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## Help Fight the "Vessel Scam"

by Bill Keasler - FHA President

We need money for our campaign against the "Vessel Scam." It now appears we are going to trial in federal court to help defend the city of Seattle's Notice of Violation against the massive floating structures developer Rome Ventura has installed at the foot of Allison on Fairview. This trial is easily the most expensive project the Association has undertaken since our defense of the Equity Ordinance before the State Supreme Court in the early 1980's.

We cannot, however, let the precedent Ventura is trying to set become established. Her position is that you can develop anything you want along the shoreline in Seattle so long as you put it on a barge and license it with the Coast Guard as a "vessel." Local zoning and permit laws don't apply, she says, because the feds, not the city, have jurisdiction over registered vessels. Under this theory, Ventura has spent a couple million dollars establishing her "Lake Union Crew" rowing club on Fairview, complete with exercise rooms, catering kitchen, an indoor pool for rowing practice, and offices. These facilities clearly violate a wide range of city ordinances, including permitted size and required parking. They amount to nearly 20,000 square feet of commercial space, all without permits. Their impact on the surrounding neighborhood, particularly the traffic, has already been enormous. Their precedent will radically change the nature of Seattle's shorelines.

Ventura is in federal court contesting the Notice of Violation the city slapped on the rowing club in spite of her theory. The city, however, is anxious about a multi-million dollar damages claim because Ventura says someone in the city told her the project was OK. Although the City Attorney's office is mounting a vigorous defense of its actions, a coalition of the Floating Homes

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## Moorages Taxed on DNR Property

The assessor's office has included part of the market value of the DNR leaseholds and city street use areas in the assessed value of the floating home moorages. This taxes the moorage owner for land that is owned by the state and/or City. This improper inclusion of some of the value of DNR property in the assessment, in one case, resulted in a total valuation that was 49% or \$800,000 higher than that represented by the value of the floating home moorages located over the privately owned property at the moorage. This is being appealed.

The assessor used the following method to calculate the taxable value of moorages:

- The total value of the moorage under the control of the cooperative, condominium, or individual owner was determined by assigning each floating home site a market value. The assessor did this without regard to whether the floating home site was on leased property or privately owned property. These site values were totaled to arrive at a total valuation for the moorage.
- Then the total valuation was then reduced if some of the floating home sites were on leased property. This reduction was accomplished by setting the value of leased property at 1/3 the value of the privately owned property, on a square foot basis. This adjustment technique subtracts less than the market value of those sites and effectively taxes the cooperative, condominium, or other private owner for some of the value of leased property, in other words, property they do not own.

This type of valuation sets a precedent. It is not legal to tax property owners for property they don't own. Such areas should not be included in the total value in the first place. Any cooperative, condominium, or private moorage owner with floating homes over DNR property or on street use permits should get the assessor's worksheet for their moorage. Study it and appeal before your deadline.

# In Memoriam

**Janet Livengood**, resident of Roanoke Reef, who died August 23. She and her husband, Gordon, moved to Lake Union in 1984. A graduate of the University of Washington, Janet's interests included art, theatre, music and again attending the U. of W., this time through the Access Program.

**Dexter Keasler**, computer consultant and brother of Bill Keasler, FHA president. Dexter died peacefully at his home on August 26.

**Esther Olson**, charter member of the Houseboat Association, who died August 22. She was a long-time resident of Tenas Chuck Moorage where she early on served as secretary for the houseboats there. Esther served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, worked in the insurance industry for many years, taught dancing at the Valoze & Yolanda Dance Studio, and was an avid bowler among many personal interests. Survivors include 3 brothers, 2 sisters and special friend, Ted Halladay.

Dox Co-op is saddened by the passing of one of their longest residents. **Glenn Mattson** passed away on October 15, 1998. Glenn and Bev, his wife of 47 1/2 years had lived on their houseboat since 1971. An architect, Glenn attended Roosevelt High School and the University of Washington. He was 72 years old. He and Bev have three children, Dana, Kregg and Jami. His cheerful smile and low chuckle will be missed by all his neighbors. Bev says that last year, Glenn was the last one to swim in the lake in the Dox unofficial "last one in competition". Bev is still a little overwhelmed and touched at the heart and caring of Glenn's acquaintances and friends, who continue to stop by with kind wishes. We will miss him.

