
September 2020 Totem Line

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Mark Your Calendar

Totem's general meeting on Sept. 9 will be via Zoom. See details below in the Commodore's Report. Yeoman Matt Ales will send instructions and links in advance. The Sept. 15 board will also be via Zoom. If you would like to join the board meeting, contact Matt Ales for the connection info (males.ohe@gmail.com).

[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

Commodore Kris Huber: Wow! Hey folks summer is almost over. I can't believe that for most of us, we just really got started. Can't complain about the weather for sure. No wonder so many people are out on the water, aside for this is the only real thing that we can do during these trying times.

First off, I hope everyone is doing well. And as always, if you need anything, feel free to reach out to myself or anyone of us. We will make sure that any situation will be handled.

September's meeting will be September 9th. And as with everything that is going on around in our world, this will be a Zoom meeting. We have been trying to contact everyone to make sure that everyone is getting emails. Each of you will receive an email inviting you to the Zoom meeting. So if you get this, and not the invite, please reach out to us! This is an important meeting and we have a lot to discuss. Please plan on attending. We would like to have as many as possible be there. If nothing else, and you have never done a Zoom meeting, you can see the rest of us. You will be able to login with your computer or any other device. If you prefer, you can call into the meeting as well. There is a number for you to do that. You will be able to hear us, just no video.

We have a couple cruises coming up. If you want to attend, reach out to us as well. Lisa and I will be taking our vacation this year again to San Juan's. If anyone wants to join us, you are sure welcome. We will leave Kingston after the Labor Day cruise. We are really looking to getting away.

That's all for now. Stay safe out there and see you on the water!

Vice Commodore Randy Kenyon: Hi Everyone! I hope this finds you and yours happy, healthy and well. It has been a summer like no other. Beautiful weather, social distancing and masking up.

Our anchor out cruises over the summer were a safe way to see each other and have fun. At the Penrose anchor-out, Tim Reding led a dingy parade to McNeil Island where we found a cove full of seals.

I strongly encourage you to join the Sept. 9 general meeting. Zoom links and instructions are coming. The officers have been assessing the Governor's guidelines, when we might be able to meet in-person, and the impact on our finances with no rental income.

Totem is a social club and it's challenging to maintain those connections when we can't meet in person. It's been fun to follow many of you on Facebook to know you are well and vicariously share your adventures. Keep sharing the dad jokes.

Rear Commodore Mike Holman: Greetings Totem Members. "2020, the summer and year that wasn't" seems like most of us feel that way. It has certainly been the strangest year so far of my life. COVID-19, lockdowns, riots in American cities etc. Well it is certainly safe to say that it has impacted TYC. So from the viewpoint of the Rear Commodore here is what I see. We have had no rentals and so no rental income. That is bad. As long as Pierce County stays in Inslee's phase 2 we will not have any rentals in the near future. It is very probable that there will be no rentals for the remainder of 2020. I hope I am wrong but I don't think I will be.

In the meantime weeds, grasses, and litter continue to grow and collect around the club house. The fall house and grounds is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th. There is virtually nothing to be done on the inside of the building at this time that cannot wait until we are able to rent the building and hold our own meetings. Until then the inside can wait, but the outside needs some attention. Since there are still restrictions on our gatherings we are cancelling the scheduled House and Grounds and requesting that members volunteer to take a few hours and go to the club to pull weeds the parking lot and the various adjoining gardens. Please let me know if you can do so by emailing me at mike.zboat@gmail.com or calling me on my cell at 253-222-4461.

The lack of rentals and the resulting income has had and will for sometime to come have a negative effect on our budget and our cash reserves. Of course that is why we build up reserves so that they can cover needed repairs and improvements to the club property and carry us through periods of economic losses.

At the beginning of the year the Board received bids to repair and recoat

our parking lot. The purpose to avoid further deterioration of the lot and significantly larger repair/replacement costs in the future. The lowest bid for the needed work was \$6,500. Originally the thought was that we would have this work done over the summer, but with the arrival of COVID and the resulting shut down the Board made the determination that delay of the project was necessary and prudent. But, eventually the work must be done and the cost incurred. In the meantime cash reserves have continued to dwindle.

Given that no one knows just how much longer our restrictions on rentals and activities will continue we have been working on budgeting for the remainder of 2020 and various budget scenarios for 2021, including projecting no rental income for 2021. In a worst case scenario, assuming no rental income reserves will continue to shrink and there will be no funds for parking lot repairs which will result in further deterioration and increased costs when the work is done. Given this situation it is only prudent that we as a club consider some type of temporary dues increase so that we can meet the continuing costs of property operation (taxes, insurance, utilities, repairs and maintenance). Otherwise we will continue to weaken our financial position and eventually seek an assessment to cover what will be increased repair costs to the parking lot.

If this experience of the COVID pandemic has taught us nothing else it has demonstrated the fallacy of relying on rental income to carry the normal fixed costs of operating the club house. Our dues should allow us to cover the necessary club house expenses. This will be an item of discussion at our meeting so please join the zoom meeting on the 9th.

Jr. Past Commodore Debbie Ales: Here we are at the start of fall already. I hope that everyone is well and have been able to enjoy this summer. We have been out boating some this year. At other times we have babysat the grandkids, worked on upgrades to our boat and the honey-do list at home.

I encourage you to be patient with the board and the flag officers as we all try to navigate our way through the current times as we plan for the rest of this year and next year. The club may not be able to meet in person yet but we are still keeping in touch with each other. Keep watching your emails for any announcements that may come from our Yeoman Matt. If you are not getting his emails, please contact him at males.ohe@gmail.com.





Linda Lander Fleet Captain Report

Greetings Everyone!

I hope this finds you all well. With many of the cruises canceled this year, it has been very wonderful to be able to see a few of you at various ports of call. The kids cruise was so much fun and all the kids and adults (just bigger kids) all had fun in the sun! Lots of memories were made on that weekend. Last weekend was Tim's anchor out at Penrose and 10 boats joined the wagon wheel. Social distancing while still being together made for a fun weekend as well.

Next up is the Labor Day Cruise in Kingston. Randy and Jenny are hosting again this year. A flyer has been sent out with various emails sent to encourage members to call and reserve your spot. At this time it looks like 10 -12 boats will be there. Don't want to take your boat, there are hotels near the marina as well as parking if you just want a day of fun!

The Halloween Cruise is scheduled for October 9-11 and will be in Port Orchard again this year. Please let me know if you are planning to attend as spots are filling up fast! I know it seems a long way off still, but the Turkey Cruise is November 27-29. This will be hosted by Mike and Heidi again this year and a heads up of the number of attendees will be helpful for reservations as well as food purchases.

More information about upcoming cruises will be sent out as they get closer.

Stay safe, wear your PDF and mask up! Hope to see everyone 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*).





Past Commodore E. Clive Honey passed away recently. He was Totem's Commodore in 1996. View his [obituary here](#).

If you or another 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@bluedolfininteriors.com or TotemYachtClub@gmail.com).

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