



# THE TOTEM LINE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 31-Apr 2 Longbranch  
Shakedown Cruise

Apr 4 Dinner \$6 6:30 PM  
General Mtg 7:30 PM

Apr 8 Totem House &  
Grounds 9 AM -1 PM

Apr 21-23 TYC Daffodil

Apr 25 Board Mtg 6:30 PM

May 2 Dinner \$6 6:30 PM  
General Mtg 7:30 PM

May 2-7 Seattle Opening Day

May 12-14 South Sound Open  
Des Moines YC & Marina

May 19-21 Blake Island  
Boy Scouts Work Party

May 23 Board Mtg 6:30 PM



## 2017 COMMODORE BALL

Totem's clubhouse was transformed into a carousel for Commodore Cathy Bett's ball on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The new floor was a hit and added to the elegant "Enchanted Evening" attended by nearly 100 guests. The 2 dozen raffle prizes earned a record amount over \$1,000. Guests loved catering by Apogees and dancing to the music of Michael Crane Band. Pictured left to right above are Commodores and mates: Sharon & Ken Jobin (Carling), Dave & Donna Hoover (TOA), Wayne & Donna Davidson (Viking), Brian Wood & Debbie Minniti (Des Moines), and Tony & Lisa Isaacs (Fox Island). Front row Totem's officers: RC Debbie & Matt Ales, Commodore Cathy Bett's and Ron Reding, VC Tim Reding & Linda Harms. See additional photos on our Facebook page as well as the last page this issue.

## GALLEY MENU – JOANN KAGEY

April 4 \$6 meal at 6:30 pm

*Hamburgers, Buns, Tomatoes,  
Cheese, Potato Salad,  
Apple Pie & Whip Cream*

provided by: JoAnn Kagey,  
Jenny Kenyon, & Sally Vraspir



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# OFFICER'S REPORTS

## COMMODORE – CATHY BETTS



We have had a very busy month. March has had a lot of planning for the next few months coming up. We have a cruise this weekend coming up at Longbranch please let Ron Reding know if you can attend.

We had our fund raiser at Des Moines last weekend. The Swap

Meet was a great success. Thank you to all that came and helped set up and then back again in the morning to help Ron and I work, and then haul away what did not sell.

**Daffodil Weekend** is coming up quickly please come and help us work on our float, Matt Ales is coming up with some great Ideas. We are looking for people to represent us at the Music and Trivia Contest. We really need someone to be our TOKEN to lead us into the building and help give the answers to the judges. Please think about joining us for this fun event and let Ron or I know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

**Fox Island Ball is April 22** at 6:00 pm at their clubhouse. For tickets send a check for \$80.00 a couple, payable to FIYC to Peggy Macdonald, 1329 Kenya Way Fl, Fox Island, WA 98333. Officers should wear their dress whites.

**Seattle Opening is coming up in May 2-7.** It is a great fun weekend. Even if you want to just come up and ride on the Parade Boat that would be wonderful. Everyone is welcome to come join us. Let Ron Reding know if you, are interested.

**South Sound Opening is May 12-14.** This year they are having an entire weekend of events at Des Moines Marina and DMYC. Festivities begin Friday with happy hour and a bonfire at DMYC. Then on Saturday a breakfast at the marina cabana, and afternoon flag ceremony, social and then dinner and dance at DMYC clubhouse for \$25 per person. Sunday is Mother's Day, so the Past Commodores are putting on a Pancake Breakfast \$6 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I hope to see some of you at these events, we have a great group of people at Totem Yacht Club and we all have one thing in common and that is boating.

## VICE COMMODORE – TIM REDING



It has been another fast month. Linda and I were able to go to Des Moines YC Commodore's ball. It was a fun night they always put on a great show. We were also able to go to TOA reception at Johnny's Dock. The balls are always a fun night out. If you have not been to one come join your flag officers for a fun night. Hats off to Mat Ales and Ron Reding with all their helpers for collecting all the items and setting up for the swap meet at Des Moines YC. Great Job.

