
November 2020 Totem Line

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Mark Your Calendar

The Nov. 17 board meeting will be via Zoom. If you would like to join the board meeting, contact Matt Ales for the connection info (males.ohe@gmail.com).

The Turkey Cruise is Nov. 27 - 29 in Gig Harbor. See the Fleet Captain's report for details.

[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
Kenyon

Rear Commodore Mike
Holman

From the Bridge Officers: Wow! Another month has flown by! We hope this finds you and yours happy, healthy and well. The last 8 months have been a challenge in multiple ways. It's easy to understand how folks are feeling quite separated and alone. But this is going to end - we don't know when, but it will end. Hang in there. Totem is a social club, and it is challenging to maintain those connections when we can't meet in person.

In the meantime, know that Totem is still here and planning for next year and the cruising season. Feel free to call any member of the Board or the Bridge to touch bases, share concerns, and just have some human interaction.

Finally, thank you to all supported the increase in annual dues. This shows your commitment to the club and its importance to your social and boating activities. Once again - thank you all. We have enjoyed following many of you on Facebook and vicariously share your adventures. Keep sharing the bad puns.

Jr. Past Commodore Debbie Ales: Here we are at November already. We will be putting together the calendar for 2021 this month at the Turkey cruise. If you have suggestions for cruises or activities, please let me or the officers or board know of your ideas. If you are willing to host one of these, let us know that as well. We are all hoping for that 2021 will be a better year.

I encourage you to remain patient and supportive of our officers and board. Attend the virtual meetings. Watch your emails for any announcements that may come from our Yeoman Matt. If you are not getting his emails, please contact him at males.oh@gmail.com. I hope everyone stays well.

Seas the day!



Linda Lander ~ Fleet Captain Report

Fall is here and the chill is in the air. Pumpkin Spice and everything nice! I hope this finds you all well and ready to go out boating! Next up on our cruising schedule is the Turkey Cruise which has been changed to Gig Harbor City Dock OR an anchor out if preferred. The dates are 11/27-11/29. We still need a host for this cruise, so if you are interested in hosting, please let me know. Also let me know if you will be coming as I am asking for a few boats to go early to block out space. Then as others arrive, we will switch to stern in to get the most boats in the smallest footprint.

Cruise planning takes place on this cruise normally and if we have enough participants, we will continue with this tradition. If not, we can hold it on our monthly zoom call as well. Once completed, I will send the schedule out via email to the membership. If you have any special requests of places you would like to go as a group, please feel free to email me and I will work it in to the set in stone cruises.

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*).



RIP our dear friend Doug Gelowitz who passed away suddenly on Halloween. Doug was instrumental in helping Totem grow its membership by setting up and managing our Facebook site to bring club members and the boating community together. An avid sailor, he helped attract other sailors, as well as younger couples and families to Totem Yacht Club. When we remember Doug it will always be with a smile and his wonderful laugh. Please keep his wife Melissa and son Mitch in your prayers. Condolences can be sent to Melissa at [21443 SE 275th Court, Maple Valley, WA 98038](#).

We learned that that Sharon Nell's son, Gary, passed away on Nov. 4. No details have been provided. Please send condolences to Jack and Sharon condolences at [12317 103rd St NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98329](#).

If you have information about an illness, injury, surgery, or death that you would like Totem members to know about contact Sunshine Chair Patty Chastain so we can offer support. You can reach Patty at 253.670.3072 or pattychastain@yahoo.com.



Membership

Please welcome new members Bob Dotson and Barbara Wolosyn! They were approved at the October meeting. Bob & Barbara have been boating for 35 years. Their current boat, B Squared, is a 52ft Hershine pilothouse which they keep at Chambers Creek. They live in North Bend.

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





RECREATIONAL BOATING ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON

The voice of Northwest boating

Hello RBAW Membership,

Earlier this month, we received a request that recreational boaters [take an official "pledge"](#) to give additional distance to Southern Resident Orca Whales in the Salish Sea and including waters between and around the San Juan Islands. The WEC (Washington Environmental Council) is being joined in this request by several other environmental organizations.

At the heart of the "pledge" would be a commitment to stay at least 1,000 yards (1/2 nautical mile) away from the Southern Resident Orcas, **especially now that three of the whales are pregnant and carrying calves**. We wanted to share this information, as well as some background on what we at RBAW believe and have tried to do in respecting the Orca population and the health of our marine environment.

As you review this 'Take the Pledge' request, know that there is an updated statute on recreational boating and commercial whale watching distancing from Southern Orcas, collaboratively developed and agreed to in the 2018 Legislature. We've provided more detail about that law at the end of this email. We also have checked with other organizations and with Ports, and while this request has not yet been widely received or is viewed with concerns, we felt it was important enough to share with our membership. RBAW believes strongly in protecting Southern Resident Orcas (and all whales), and in maintaining a respectful distance from them.

We are sharing this information to keep you aware of and educated on issues that affect you as recreational boaters. We encourage you to take the actions you believe will be most effective in protecting these awesome creatures and the waters they call home.

If you have any questions about this pledge request, or would like to discuss it further, please contact an RBAW Board Member that represents your club, or our state lobbyist Doug Levy (Doug@outcomesbylevy.onmicrosoft.com).

More info here: <https://www.bewhalewise.org/>



1,000 Yards/1 KM

**Give
Them
Space!**

Take the pledge.



BoatU.S.[®]

As boating season winds down in many parts of the US and Canada, @BoatUS has everything you need to know about properly winterizing a boat, all in one place <https://bit.ly/32xlryX>. The website is chock full of winterizing checklists, tips, and a downloadable Boaters Guide to Winterizing to help all vessel owners ensure their boats are stored safely for the winter.

"In addition to winterizing the engine, there are a few other important things boaters should know," said BoatUS Vice President of Public Affairs Scott Croft. "Like [should you use a plug-in heater?](#) How do you [store a boat that has E10 fuel in the tank?](#) Or once preparations are done, [how can you keep your boat safe over the winter months?](#)"



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