



THE TOTEM LINE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2-4 Gig Harbor Anchor
Blessing of the Fleet

June 6 BBQ Potluck 6:00 PM
General Mtg 7:30 PM

June 9-11 Herron Island
Joint Cruise with Viking YC

June 23-25 Fundraiser
Taste of Tacoma Parking

June 27 Board Mtg 6:30 PM

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)



BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Don't miss your final chance to have your boat blessed for the cruising season on **June 4 in Gig Harbor**. If you missed out on the blessing of Totem's fleet in April at Longbranch, or the one conducted in May at DMYC's South Sound Opening Weekend, you still have one more



opportunity to get your boat blessed this year by attending the annual Maritime Gig Festival and Blessing of the Fleet June 2-4. This event is very popular with other yacht clubs in the area and includes the blessing

for the fishing fleet before they head out to Alaska, a fun run, Yo' Ho' Harbor Grande Parade, live music, farmer's market and other festivities. Get your dingy ready and come join Totem's first anchor out of the year!

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GALLEY MENU – JOANN KAGEY

June 6 Annual BBQ Potluck

*Bring your own meat to BBQ
and a side to share*

GRILL WILL BE HOT AT 6 PM



OFFICER'S REPORTS

COMMODORE – CATHY BETTS



Another busy month for all of us at Totem Yacht Club. We started right out with the first weekend finding us in at Seattle Yacht Club for Seattle Opening. We all had a great time. I want to thank Rick Demere and Don who Captained *Lucky Dog II* thru the parade route, as well as all my Officers who came to support me and our club.

The second weekend we joined 30 boats at the Des Moines Marina for South Sound Opening. Commodore Brian Wood and Debbie Minitti treated us to a great 3 days of fun. Des Moines did an amazing job. Opening Ceremonies honor all the Past Commodores at Des Moines and then introducing all the visiting Commodores with speeches from the Mayor and a blessing for the season of boating. Great dinner and dance Saturday night and then Sunday (Mother's Day) the Past commodores put on a great breakfast, which Ron and I enjoyed with my kids and grandkids.

The third weekend Ron and I pulled the boat to do a quick fix. It was supposed to be only an hour – but we found out zincs didn't get changed last fall and we needed to do some repair on *4 R SPIRIT II*. We spent 3 1/2 days of sanding, painting and repairing before we were able to put her back in the water. We also got her waxed and I painted a new boot stripe. Now she is ready for the summer!

We were sorry we had to miss the Boy Scout Clean up at Blake Island this year. Thank You to Tim and everyone who took the boys up, cooked for them and brought them back including Viking who joined us this year with 3 Boats. You lucked sure had great weather this year!

We had a great get together for Jill and Dave Harry on Sunday at the club. Jill is facing some medical challenges and we had a get together to help support her on her journey. The club sends all its thoughts and love to the two of them.

We are heading up Thursday for Memorial Weekend in Poulsbo. We have several boats joining us so I am sure we will all have a great time. See you on the water!

VICE COMMODORE – TIM REDING



It's been another busy month with lots of fun and excitement! Starting with Seattle Opening Day, we had 4 Totem boats at the 'O' Dock at Seattle Yacht Club. Rick Demere on *Lucky Dog 2* was our Flag boat for the parade and we had a wonderful sunny day! (After the thunderstorm that hit us Thursday night while we were anchored!)

Linda and I were not able to make it to the South Sound opening day as we had previous plans, but we did stop by on our way back to say Hi to everyone. Sounds like they all had a good day as well.

We had the Boy Scout cruise on Blake Island that turned out very well. Thank You to Rick Demere on *Lucky Dog II* for acquiring our spots at Blake Island. Thanks to Bob and Val Watson on *Phantom* for providing Mexican lasagna for our Friday night potluck dinner, it was excellent. We also had 3 Viking Yacht Club boats join us for the weekend. Thank you to Gary Anspach on *Loretta II*, Steve Larson on *Mini Rose* and Wayne for joining us and serving us hot dogs and chili for lunch.

We all helped put together our Saturday night dinner for about 50 people and served a yummy spaghetti dinner. Then the scouts served us a great dessert. Thank you to everyone who came out and assisted. The scouts got a lot of work accomplished over the weekend and had a great clean up!