I now have Robert Reding boat setting in my driveway for designing for the theme float boat in Daffodil parade next month. Matt Ales is heading this project and looking for volunteers, so please contact him. Many hands makes little work.

This weekend is our shakedown cruise at Longbranch. Rick Demere is the host. He has a nice agenda for the weekend. Come by boat or you can drive over. Hope to see you there. We have our general meeting next Tuesday, door open at 18:30 hr.

## REAR COMMODORE – DEBBIE ALES



Please plan to come to the clubhouse on Saturday, **April 8th** from 9am-1pm to support our bi-annual **House and Grounds**. We will provide coffee, juice and donuts for breakfast and a light lunch so a head-count is needed to help with meal planning. Look at the list below and bring your rakes, shovels, gloves, cleaning tools, etc. to help out.

We will be working on inside tasks – cleaning the galley, bathrooms and windows; outside tasks - repair and paint the deck, finish repairing the awning, weed and trim the bushes, put down 4 yards of beauty bark, and patch the roof. We need to look our best to attract new members

and rentals. We also need to set up a time to sort out and organize the basement. If you are interested in working on this project, please let me know. Sign-up sheets for these will be at the April meeting. Thank you to everyone who signed up at the last meeting.

JoAnn Kagey headed up a great meal in March. Thank you JoAnn, Virginia, Jenny, Lyle and Sally for providing the meal and the galley crew for their hard work. We look forward to and appreciate having a meal ready for us at each meeting, and thanks to Linda Harms for tending the bar.

Tacoma Yacht Club members will be using our parking lot to park for Daffodil activities on April 20, 21 and 23 (not April 22, we have a rental).

Provi has **rentals lined up for the clubhouse** on April 11 & 22, May 20, June 10, August 5, October 21 and December 2 & 9. Continue to keep your ears open and help promote the clubhouse rentals. Info can be found at [www.totemyachtclub.com](http://www.totemyachtclub.com) or 253-759-9062. You can send Provi the contact information of anyone interested in renting the clubhouse at [joe.n.provi@gmail.com](mailto:joe.n.provi@gmail.com).

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Swap Meet at Des Moines, it was a big success for Totem.

Look for information on the Daffodil weekend. We have a float boat to decorate this year in addition to our flagship boat. This is always a fun weekend.

## OTHER REPORTS

### CLOTHING – SALLY VRASPIR



Our new logo wear has arrived and will be distributed this weekend at the Longbranch cruise as well as at the meeting on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Additional blue polos have been ordered for anyone that would like to buy one. Be sure to bring your checkbook!

### FLEET CAPTAIN - RON REDING

Many of us have had a lot of fun with club activities already this year. Our **Commodores Ball** was great, and fun was had at the Des Moines Ball, and TOA Commodores reception as well.

Thanks to a lot of help, and member donations, the **Des Moines swap** meet was fun, and a good moneymaker as well, as we brought in a plus \$916. Even our general meetings have been extra good this year, with the bonus of a nice meal to go with them!

As good as all that is, what I really look forward to, and why this club exists, is to go boating and meet up out on the water and at our various Ports of call with other boating enthusiasts. With that in mind I look forward to this weekend, and the real beginning of the Totem Cruising season. I am glad to see 11 of our boats will be heading to **Longbranch for our Shakedown Cruise**. With good weather in the forecast, I would not be surprised to see more show up; (there will be room). We expect some drive ups as well. We will be doing our "blessing of the Totem fleet" Saturday afternoon. I'm sure there will be much talk about the upcoming boating season plans and past adventures as well.