Yet another co-op is in mourning as we go to press with the news of the passing of **Langston Tabor**. He was 56. Langston came to Tenas Chuck Moorage about 1970. He is survived by his son, Biko, who is a special part of the Tenas Chuck community; his mother, Doris Branch Tabor of Berkeley, Calif., and two sisters. His wife, Abby Parrish, preceded him in death. Langston was an electrical contractor. He was founder and CEO of his own business, Tabor Electric. In 1993, he was honored at the White House for being a top minority construction firm. Langston earned many awards and fought for minorities in the construction trades. His neighbors on Tenas Chuck have always been proud of his achievements. But on a personal level, they know him to be, passionately, a houseboater in every good sense of the word; a mentor and someone who literally offered a helping hand to all. A celebration of his life was held November 14 at St. Mark's Cathedral and hundreds attended from his family and dockmates to business associates and politicians. Proclamations honoring him were read from the Mayor's Office on behalf of the City of Seattle and from the King County Executive. As his friend and neighbor, Levi Moten, put it: "Our community has just lost a giant."

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by Peg Stockley, Editor

When the Naval Reserve moved out of its 60-year-old armory at South Lake Union, plans to transform the urban lakeshore into a historical seaport and maritime museum took on new energy. The site would be combined with existing city property into a 12-acre waterfront park.

Among vigorous supporters are the neighboring Center for Wooden Boats, founded by houseboater Dick Wagner. A Neighborhood Planning Study is now concluded and has been sent to the Seattle City Council. Wagner chaired the Parks & Open Space Committee of that group. The Virginia V Foundation sees the museum as a future home for its 75-year-old steamer. That would be nice!

Speaking of historic old boats, two others have been in the news recently. Nautical buffs all over Seattle enthusiastically welcomed the Kalakala ferry boat home into Elliott Bay from its stuck-in-the-mud

resting place in Kodiak, Alaska, and Hurricane Mitch claimed the life of the Fantome, a 282-foot, four-masted schooner that resided in the middle of Portage Bay for fourteen years during and after World War II. As someone who grew up on the edge of Portage Bay, I remember the sight and mourn its loss.

Back to modern times, we've got plans for the historical seaport on the south end of Lake Union, the passenger walkway taking shape on the Westlake side and moving to the north shore, the Seattle Parks Department has recommended spending almost \$4 million to finish the job of cleaning up Gas Works Park. The plan would clean up a deposit of benzene and provide a new ground cover. The Parks Department will receive comments until December 31. A public hearing is scheduled Dec. 10. Over on the eastside of Lake Union, there is still concern over the Lake Union Crew project which is now in the hands of lawyers. On a more positive note, the

1.5-acre Fairview-Olmstead Park is into its first phase of construction. This includes moving and enlarging the P-Patch, the installation of a deck near the patch and the construction of a gangway and dock on the waterfront for small hand-launched boats. Second phase will begin in the spring and will focus on the steep hillside below Eastlake Avenue East.

And finally, one of Mayor Schell's ideas for the Millenium is lighting of the bridges, including three of our neighbors — the University Bridge, the Fremont Bridge and the Aurora Bridge. The Mayor's overall Millenium project has three elements: Legacy - light, water and wood; Celebrations - ethnic & neighborhood cultural events; and Volunteerism - raising the ethic of volunteering your time. The lighting of the bridges would obviously be part of the Legacy and affected neighborhoods are invited to be part of the planning. Call Kim Allen in Sue Donaldson's office at City Hall, 684-8806.

