



The Totem Line



59 years of yachting – 60 years of friendship

In this issue: Don't forget – Dinner (\$6) starting at 6:30 and General Meeting 7:30, Tuesday, Nov. 1st. This is an important meeting, so please plan to attend. See the flyers for the upcoming Turnkey Day Cruise and Christmas Party.

<i>Upcoming Events</i>	
Nov. 1 st	Dinner & General Meeting
Nov. 25-27...	Turkey Cruise – Des Moines Marina
Dec. 3 rd	Christmas Party
Dec. 3 rd	Special People's Cruise
Dec. 6 th	Dinner and General Meeting

<i>Leadership</i>	
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,

Our "infamous" November soup night has arrived, Tuesday November 1st. You won't want to miss this night. We have several very important items that will be presented, discussed and acted upon.

First - Elections, the November meeting is, by the bylaws, our annualelection for the coming year's officers.

Currently the following individuals are nominated:

Commodore - Cathy Betts

Vice Commodore - P.C. Tim Reding

Rear Commodore - Open

Purser - P.C. Sharon Nell

Yeoman - Barbara Berntsen

Trustee Position 1: Provi Simpson (continuing does not get voted upon)

Trustee Position 2: Rick Demere

Trustee Position 3: Open

Trustee Position 4: Lyle Kagey

Trustee Position 5: Debbie Ales (continuing does not get voted upon)

Positions 1,3, and 5 are terms ending in December 2017. Position 2 and 4 are for two year terms ending in December 2018 and must stand for election. All bridge positions are for a one year term.

The position of Junior Past Commodore is automatic and filled by the retiring commodore. The position of Fleet Captain is appointed by the commodore and is, by the Standing Rules, a voting board member. That position will be filled by P.C. Ron Reding.

Nominations from the floor are accepted before the vote is taken. The only requirement is that you ask the person you are nominating if they are willing to serve in that position. An individual who is a member in good standing can be nominated to any office except Commodore. To be nominated as Commodore the nominee must have served as an officer or a trustee for at least one complete year.

Second - Motion to replace the current furnace

At the October 25th Board meeting a motion was passed to present to the general membership at the November meeting the following motion: "It is moved, and seconded by the Board that the club replace the existing furnace with a newer, more efficient, and reliable unit at a cost not to exceed \$2200.00" All expenditures for capital improvements, must go before the general membership for discussion and approval per the bylaws".

Third - Motion to replace the existing floor

A motion to replace the existing floor, which is deteriorating, at a cost of between \$6,500 and \$7,500 will also be discussed and put before the general membership.

A complete discussion of both of these motions will be presented as well as why we believe this is the appropriate time from a financial standpoint to do so.

If you are a relatively new member, or an old salt, please give consideration to becoming a club trustee, its a great way to get involved and to better understand the workings of the club. If interested please talk to either Cathy Betts or myself before the start of the business meeting Tuesday night.

This is an important meeting with several big dollar items on the agenda as well as the election of future officers. It is vital that we have as many club members present as possible so please make every effort to attend, if not for the meal at least for the business session which will start promptly at 7:30 PM.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Smooth seas and calm winds to all,

Mike Holman, Commodore

Vice Commodore's Report



Hi to all my fellow Totem Members,

The year is moving along quite quickly, and with that we are working on filling the open positions on the board for the 2017 year coming up. Please think about possibly joining us on the board or in a trustee position.

I am looking forward to a great year. I have been talking to members and trying to come up with some fun events. I have been working on the thought that we need to have a few fund-raisers. We would like to earn monies to replace the roof. We have already made some wonderful improvements to the club. Hopefully, the membership votes to replace the furnace and the floor. So, the next big thing is the roof. I think the Swap Meet is a great money maker. Also, we did great with the Taste of Tacoma parking lot weekend. I also would like to do an Italian night with some live entertainment. I hope we can get some members to jump on board and help with what I am hoping we will be able to pull off this year. If any of these catch your eye and you would like to help us get these off and running please give me a call or email.

We have a lot of fun things coming up in November and December. I hope to see you all at these events:

Thanksgiving Cruise in Des Moines, Nov. 25th thru 27th

Christmas Party, December 3rd

Special People's Cruise (put on by Tacoma Parks Department) December 3rd

Lighted Boat Parade (put on by other Yacht Clubs) December 17th (You can join in with your decorated boat or come down to Dock Street and enjoy watching the Parade go by.)

Des Moines Yacht Club has invited our club again to join them at their New Year Eve Party. You can bring your boat to the club and spend the night.

So mark your calendar and please come join us.