We're all looking forwards to the upcoming **Daffodil festival weekend (April 20-23) at Tacoma Yacht Club** in particular. Five of our boats are signed up for mooring there for that weekend, including our Flag ship for this year – Jim & Nancy Terrell's "Plane and Simple"; and our decorated theme float boat this year will be Robert Reding's "No Name". I expect a lot of you to drive to TYC and help decorate and also enjoy the other activities that weekend. Please see the weekend schedule Bob Watson e-mailed out, and feel free to ask questions at Tuesday's meeting, or give me a call.

At our April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, Bob Watson will be giving a **presentation on "Navigating the Seattle Locks"**. This is in preparation for some of us making the trek to Seattle YC for Opening Day weekend on May 2-7. Requests for moorage at "zero dock" is open until April 7<sup>th</sup>. Drive ups are welcome as well. You can come as guests of SYC and watch the Windermere cup races, the marine parade, and attend various other activities during the weekend. This next month is a great time to be a boater and a member of Totem Yacht Club!

Cruise flyers are now being attached to our website on our calendar of events page instead of in our newsletter. Cruise flyers will be sent out as a separate attachment.

To sign-up for cruises please contact me at [r\\_reding@comcast.net](mailto:r_reding@comcast.net) or see me at our general membership meetings to sign-up in our cruise log book.

## TOTEM CRUISE SCHEDULE

The cruises below require moorage reservations for our limited slips, so sign up today to secure your space.

DATE	CRUISE
May 26-29	Memorial Day Cruise, Poulsbo
July 14-16	Commodore's, Brownsville
July 28-30	First Mates, Bell Harbor
Sept 1 – 4	Labor Day Cruise, Swantown
Oct 13-15	Halloween, Port Orchard
Nov 24-26	Turkey Cruise, Des Moines
Dec 9	Lighted Boat Parade, Dock St

### MEMBERSHIP – VAL WATSON

We will be swearing in another couple at Tuesday's meeting. Please come welcome new members **Jon & Katie Tuite**, sponsored by her parents Bob & Judy Herrington. It is nice to see multi-generations join.

### SUNSHINE – LOUISE BURNS

I have received no notices of any member being sick. So hopefully our members are all well. You can reach me at 1-253-845-4326 or at [FBurns5105@aol.com](mailto:FBurns5105@aol.com). With information on our members.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

### KRIS HUBER & LISA OTTO



Kris is originally from Minnesota. Thirty years ago he decided he had enough of the weather in his home state (freezing cold winters and very hot summers, plus the mosquitoes were a problem). His grandfather had just moved here from

Alaska, so Kris had a place to stay for a while. He has lived in Brown's Point and rents out the house he used to live in located in No. Tacoma's Proctor district.

Lisa was raised in South Hill, Puyallup. As a matter of fact, she owns a home just 5-10 minutes from where she grew up! She has worked for Fidelity Title and Escrow in Puyallup for 15 years. She and Kris met nine years ago as a result of their career paths crossing. Kris moved in with Lisa and they have been together ever since. Lisa handled the closings for Kris' real estate dealings. He is a Realtor for Windermere Real Estate, having worked for them for 23 years. Although his main office is in Federal Way, his territory covers anywhere from Seattle to Shelton and Olympia.

Kris, as a youth, enjoyed boating, water skiing, etc. on the lakes in Minnesota. So not too hard to believe, Kris built a house on Moses Lake. He also has an 18' Maxum boat. Kris and Lisa enjoy camping using their 5th wheel trailer. They and friends enjoy going to Dosewallips State Park, located on the Hood Canal where they set crab pots, rake clams and pick oysters. Two years ago, Kris and Lisa brought their Maxum to Dosewallips to help set the crab pots. Bad weather occurred for their 18' boat. Lisa turned to Kris and said, "We need a bigger boat!" The rest is history.