The first in a new series of postcards is published and now for sale at Lake Union Mail, 117 E. Louisa. One called "Mucked" shows houseboats in the 1800 block of Fairview Avenue descended into the mire in 1914 when the Fremont timber dam and Fremont Bridge washed out in heavy rain and Lake Union dropped 10 feet. There is also a 1932 Lake Union overview. The price is 50 cents a unit or 3/\$1.00



## West Lake Union Pathway Update

by Marty Alexander, FHA vice president

The design for this pedestrian (mainly) pathway along the west side of Lake Union is just about complete and the City is going through the permitting process now. Having worked on the Design Oversight Committee, along with representatives from local businesses, neighboring communities and City departments, I am very encouraged about both the process and the final design. Many went into this project thinking, "Oh no, they're going to put a bike path right outside my front door!"

Over the many months of community participation and committee meetings, the focus as a pedestrian pathway developed and the final sticking point, as always, is parking. There are a couple of businesses that would rather spend thousands of dollars on lawyers than live with the fact that their clients may have to walk a few hundred more feet to the front door. On the other hand, as a resident, I'm confident that we won't lose much parking at all, and we'll get a paved parking lot in the process. An artist, Maggie Smith, has been hired by the project to add artistic elements to the design, and advertising for construction bids is scheduled for some time in March. If all goes smoothly, construction could begin in May of next year.

## HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Don't forget that the housebook cookbook "Floating Kitchens" is still available by calling the FHA office at 325-1132. Price is \$16.25 (including tax). For those who haven't seen it, this book is more than recipes. It's full of anecdotes about houseboat living.

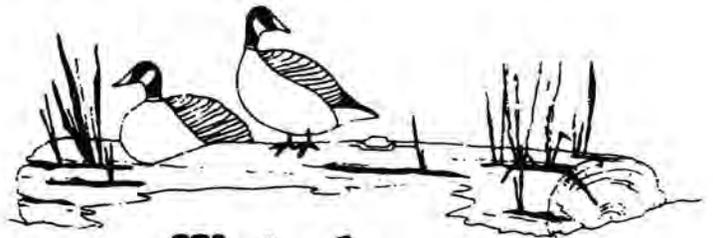
And, we have navy blue sweatshirts (sizes large & x-large) on sale for the holiday price of \$18.00. Again, call the FHA office to make purchasing arrangements.

The kayaking carolers out of the Northwest Outdoor Center are doing it again this year and there may be a few openings still available. Only on Lake Union this time around. Dates are Friday, Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 11-13. Call Herbie Myer at 281-9694.

If you want to know when the official Christmas Ship boats are coming by, you need to call the Seattle Department of Parks & Recreation event line — 233-2626.

### Houseboat Tour Alert!

The next Houseboat Tour is scheduled for Sunday, April 25th, 1999. If you'd like to help, call the FHA office at 325-1132.



## Waterlog

by Sheri Lockwood

It's hard to be thinking about the long freeway adventure to Thanksgiving-land and the duties to come for "Christmas-perfect." It's especially difficult when it is November and my deck plants that have been neglected for nearly two months are doing just fine without me. They have had enough rain, sun and warmth to find me expendable. And to make me wonder why I'm here at my desk and not out enjoying the sun too (before it's too late!) Very good question, oh lovely dock plant spirits. Maybe if I get this report of dock news done quickly I can still go out and join them.

### MEDIA NOTES

Writer/Houseboater Lesley Hazleton (2420 WL) has her 8th book published, "Driving to Detroit", subtitled "An Automotive Odyssey." The book documents a 13,000, 5-month journey from her houseboat to Detroit and back that went wonderfully until three hours from home when she crashed. (No injuries). She's doing a reading at Elliott Bay Books in Pioneer Square on Wednesday, Dec. 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

Portage Bay houseboater Gwenyth Bassetti and co-author Jean Galton made the news in June with the publication of their cookbook "Cooking With Artisan Breads." Gwen introduced Seattle to the rustic, peasant breads with heft at her Grand Central Bakery in Pioneer Square. YUM! Eavesdropper at heart (oh please, don't deny you do it too) my favorite cookbook item was in the Seattle Times Jean Godden's column.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT — Exchange overheard (honest!) outside the Washington State Convention and Trade Center. First Street Dweller (reading from the previous days's Seattle Times): "Did you read this story about the Grand Central?" Second SD: "Yeah I remember when it first opened. We used to go to the back door and get the day old bread. The rosemary was the best." First SD: "It says here you can buy their bread cookbook...!"

