
May 2020 Totem Line

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Mark Your Calendar

Cancelled or Postponed. The COVID-19 virus is leading to the cancellation or rescheduling of several events. These include:

- Totem's general meeting on May 5 is cancelled. The May 19 board meeting will be conducted by teleconference. If you would like to join the board meeting, contact Matt Ales for the connection info (males.ohe@gmail.com).
- See the Fleet Captain report for updates on cruises.
- Carling YC's Ball will be in October.

[The updated 2020 calendar can be found here.](#)

Totem General Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise announced), at 6:30 for dinner & 7:30 call to order. Dinner is \$7 per person, exact amount appreciated. **There are no meetings in July and August.**

Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 at the clubhouse. Members are welcome to attend. Minutes of board meetings are available by request; contact the Yeoman. **There are no meetings in July and August.**



Commodore Kris Huber

Vice Commodore Randy
KenyonRear Commodore Mike
Holman

Commodore Kris Huber: Wow! So it's been another month? Hard to say anymore that the month has flown by now. Seems like time has stood still. Or at least for us. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our May general membership meeting for safety purposes and following the CDC guidelines.

Lisa and I were able to go out on the boat a couple of times this past month, but did it quietly by staying on the dock. It certainly didn't have the same feel as it does when the club is there. Our potluck dinners and playing left, right, center surely are missed at this time. The decorating of our boats is missed. Last week would have been Daffodil and next week would have been Opening Day. But hang in there, once we beat this virus, we will be stronger and appreciate being together even more.

We held our board meeting last week via Zoom. It was fun as I mentioned in my email last week. It was fun seeing all the smiling faces. We are social people and miss our friends.

Lastly, in my email last week, I mentioned that if anyone would like some homemade soup, I can deliver. Or if anyone just wants to talk, give me a call. You know me, I love to talk.

Stay safe out there. It's worth it, and before you know it, we will be back out on the water together!

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon: Hi Everyone! I hope this finds you and yours happy and well. Although our activities have been curtailed, we are by no means restricted to being hermits, so get out and walk, do some yard work, and say "hi" to your neighbors across the fence and across the street.

The Governor has relaxed some restrictions for outdoor recreation, providing you still observe physical distancing. Starting May 5, fishing and hunting will be open, and boating has not stopped. Check with marinas before you go (see info below in the Fleet Captain's report).

Jenny and I got out to Port Orchard for a weekend and met up with Kris and Lisa. Physical distancing was practiced, but we were very social.

Remember, stay safe and we will get through this.
Hope to see you on the water soon.

Rear Commodore Mike Holman: Greeting to all Totem Members -- I hope and pray that this finds you well and safe. These are trying times for most of us. Let's be real we are in uncharted territory and the waters are murky. Gov. Inslee just extended "stay home" directions through May 31st. Not good news. Not for us individually and certainly not for our club. The good news is that the state has not taken the draconian step of shutting down all recreational boating so you can still get out on the Sound and keep your sea legs in shape. But no organized cruises. Make sure if you do plan to go to a destination port that the marina you are going to has transient moorage open and available.

As to the club house, it is closed. House and grounds work party was cancelled for April, will not be held in May, and might not be rescheduled until September. We will wait and see how the virus progresses and how the state and federal guidelines come down and react accordingly. In the meantime the outside of the clubhouse can use some TLC in the gardens (weeding, minor trash pickup, and raking) and the parking lot (again weed pulling) and you are welcome to stop by for an hour or two to contribute your efforts to keeping up our exterior appearance. Please note that other than sunshine no appointment or prior arrangements are needed.