Memorial Day weekend is our next cruise, coming up this weekend. We have about 20 boats lined up so far. Lyle and Joann Kagey and Linda Harms and I have created a schedule for the weekend and we hope to see you up there. The weather should be beautiful so come on out for some fun in the sun!

There's a lot more events coming up in June...starting with the weekend of June 2nd for Blessing of the Fleet Anchor Out in Gig Harbor and June 9th weekend at

Herron Island Anchor Out for a pig roast hosted by Viking Yacht Club. Please let Fleet Captain Ron Reding know if you are going to be attending any of these events.

Tuesday, June 6th, is our next meeting and annual potluck, bring your own meat to cook!

REAR COMMODORE – DEBBIE ALES



The galley crew provided another great meal in May. Many thanks to the entire galley crew for their wonderful meals. At the June meeting, we will have the BYOM (bring your own meat) to BBQ and a side dish or dessert to share.

At the house and grounds in April, it was determined that our roof needs to be replaced before this fall. So far, we have received three bids on the replacement. One option to reduce the cost of a new roof would be for Totem members to remove the existing roofs. The board will review the bids and make a recommendation to the membership at the June meeting.

In January, Totem participated in the Wedding Expo at the Tacoma Dome. In April, I received a list of email addresses of those who attended the expo. Totem completed sending emails to everyone on the Wedding Expo list in early May to remind them of our outstanding venue that is for rent.

The fire extinguishers and fire control system were inspected this week so the clubhouse is good for another year.

Provi has rentals lined up for the clubhouse on June 10, August 5, October 21 and December 2 & 9. Remember to keep your ears open and help promote the clubhouse rentals. The rentals help us pay for the clubhouse maintenance. Information can be found at 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.

OTHER REPORTS

CLOTHING – SALLY VRASPIR



Additional blue polos are available at the clubhouse if you would like to buy one. Be sure to bring your checkbook!

FLEET CAPTAIN - RON REDING

To sign-up for cruises please contact me at 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
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 swore in new members Jon & Katie Tuite in April and will be swearing in a few more new members at our meeting in June! Keep your eyes open and offer a warm welcome to our club to Bill & Gina butler, Tony Butler (no relation) and Christopher & Denise Schell.

SUNSHINE – LOUISE BURNS

A Celebration of Life gathering is being planned for Kay Hafterson on June 28th from 2 pm - 6 pm at Charlie's Restaurant and Lounge in Puyallup. Kay passed on Saturday, April 22. To assist in planning this event, please visit and respond to the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdq8fuU8DjqvNr2zVYum5AVSv_sxsuhiNfr3ZyTokXUDvdow/viewform?c=0&w=1

Thank you. Mark Hafterson

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

TOTEM “FUN” AWARDS – TIM REDING

Annual plaques that go with “FUN” awards are in the trophy case: Screwball, Rubber Ducky, Bent Prop, and others. Who will be next?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

VIRGINIA AND TOM ALLARD



Virginia is a native Washingtonian born in Renton and, having grown up in Kent. Tom is originally from the LA area of California. They met at Salty's Restaurant in 1988 and have been together ever since. Tom and Virginia

were married in 1992. Tom worked for PanAm as a passenger service agent for 15 years, at which time he was transferred to Washington. He resigned after 6 months with full severance pay and bought a spec house that he re-modeled using the skills he learned from his dad. He then started his own construction company. He later became a member of The Master Builders Association and has been semi-retired for several years.

Tom's first boating experience was when his father took him fishing in a 14' runabout that they had built in their garage. He caught rockfish and saw gray whales and has been hooked ever since. After that he had 3 boats, each bigger than the previous one. Scuba diving became a

hobby and he became a certified diver in 1963. He enjoyed diving in Ca., Hawaii, Mexico and the British Virgin Islands. He brought his 22' Chris Craft from Marina Del Ray to Des Moines and has had moorage there ever since. In 1985 a Captain's license was in order, since he wanted to charter private boats and deliver boats down the coast.

Virginia had never boated prior to meeting Tom. She had been a dental assistant since graduating from high school. She retired after 14 years as an office manager in a dental office due to a job related injury, having spent 27 years in that profession. She was up for the boating experience. She quickly became his first mate and assisted him with boat charters to Canada, Alaska and Lake Union. This, of course, helped Virginia to get comfortable with their boat. Tom taught her docking procedures and general seamanship rules.