Gwenyth and Jean can rest assured these breads aren't getting tossed to the birds. (You can find a recipe for Gwen's Refrigerator Bran Muffins in the "Floating Kitchens-Cooking With Seattle's Houseboaters" cookbook. (All these books are great Christmas present ideas, eh?)

Karl Kumm and Judith Anaya's totem bedecked houseboat on Fairview was the featured house in the May 3rd, Seattle Times Pacific Magazine. Kevin Paul, a Swinomish tribal artist, was commissioned to carve the two totems on the house's street side.

### WELCOME ABOARD

On Hamlin Pier (FV) a welcome to Margaret Nelson and Rhys Stoor — they have already experienced living aboard — they moved to their houseboat from their 40-foot sailboat which is now moored by their front door... on Mallard Cove (FV) Jim and Jan McCorison and Steve and Laura Strockbine are new and welcome neighbors. They moved aboard this summer and Mike Swofford and Rick Werner added two more new home owners at the Cove this fall... On Flo Villa (FV) Sally Brandt is from Boston and Ray and Kay Remming are from Virginia. Welcome!... Dox Co-op would like to welcome Katie Rose and across the dock from her is Bob Davis. I met Bob's mom, Joanie, and brother Steve and found that both Bob and Steve were born on a Fairview houseboat. Welcome back Bob!... Tammy Holder, coach of Seattle Reign, is new on 2764 Westlake — glad to have you aboard Tammy! (Got any free tickets??)... New to Tenas Chuck Moorage are Kathleen Spengler and Scot Shandalove... Tim Zenk & Perrin Kaplan are living on 2420 Westlake while their "real" house is remodeled. But they say they're having so much fun, they might just have to stay... John & Karen Burns have bravely moved into one of the smaller houses on 2420 WL with 5 (count 'em!) children. Russell & Andrea (part-time), Travis, Cory & Kendrick (full-time)... Cyrus Krohn moved over to new digs at the Gasworks Marina. Nathan Lewis didn't have to look far for a new roommate — brother Josh Krohn drove across the country & moved in.

### WET BUT FLOATING

Susan Kaplan's new daughter (Flo-Villa) was adopted from China. She is the new happy, bubbly face, running up and down the dock. Her name is AnLing Kaplan and she was adopted in Jiangxi Province. She arrived here 7/11/98 and had her 2nd birthday 9/17/98. "She is extremely cute and of course very smart," says mom Susan. "She's already becoming travel smart... first from China to Seattle of course, then to Maine to meet grandparents and experience lobster and will go to Atlanta over Thanksgiving to meet her guardians and grandfather." She's getting her sea-legs and wings at the same time... Tom and Peg Stockley of Tenas Chuck are proud grandparents of Luisa Stockley Moreno, born last April 5th to their daughter and son-in-law, Dina and Mario Moreno.

### KNOTS TIED

What is it about Dox-Coop and cross-the-dock neighbors? This is the second time cupid has struck. His "victims" this time are Linda Knudsen and Sandy

McAusland. They were wed in October and are now consolidating homesteads on the 2219 side of Dox. They are both so nice, kind and fun — we love them too. We are glad they are staying on the dock and it adds another new neighbor to the stew "Born here Bob."

### ANCHORS AWEIGH

Carolyn Bugge (FV) traveled "all" of Scotland for two weeks in Sept/Oct and is thinking seriously about going back for grad school... It's getting to be a habit (happily so) — Tenas Chuck docksters going to Greece. This fall, it was Bob Lilly, Jeri Callahan and her friend Ed Lewis, Peg & Tom Stockley returning to the island of Skiros. It all began with their neighbor Florence Yerxa who introduced them to the classical magic of Greece a long time ago. And it just gets better so they say... Florence, by the way, visited her son and his family in Brussels this fall and Jeri is back in Puerto Vallarta for the winter... Still on Tenas Chuck, Barb & Jim Donnette took a barge trip on the Midi Canal in France (water people just seem to stay close to water).

