the list for Oct 15 house and grounds, however it would be nice to get them done sooner than that if possible as both are weather dependent. Please let me know if you are interested in adopting either project to provide service to support your club?

Mike and I decided to donate the large propane BBQ we'd acquired from the previous condo owners and get a smaller one for our balcony, so now Totem will have two BBQ's for meeting meals with the option of charcoal or propane. We'll cook the brats on the BBQ for October's meals.

Cruising season has truly begun and this weekend promises great weather. Hope to see you at the Blessing of the Fleet anchor out at Gig Harbor along with our other cruises planned for this summer.

Heidi Merrifield, Rear Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report

Greetings Totem Cruisers,

It certainly has been a terrific and busy cruise season for many of us in Totem YC so far this year. Totem had a good showing at Seattle opening, with 5 boats there. Thank you, Rick Demere, for hosting and providing Lucky Dog II for our flag ship! Commodore Mike, Vice-Commodore Cathy Betts, Rear Commodore Heidi Merrifield, Yoeman Barb Bernsten and myself were on board in dress whites, and about a dosen others were on board for the Parade as well. Fun was had by all, as we went the parade route and then pulled off to anchor and watch what is the grandest boat parade in the country!

Last weekend's Memorial weekend was a kind of microcosm of the year to date, with some nice calm cruising up to Poulsbo and coming together on the docks Friday, followed by some hunkering down for wind and rain on Saturday, and then improving conditions ending in a beautiful cruise home on Monday. In between, there was a mix of exploring, shopping, eating, gaming, comraderie, and even a little "Hollywood" for all of us to enjoy! I do believe all of us on the 14 boats, plus drive-ups had an enjoyable weekend. Thank you to Roger and Loise Gallington for again hosting us for the weekend. You are above and beyond!

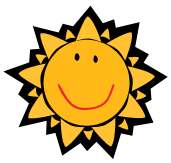
For those of you who can, this weekend (June 3-5) looks to be a really good one too, with weather predicted to be in the 80's and a huge crowd of boats in Gig Harbor for the annual Blessing of the Fishing Fleet. On shore will be a street Fair and lots of other activities to go with. Come and join us, as many of the Totem fleet will be rafted out towards the west end of the harbor. No notice needed, just show up. Activities and food will be planned on the fly.

Check your Totem calendars, and watch for a flyer for the July 1-4 anchor-out at Quartermaster Harbor. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are attending the Commodore's Cruise, July 22-24; or First Mate's Cruise July 29-31, as slips must be reserved.

Many of our fleet are planning longer cruises north, and some are already gone. If you are interested in who is going, and when, or would like to coordinate with others on these north cruises, please feel free to contact me by phone or email, (253) 279 0314 or r_reding@comcast.net) and I will help out as best I can. Also, show up June 7, at 6:30 for BBQ and 7:30 general meeting for more info.

Smooth Cruising,

Ron Reding, Fleet Captain



Sunshine Report

Louise Burns' mother passed away recently. Totem YC sends our condolences, Louise. Remember to contact Louise with any Sunshine news.

You can reach me at FBurns5105@aol.com or at !-253-845-4326.

Louise Burns, Sunshine

Galley Report and Menus for 2016 Meetings

Dinners before the general meetings will be provided for $6 each month at 6:30, followed by the General Meetings at 7:30.
June 7 - BYOM (Bring your on meat) BBQ with side dishes, salad and dessert.
September 7 - Potato Bar
October 4 - Bratwurst and German potato salad. Hosted by the Merrifield's.
November 1 - Soup Night - Need 10 volunteers to bring soups.
We are looking for volunteers to host any of the non-hosted meals mentioned above. There will be a sign up sheet at April's meeting!

Joann Kagey, Galley Steward

Position Openings within the clubs leadership: Membership Chairperson (s) and Clothing Coordinator
If you have an interest in either position, please contact the Commodore, Mike Holman, by sending him an e-mail to Mike.zboat@gmail.com.

Area Fuel Prices https://activecaptain.com/fuelLists/fuelIndex.php
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

Getting to Know You –

A feature in Totem Line dedicated to helping us get to know one another. We hope everyone will be willing to share a little personal information with us. Included in this issue are some questions you might consider as "Story Starters" as you write about you and your family, or maybe you would like to write about someone in the club who you feel has had a positive effect on you or the club. If you'd like to volunteer, please send me your story at http://totemline@gmail.com

Cruise and Event Schedule for the Remainder of 2016

June Events
June 3-5 Blessing of the Fleet – Gig Harbor Anchor Out
June 24-26 Taste of Tacoma Parking Fundraiser

July Events
July 1-5 Independence Day - Quartermaster Harbor Anchor Out
TBD Summer Cruise – San Juan's – 2 weeks
July 16-17 Tacoma Maritime Fest – Foss Seaport

July 22-24 Commodore's Cruise – Port Orchard Marina
July 24-July 29 North Sound Cruise – TBD – 1 week
July 29-31 First Mates Cruise – Bell Harbor Marina, Seattle

August Events
August 12-14 Kid's Cruise - Des Moines, Marina
August 26-28 Penrose State Park Anchor Out
August 28-September 2 South Sound Cruise – TBD – 1 week

September Events
September 2-5 Labor Day – Arabella's Landing, Gig Harbor
September 24 Carling YC Commodore's Ball

October Events
October 1 Viking YC Commodore's Ball
October 7-9 Halloween Cruise w/DMYC - Port Orchard Marina
October 15 House & Grounds

November Events
November 1 Soup Night & General Election
November 25-27 Turkey Cruise – Des Moines Marina

December Events
December 3 Special People's Cruise - Foss Waterway
December 3 Christmas Party
December 16-18 Lighted Boat Parade Cruise – Dock Street Marina, Tacoma

Pictures from Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day (For more great pictures, see Totem's Facebook Page)

Pictures from Poulsbo Memorial Day Cruise