In 1992 they bought a 31' Pacemaker named *Early Dawn*. They kept the name because they liked it. They later found out it was

named after the previous owner's daughter, Dawn who was born early. Many years later, Dawn stopped by the boat. Tom was honored to give her the floatation ring with her name on it.

In 1994 they were approached to join Totem Yacht Club and decided to do it Both Tom and Virginia have served on the Board, served in the galley and Virginia was the "bar wench" for quite a while. They sponsored several cruises, most notably the Turkey Cruise, where Virginia used her expertise to raffle items she had purchased. She also lovingly created baskets to be raffled off at Commodore's Balls that was to the club's benefit.

They both love to travel and Tom still enjoys diving to retrieve motors, barbeque grills with or without a crab attached), or any item that has fallen overboard. Virginia is in her glory because she can now go shopping to be creative in the interior of their new home in Yuma.

JIM & NANCY TERRELL



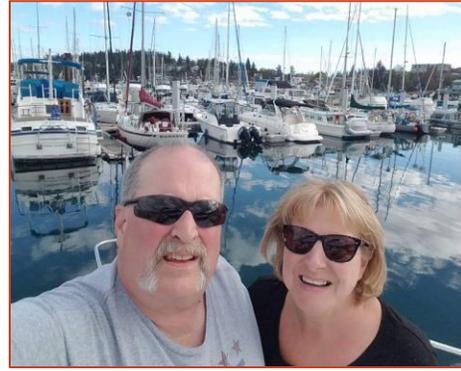
We had been researching yacht clubs for a while when Jim ran into Mike Merrifield on the dock of the Chinook Marina where we both moored our boats. Mike recommended Totem to us. We liked the many cruising options and

knowing the Merrifield's was a for sure bonus!

We started boating in the early 90's as soon as the kids could walk the dock! We leased a boat out of Anacortes named *Knotty Bear* – it was an older boat that was well loved and well worn....to say the least we were hooked on boating. We navigated the San Juan's using a laminated place mat we picked up in Anacortes. None of us will forget that first trip! From there we leased a boat yearly for our summer adventure; but learned from the *Knotty Bear* to preview the boat BEFORE you sign on the dotted line. With leasing we figured out what kind of boat appealed to us – galley up, at least two heads, and room to sleep our many guests (family and friends were always on board). We also got into a yearlong time share with Elliot Bay Leasing Company that provided 8 weeks of boating in all kinds of weather not just the summer time fun we were used to.



The *Plane 'n Simple* had many names before we landed on this one. (No pun intended) We both worked for the Boeing Company for over 30 years; Jim put in many overtime hours and long flights with the 787 which afforded us a good down payment on the boat. So naturally we wanted to honor the boat with the basis for its existence.



Historically we only knew the San Juan's because our trips were summer based. We love going up to the islands and seeing many

friends we have made over the years. We have a triangle of Friday Harbor, Roche Harbor, Deer Harbor but then toss in Rosario just for kicks once in a while. We like to host family holidays on the boat – our favorite was Thanksgiving on Blake Island! Since joining Totem Yacht Club we have broadened our sailing venue to the South Sound waterways.



Favorite Totem Events – there were so many! A few that stick in our minds are Quartermaster Harbor for 4th of July and the Fair Harbor year end party the year we joined. But it is really hard to pick just one or two favorites since each trip has its own unique set of adventures.

We celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary May 9th! We have lived in Kent our entire married life and a few years prior. Nancy is originally from Kent with Jim being an islander from Vashon. Jim retired last August



from Boeing after 37 plus years; Nancy retired 3

years ago with over 33 years at the Boeing Company. We have two great children – Hallie Ann (28 yrs) and Jacob Dugan (27 yrs) and 10 year old puppy Sadie. Since we have added the *Plane 'n Simple* to our lives, nothing has been plain or simple – we are busy with home, family and as of 4 years ago boating as much as possible....and living life to its fullest.