Giff and Mary Jones (Mallard Cove-FV) just got back from a summer of gunkholing in their sailboat. The Cove's other Joneses (Kay and Theresa) sailed to meet them in Port Townsend to coax them home. "It took three days, many gourmet meals, and lots of wine. Lots of it!" ... This reporter vegetated in Fiji at a teensy remote "resort" owned by a bunch of Northwesterners. Maybe this is a secret... (it's so perfect — a whole lagoon to yourself) but (SHHH) I can tell you the number to call in Poulsbo. Robert and Surain af Sandeberg and their kayaks are leaving as we speak for a month of paddling and snorkeling the Fiji reefs. "Bula" warm waters.

Docksters can't seem to part from the water even while on the road. Laurie Balistreri (I love that name!) and Rick Blank (FV) spent two weeks in Provence, France on a barge trip with gourmet meals and fantastic wines. Each day they had archeological and historical field trips led by their own professional guide. WOW! ... the Sutherlands from Hamlin Pier just returned from a year cruising the inland waterways in their Grand Banks from Florida to the Great Lakes... On Northlake, two neighbors Jim Burnell and Steve Brown spent most of October in Chile at Spanish language school... and Erik Grijalva (Flo-Villa) went to Peru and visited Machu-Picchu and took a boat trip down the Amazon... Stan and Judy Gordon (FV) went to Paris seeking castles and wine, while their kitty Tinkerbelle held down the dock... Joyce and Rick Miner (Hamlin Pier) are heading out for Sidney, Australia (without a boat). They would like to hear from any docksters or Lake Mates with tips and interesting watering holes (rickminer@duckin.com). Rick will be videotaping — "The Endless Life Afloat" or "In Search of the Perfect Water Nest." No problem finding "sole" mates here, Rick... On Log Foundation, Dave

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spent two weeks recently visiting relatives and sightseeing in Boston. It rained nine straight days and nights while they were there... Glad to be home, guys?

**WILDLIFE**

It was a wonderful sight to see two eagles cavorting over Lake Union one day this fall. They were clearly watchable from the Tenas Chuck Dock (probably others) as they went through an almost choreographed show in front of Gas Works Park ... the beaver are back on Westlake. Here's a perfect segue into a reminder for us all: **DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE.** It's not good for them and not good for us.

**TUI TUI STAMP ALERT**

For some five years, houseboater Robert Rudine under the guise of Dogfish, representing the houseboat dock nation of Tui Tui, has issued a series of postage stamps for the hand delivery of neighborhood newsletters. These precancelled North Fairview Courier route stamps of Tui Tui have been exhibited in galleries and Postal Museums around the world. On November 1, 1998, Tui Tui released a new issue in this series honoring the late Garnet H. Harris, the former lakelord and Supreme Tyee of Tui Tui. Garny, as he was known by his many friends, was born in 1912 into the house which still stands over pilings on Lake Union at 3235 Fairview Avenue East. The house once stood high above the shoreline and was moved in 1958 to accommodate the Ship Canal Bridge. Garney passed away at his lifelong home on January 17, 1998. On December 24, 1998, Tui Tui will issue another courier stamp to honor an Eastlake great, Wayne Ross, who passed away a year ago. The Ross commemorative depicts the Golden Dolphin, the research vessel that tested many of the innovations of this inventor and cartographer. The business he founded at 3118 Fairview Avenue East is now under the able direction of his son, Jim.

**SPLICE THE MAINBRACE**

On October 25, at DOX Co-op, George and Debbie, Robert and Barbara and Butch and Elise all proud parents of children (Thea, David and Lily) who have grown up on the docks held a party for the rest of the dock. They called it "It Takes a DOX to Raise a Child." The invitation said "We would like to thank you for helping us raise our children , so please come to a party in your honor ." The party and the parents and the kids were all wonderful... I had visitors from Switzerland in October and decided to take them places non-Alpine. We went to the gorgeous and autumnal rain forest, hot sprang at Sol Duc, and watched the Kinetic Sculpture race in Port Townsend. It is outrageous. People build Rube Goldberg contraptions that they then have to parade down the street, into the bay, around a point, back on land, around the lighthouse, up and down a steep hill, and through a mud bog. Meanwhile, each team's