Lisa apparently makes a "killer seafood stew". Maybe she'll share the recipe? Last June they purchased a 40' Bayliner, which they named "REHAB". The name was originally to be used for a cocktail lounge they had wanted to open in Mexico, but decided it would be more appropriate for their new boat. They will continue to travel to Mazatlán, at least once or twice a year. However, this summer Kris and Lisa would rather explore the waters of Puget Sound and join us on cruises to learn about places they may not have thought to visit. They have already signed up to help at Longbranch and are looking forward to Daffodil weekend and Seattle's Opening Day on the Windermere Cup's log boom.

Although he was not an open water boater, Kris helped a friend who purchased a 42' boat, run it up the coast from San Diego!! Can you imagine? He said he would never do THAT again! Had to include this adventure.

Lisa and Kris are Seahawks season ticket holders and love to attend games while tailgating using their 5th

wheel. They also enjoy razor clam digging and camping in the fall near West Port.

Kris has taken the boater's education class and Lisa is anxious to do the same as soon as possible.

## BOATING SAFETY TIPS

Tickets are still available for the South Sound Women's Boating Seminar on Saturday, May 20th at the Olympia Yacht Club! The theme this year is 'Chart Your Own Course.' Presentations by experienced women captains will include:

- Understanding Weather on the Water with Capt. Karen Sullivan
- Navigation Essentials with Capt. Mary Campbell
- Docking Your Boat with Capt. Ace Spragg
- Boat 12V Systems with Capt. Allison Mazon
- Panel discussion of Favorite Cruising Locations

Our popular Hands-On Fair will offer opportunities to explore charting, boat circuitry, galley provisioning, knot tying, canvas repair and more.

The seminar welcomes power boaters as well as sailors. The novice can build a solid foundation, while more experienced boaters can deepen their knowledge and strengthen essential skills. Past participants report that they gained critical information and techniques to feel safer and more confident on the water.

We're also proud to support the next generation of women boaters through a raffle to fund scholarships for "Girls at the Helm" aboard the historic schooner Adventuress. Raffle prizes include baskets of boating gear, professional survey and maintenance services, and captain's license instruction.

Register now for the seminar at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2803493](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2803493) – "South Sound Women's Boating Seminar." Early registration is \$45 by April 30, \$50 after April 30. Includes parking and lunch!

Register separately for three optional opportunities to practice on Sunday, May 21st

- **Docking your own boat** with Capt. Ace Spragg: \$50. Ace will meet you (and your crew) at the dock for a 75-minute session on your own boat, practicing docking in real life. Sessions will be scheduled at 9:30, 11:00, 13:00, 14:30, and 16:00
- **Anchoring your own boat** with Capt. Mary Campbell: \$50. Mary will meet you (and your crew) at the dock for a 90-minute session on your own boat, practicing anchoring in real life. Sessions will be scheduled at 10:00, 12:00, 14:00, and 16:00.
- **Introduction to sailing** with Capt. Mary Fitzgerald: \$55. Bring your bag lunch and your windbreaker for a day on the water on a keelboat. You'll learn the basics of raising and trimming sails as you glide across Budd Inlet. 09:00 – 15:00.

Register for these three events

at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2858855](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2858855) - "2017 South Sound Women's Boating Practicum"

Questions? Contact [boatingseminar@gmail.com](mailto:boatingseminar@gmail.com).

## DAFFODIL THEME BOAT

Work on Totem's theme float boat for Daffodil Weekend has started. Thanks to Robert Reding for providing the boat and Tim Reding for providing a place to work on it before it goes in the water. We think that we will have a unique interpretation of the theme this year which is "Daffodil Paradise". We think that we already live in daffodil paradise here in Tacoma so that is how we are decorating the boat. Here is a concept picture except that we will probably move the banner down into the field of daffodils:



The team is assembled for the preliminary work but everyone is welcome to come help finish the decorations for the theme float boat and the flagship on Friday, Saturday and Sunday Morning, April 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

# COMMODORES BALL



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*Enchanted*  
*Evening*  
  
Honoring  
Totem's 2017  
Commodore  
  
Cathy Betts  
& Her Captain  
Ron Reding