Cathy Betts, Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore's Report



As soon as elections results are official, I'll be working on decorations for our 2017 Commodore's Ball. Mike Holman, as Junior Past Commodore, will be in charge of the event and has begun securing catering and a band for February 25th. I volunteered to coordinate the theme and decorations (which are to be kept "top secret"), so if you'd like to help out with the ball, be sure to let me know. I envision having a couple Saturdays spent with others interested in the creative side of event preparations making special decorations, and then right before the event we'll need many hands to set up and take down everything.

As I prepare to transition away from my Rear Commodore position and train my replacement, I'm also gearing up for transitioning to Totem Line editor in 2017. I've been giving some thought to adding some new features. In the first edition of the year, I will highlight our new flag officers to help folks learn more about each of them. Each issue will have a section highlighting new members, however it is also helpful to learn more about the folks who have been with the club for a long time, too. Throughout the year I'm hoping to include a little something about each of you so be watching for an e-mail from me to preview my draft about you!

Heidi Merrifield, Rear Commodore

Fleet Captain's Report



Holiday Greetings from Fleet;

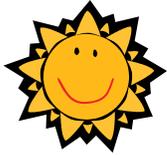
Here's hoping all is well with you and yours! As we approach the holiday season I want to wish you all the best, and hope that I see many of you at our upcoming get-togethers. After our November 1st meeting, we have our annual Turkey cruise to Des Moines coming up. Thanks Tom and Virginia for hosting again this year, and Mike and Heidi for inviting us into their home!

This has always been one of my favorites cruises. Many of us will be having Thanksgiving dinner with friends or relatives outside the club on the 24th, and some will be able to do that with fellow club members at Des Moines. We have 10 boats signed up for the cruise so far, and most will arrive on Friday. There will be room on the docks for late additions, as we will be stern-tying many of us along the shoreword stretch of dock. See the attached flier for activities, and don't forget your Christmas decorations. If you cannot come by boat, drive-ups are encouraged. Boaters can hail Totem YC on channel 68 on approach for slip assignment and docking assist.

On Saturday, November 26th at 10 a.m., in the heated dock enclosure at Des Moines, we will be having our a planning meeting for the 2017 cruise season. If you cannot be there, but would like some input on the cruise schedule, please contact me ahead of time.

Looking ahead, we have our Christmas party at the club Dec. 3rd (see attached flier) as well as the Special People's cruise. I would like to hear from those of you who would like to participate in that as soon as possible, as we need to coordinate with Tacoma YC.

Ron Reding, Fleet Captain



Sunshine Report

No report this month – guess everyone is staying healthy. You can reach me at FBurns5105@aol.com or [1-253-845-4326](tel:1-253-845-4326) with any sunshine news.

Louise Burns, Sunshine

Galley Report and Menus for 2016 Meetings



November is our SOUP NIGHT meeting!

We will be serving a wonderful variety of our members soups along with salad and homemade bread. Please join us, 6:30 Tuesday, November 1st -- it's just \$6.

Joann Kagey, Galley Steward

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>

Cruise and Event Schedule for the Remainder of 2016

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

“IT’S TURKEY CRUISE TIME!!!



DES MOINES MARINA

22307 Dock Ave. S., Des Moines, WA 98198

Call for reservation: (206) 824-5700 no later than 11/15/2016

November 25th-27th

Thanksgiving Day also available (Nov 24th)

BOATS ARRIVE FRIDAY – DINNER HOT DOGS, BEANS and POTATO SALAD
SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST Hosted by Mike & Heidi Merrifield at their Condo
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DECORATE BOATS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!!
(Maybe win a prize?)



- We will have an ironing station for you to iron on Nautical appliques provided by Cathy Betts. Please bring a T-shirt or Sweatshirt (preferably made of cotton) that you would like to create a design for yourself.
 - We will have football games on the TV
 - Bring your favorite board games to play
 - We have the heated room all weekend!

Holiday Cheer! Friends and family always welcome!
Enjoy a relaxing fun weekend. A great start to the Christmas season...

SATURDAY: Happy Hour: 4:30 pm Pot Luck: 6:00 pm Raffle and Prizes
Hosted by Tom and Virginia Allard—contact us with any questions
Home: (206) 824-8211 or Virginia’s cell: (206) 948-4766 Tom’s cell: (206) 979-6361

Christmas Party Honoring Totem's Past Commodores



Totem Yacht Club
Dec 3, 2016
6:30 – 10:30 pm

Heavy Appetizers
provided by 2016/2017 Officers and Board

BYOB

Bring an
unwrapped toy
donation for
YWCA.

If you bring a
child, bring a
wrapped gift
for them to open.

Please leave your
pets at home.



Santa & Mrs. Claus
will be available
for photos and to
spread holiday cheer!

Wear your favorite
holiday attire and
dance to Mike's
music mix!

Coordinator for event: Heidi Merrifield 253-219-8108
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Pictures from the October Halloween Cruise in Port Orchard with DMYC