SALLY AND AL VRASPIR



Sally is originally from Portland, Oregon and Al spent his early years in Vancouver, Washington. Boats were a part of the couple's lives early in their relationship. They met on a Memorial Day weekend when Sally was sixteen years old. Her family was camping and Al's family had their

boat nearby on the Columbia River. Al attended University of Washington, getting a degree in electrical engineering. Sally went to University of Puget Sound and graduated with a degree in education. Many miles were traveled during those college years. They were married in Portland in 1966 and honeymooned on Al's family's boat, then flew to Alaska and spent a week on Sally's uncle's boat.

They moved to Federal Way in 1973. Al was then an engineer for Weyerhaeuser Company. Sally taught second grade in Wenatchee and she taught pre-school for twenty years in Des Moines. They have three children; a son and two daughters and seven grandchildren. One family lives in Gig Harbor, one in North Bend and the other in Missoula, Montana.

In 1980 Sally and Al bought their first boat, a 28' wooden boat and three years later they graduated to a 42' Chris Craft which they had for fifteen years after Al restored it. They now own a 1966, 57' Chris Craft that they bought in Seattle nineteen years ago. It too, needed Al's skills at



restoration. Since Sally and Al are very active in Grace Lutheran Church, having sung in the choir for forty years and Al being on the Board, the boat was appropriately named "*Graceful Spirit*" and serves as a retreat for

church members. They also take pleasure in having people aboard to cruise with them. The San Juan and Gulf Islands are favorite destinations. In 2011 they took an adventurous journey to Alaska for ten weeks.

Both Al and Sally like to travel and have been to China, Norway and England to name a few and are looking forward to going to Italy in the near future. Sally enjoys sewing and quilting and proudly displays her handiwork in her home. Al is handy at woodworking and manages to find projects around the house and on the boat as well as volunteering in the community constructing, for example, wheelchair ramps for those in need.

While at the Tacoma Boat Show in 2015, they stopped by the Totem Yacht Club booth. Mike and Heidi Merrifield and Mike Holman helped to convince them that since many of their boating friends no longer had boats, they should join our club to have new friends with whom to go cruising. Sally now helps in the galley and is in charge of ordering logo clothing.

(Editor's note: chatting with Al & Sally at the boat show was a wonderful experience and helped me learn the value we offer our members and that recruiting is easy when you simply share what you enjoy about being in Totem Yacht Club.)



SAFETY TIPS

Do you "hot rack"? If you plug in the power cord when the power is on you risk the potential of getting an "arc flash" which can result in temperatures of 35,000 degrees – enough to vaporize your flesh. Although there is a small risk of that happening, best practice is to always have the power off at your breaker panel on your boat as well as at the docking power station so there is less potential for the flip of the switch to melt your skin if the connector goes bad. Be sure to regularly check your connectors on your power cords to look for signs of broken wire (ground is faulty) or burn marks. An arc flash can cause serious injury and even death, so be careful to be safe when connecting to shore power and spread the word to help protect the safety of others.

SEATTLE OPEN



Here are a few photos of these boats from Seattle Open Day parade this year courtesy of Seattle Yacht Club's Facebook page. Which do you like best?



SOUTH SOUND OPEN



Des Moines Yacht Club decided to change how they do South Sound Opening this year making an entire weekend event inviting reciprocal clubs to use the guest moorage at the marina and hosting appetizers, a bonfire, breakfast, flag ceremony and dinner dance. The new format was a hit with everyone who attended.



BOY SCOUTS WORK PARTY AT BLAKE ISLAND

Totem & Viking worked together this year to transport and feed the scouts for their work party May 19-21.



POULSBO MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



Totem kicked off our first holiday weekend cruise of the year with 21 boats and a fun filled dock party. The weather broke records for best 3-day Memorial weekend in 20 years. Family and friends showed up to join in our festivities and we attracted yet another new member. Co-hosts Lyle & JoAnn Kagey and Tim Reding & Linda Harms provided great food and a bit of competition with a GPS challenge and a decorated dingy parade.

POULSBO MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND DINGY PARADE

Participation in the decorated dingy parade on Sunday afternoon created a tough decision for judges Bob & Val Watson. Which is your favorite? Stay tuned for results at Tuesday's meeting and on our Facebook page.



REDING CLAN GETS THEIR OWN PAGE



Spoiler alert: only one of the Reding boats won. Guess whose took first place? And it looks like we have a new rubber duck awardee as well?