Let me reiterate the comments by Commodore Kris that the club's finances are good. No, rental income is down, as in eliminated for the shutdown, and probably vastly diminished for the entire 2020 calendar year. Also, the income normally generated by parking revenue for the Taste of Tacoma is up in the air. If the event is held then we will probably have income from the event, but that is a big "IF" at this point. However the club, as of the end of March financial report, had \$32,600 in checking and savings less about \$2,500 in rental refunds. That means we would have about \$30,000 going into April which is significantly more than is needed for the balance of all required club house expenses through the balance of 2020 and into 2021. We are at this moment financially well positioned. We have also reworked the budget, as has been reported by

Yeoman Matt to assume the worst in revenue for the balance of 2020. The most positive thing from a financial view point is that we carry no debt, all critical maintenance items such as heating system, roof, exterior painting, etc. have all been completed in the last 3 to 5 years and are in great shape. Our bare minimum requirements are property taxes, insurance, and utilities. Right now we have the reserves to cover those expenses, which run about \$14,000 annually, well into, if not through all of 2021.

Let me close by encouraging everyone to hang in there, we will get through this event, the club will survive, and we will all be back together soon. Stay safe, and for goodness sake wear a mask when you go into any stores, go to the doctor, or go out in public, and give fellow members a call or an email to stay connected to one another. We don't want to be socially distanced, we want to be "physically distancing". The fabric of our lives and our country is held together by our connections to others through our families, our churches, and our social clubs. Totem is family so lets stay connected.

In closing please feel free to call me at 253-222-4461 if I can be of help. Stay safe.

Jr.. Past Commodore Debbie Ales: It has been a strange spring with all of the COVID-19 cancellations and our stay at home time. So many of our seasonal opening events and balls have been cancelled or postponed. We miss our yacht club friends but hope this finds everyone well. The board has held virtual meetings in March and April keeping up with club business.

I was sad to hear that Viking Yacht Club member Bill Byrn has passed from the COVID-19 virus on April 24. Barb and Viking are thankful to everyone for all the love and messages and pictures you all are sending. Barb is pretty overwhelmed right now and recovering herself. She will have a celebration of life for Bill when this virus is under control. Commodore Vicki Lenti of VYC is helping Barb Byrn with pictures for Bill's celebration of life. If you have pictures, please send them to Vicki at vlenti@nventure.com. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have a need, please contact me or someone on the board so we can try to help. There are folks willing to shop, run errands, find or make masks, etc. We have heard of both home and boat projects that have been completed. This is a good time to work on those projects that have been waiting.

I hope that you are able stay in contact with your family and friends. We

have been using several apps that allow you to see each other when you call and that feels more like meeting them in person. It will be wonderful when we can cruise together again and share meals along with our puzzles, games and laughter. Until then, stay well.
Seas the day!



Linda Lander Fleet Captain Report

I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and safe. With the shelter in place order extended through May 31, most of our boating activities have been canceled. The Boy Scout Cruise for May 15th-17th to Blake Island has been cancelled as well as the Memorial Day cruise to Kingston.

Bob Watson has been in touch with the other clubs for any closures. The running list is [available here](#). The link for port closures is: <https://salishseapilot.com/Covid-19-closures>. Restrictions on [boarder crossings](#) have been extended to May 20 at least.

May Cruises:

- May 15-17 Boy Scout Cruise is cancelled.
- May 22-25 - Port of Kingston/Memorial Day Cruise is cancelled

June Cruises - Will update as more information is given

- June 5-7 Gig Harbor Blessing of the fleet - Anchor out
- June 12-14 Joint Cruise - TBD

Keep safe, wash your hands and good health to all! We miss seeing you and hope to be able to gather together again soon.

Linda Lander, Fleet Captain

The Fleet Captain will have the AED (automatic external defibrillator) on her boat (Our Happy Place). Rick Boskovich has oxygen on his boat (Vigilant).



Hi All - Shirts and doggy bandanas are here, just in time for Daffodil Days (maybe 2021 Daffodil Days - ha!) I really love our order and hope you will too. At our next function (when and where tbd) I will be sure and have them for distribution.

Stay Healthy & Happy!!!!
Barb



J.R. Reding is recovering from having 5 stents put in while he was in Arizona.

If you or another club member is ill, please contact Sunshine Chair Patty Chastain so we can offer support. You can reach Patty at 253.670.3072 or pattychastain@yahoo.com.



Membership

If you know someone interested in joining Totem YC, please refer them to Barb Berntsen (barb@bluedolphininteriors.com or TotemYachtClub@gmail.com).



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