



# THE TOTEM LINE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

\*\*No meetings July & Aug\*\*

July 1-5      Quartermaster  
Anchor - Independence Day

July 14-16      Commodore's  
Cruise Brownsville

July 28-30 First Mate's Cruise  
Bell Harbor (SeaFair Parade)

Aug 11-13 Dockton Kid's Cruise

Aug 25-27 Penrose Anchor Out

Aug 27-Sept 1      South Sound  
Cruise Penrose to Swantown

Sept 1 - 4      Labor Day Cruise  
Swantown Marina, Olympia

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Sept 6 (Wed) Dinner 6:30 PM  
General Mtg 7:30 PM



## HAPPY 241<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY USA!

This year the 4<sup>th</sup> of July falls mid-week, so if you'd like to join Totem's anchor out in Quartermaster, the raft up isn't likely to begin until Sunday night. Several members plan to kick off the pre-holiday weekend by anchoring at Penrose for a couple of nights (instead of staying put for 5). Feel free to come join an anchor out group in either location.



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## RENTAL MANAGER - PROVI SIMPSON

Clubhouse rentals help us pay for maintenance. If you know of anyone planning an event that needs space, please let them know to check us out as an option! For details see [www.totemyachtclub.com](http://www.totemyachtclub.com) or call 253-759-9062 or e-mail [joe.n.provi@gmail.com](mailto:joe.n.provi@gmail.com).

# OFFICER'S REPORTS

## COMMODORE – CATHY BETTS



The board met in June to continue to discuss plans for the roof replacement, and now officers have the summer off.

By now, many or all of you may have received a letter from Totem regarding the membership assessment for roof replacement, as motioned and approved at the June membership meeting. Thank you, Barb, for keeping our members informed about the assessment and due date for payment. For those who were not at the meeting, there are two items of information that will probably help clarify a few matters discussed and decisions made at the meeting.

First, while the original motion was for a \$100 assessment on active vessel and social memberships (and based on potential savings of \$75 per assessment available to us by Totem members doing some of the work - specifically removing the old roofing), there was significant member discussion about whether the club really wanted our members exposed to the possibility of injury from undertaking that task. The answer was clearly NO. The original motion was eventually amended to raise the assessment to \$175 and have the contractor include old roof removal in his scope of work. That amendment and the modified underlying motion were approved unanimously.

Secondly, the approved motion stipulated that the assessment would be due and payable 30 days from the date of the motion being approved, unless other arrangements were made with the purser. The 30 day due date is July 6, 2017, as Barb indicated in the recent assessment notice from Totem. I would like to reemphasize to members the opportunity to discuss alternative payment options with Sharon. If any members are considering alternative payment methods, it would be helpful for bookkeeping purposes to let Sharon know by the July 6 due date.

Finally, I have been impressed with and appreciative of the overwhelming support our members have shown in our undertaking of this costly but critical clubhouse maintenance issue, especially the forthright caring for the safety of our fellow members. Many of you have contributed offers to help, possible ways to expedite our work completion, potential contractor resources, and simply questions and suggestions to help us through this project. Thank you all for that. No one - including me - likes to raise the matter of a financial assessment on our members. Fortunately for Totem, it does not happen often, but sometimes it is just unavoidable. As Commodore, I am thankful for and proud of the way Totem members have accepted and taken on that responsibility.

Regards to all for a great holiday weekend. See you on the water!

## OTHER REPORTS

### FACEBOOK – DOUG GELOWITZ



Totem Members that wish to share content on the Club's Facebook Site can do so as follows:

1. Click on the "Post" link, which is on the main page of the Totem FB Site on the left-hand side.
2. Click inside the blank box that appears and leave a comment, which can be any of the following: text comment, picture, video, link to an external web site or link to your own FB Site.

NOTE: If you wish to have an album created on the Totem's FB Pictures Area because you took many photos of an event, e-mail the pictures to Doug Gelowitz at [gelowitz@usa.net](mailto:gelowitz@usa.net) or post the pictures to your personal FB Page and send Doug the link. He will take it from there. For videos, just e-mail a Doug the link because videos are too large to e-mail.

Members wanting to share their cruise plans with others can use this Facebook entry method to list their destinations and dates of travel. Totem's website now has a convenient Facebook link on our home page which allows toggling back and forth between the two.

## FLEET CAPTAIN - RON REDING

To sign-up for cruises please contact me at [r\\_reding@comcast.net](mailto:r_reding@comcast.net) or call 253-279-0314.

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

DATE	CRUISE
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

At June's meeting we swore in 3 new vessel members:



Gina & Bill Butler  
*Seadler*



Tony Butler  
*Comfort Zone*



Denise & Christopher Schell  
*Defiance*

When cruising this summer feel free to hail "Totem Yacht Club" on Channel 16 and see who responds!

## SUNSHINE – LOUISE BURNS

Gail reports: Jerry Burg's heart operation surgery is Wednesday the 28th of June and it will be open heart. Probably will be in hospital for 4-6 days - until St. Joe's is satisfied he is able to do a lot of things on his own. We are so impressed with the heart team there. Recovery time will be at least 2 months. No cruising this summer-bummer but hopefully we will be back at it by fall. Think good thoughts!

If you have sunshine news to share with members, please contact me at 253-845-4326 or at [FBurns5105@aol.com](mailto:FBurns5105@aol.com).

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

### ANDERSON JOLLY & LIZA CARPIO



We joined Totem YC a couple years ago because we enjoy boating and boating friends. Along with the many reciprocals, Totem YC is very active and loved in the boating community. Liza and I are

both active and enjoy being on the move, boating allows us to meet with people who share the same interest as we do and see new places and get new experiences.

Currently we own a 30ft Chaparral cruiser which we enjoy spending weekends and evenings on. We enjoy entertaining friends. Liza and I both share a passion for cooking. We have primary owned pleasure cruising boats and this is our third boat (Po' Buoy) and we are now

considering moving up in a few years. We have been boating together for over 7 years and we have built many memories



with all our friends from Totem. Best ever event Fireworks at Vashon Island on the wagon wheel. Since our work does offer us some freedom we enjoy long cruises to the islands in the North and the South. We currently have two kids Andy Jr and Victoria. We currently live in Renton WA and store our boat at beautiful Narrows Marina in Tacoma WA.

# BLESSING OF THE FLEET



Gig Harbor's Meri-Gig Blessing of the Fleet weekend was beautiful this year. Our raft out ended up having 7 boats overnight and 2 more join on Sunday. The parade, car show and live entertainment helped make this a special event to celebrate the start of summer boating season. For the blessing ceremony on Sunday, we rafted our dinghies with friends in our reciprocal clubs Carling, Viking and TOA.



# HERON ISLAND W/VIKING

You never know what kind of crazy new games you'll learn when you cruise with another club! Fun times were had by all that attended the Heron Island anchor out in June. Thank you Viking for inviting our members to come play and party with you! Yummy pig roast!



Stay out of "Harm's" way! Linda and Rick make this game look like crazy good fun! But Tim and Lyle couldn't resist taking the plunge and getting in on the action, too!

This photo looks so innocent – like the game would involve a relay about not spilling your favorite beverage – not this!