teddy bear competes in the catapult "Teddy Bear Fling ." While drivers madly sing and bribe their way past judges, "kops" , city officials — they even bribe innocent bystanders. At the end, the victor is the one who places in the middle — the coveted Mediocrity Award . Madcap Madness! We also stopped by to visit former Dox residents Lee Lange and Melanie Hester on Henry Island and the Swiss were treated to wildlife galore: eagles, raccoons, whales, herons, loons, a great horned owl, shrimp, otter, ferret, seals, etc. Now they think they have to move here. (How you gonna keep 'em up in the Alps after they seen Sequim Bay.) ... Hazel Nigh's

90th birthday on the Log Foundation Aug 7, featured a celebrating Hazel, of course, and Les Femmes d'Enfer, an all woman cajun band. The party, on the docks of 2219 FV, had lots of champagne and toasts, tables lined the docks for the catered affair. Formal attire, from the waist up, featured everything from silk boxers to diapers below the waist. There were Roaring 20's dresses with cowboy boots and lots of funky hats. Happy



Happy 90th, Hazel!

Birthday Hazel! ... Rune and Sue Carlson (Dox) had a happy Halloween Open House on — you guessed it — Halloween. Mocha the kitty did the haunting along with the neighbors... Deborah Greene (2764 WL) had an Italian birthday party for her beau and invited all the dock neighbors and friends. "Twenty-five people on a small houseboat," she says. "Thank goodness it wasn't raining!"

**FLOTSAM AND JETSAM**

The old Lee House at the beginning of the Northlake Dock has been torn down to the logs (wasn't there a FV houseboat jugband by that name, at one time?) and will be rebuilt... If you see houseboaters from Mallard Cove wandering their neighborhood aimlessly, offer assistance. They are probably just looking for their car. (Let's see... Azteca is gone, so it couldn't be there. HMMM. Is it on Minor? Yale? Did I leave it at work?") The construction project in back of Mallard Cove (FV) has begun. Twenty-four apartments and three houses were demolished to make way for 20 new uphill town houses. Maybe THAT is why the Cover's can't find their cars — the developers locked

them out of parking for a year... Parking... Whew... don't EVEN let a houseboater START on that one — DO NOT go there... Shelly and John Herron (Flo-Villa) moved to San Francisco,—but water folks that they are, they have found floatation in Sausalito... (how ya gonna keep 'em up on the land, after they've seen . . .) Another Flo-Villan has moved ashore — Matt Merritt. After the floor of his shower fell through to the logs, maybe he couldn't face another winter. Ooooh, deja vu — that happened on MY house back in the 60's, honest!, what a trip, man... Spotted wood sculptor Dutch Schultz (2037 FV) in a photo in the University Week. He and other local veterans of the American Lincoln Brigade were on campus to honor those who volunteered to fight fascism on the battlefields of Spain as part of the International Brigades between 1936-1939. They dedicated the 1st monument in the U.S. to American Volunteers in the Spanish Civil War. The bronze plaque on a granite block is located west of the HUB and honors 11 UW students, 3,000 Americans and 40,000 international volunteers... Robert Blumberg on Dox brightened up our drive-way. He decorated the concrete chunk that marked the beginning of our driveway with old CDs. Now we can see it at night and it adds a cheery multicolor luminance in the sun too. Report from the water-end of DOX: Sandy McAusland and Bev Mattson thought they had taken the last dip in the lake on Sept 23, (and none of us were going to try and beat there record) But noooo — Janet Hardman was out on her house trimming geraniums with pruning shears in one hand and her glasses in the other, when she stopped to admire her work. Then — that's right — piercing screams and then, FORTU-NATELY, hysterical laughter. Rune Carlson was a witness, and even had a camera, but dang if he went to rescue her with a boat. Meanwhile she got herself back up on the dock (wearing wet sweats, jacket, shoes, heavy stuff) No

easy task. She said that the water wasn't cold — Did I win with the October 26th date???? The other Dox-enders are in a conference trying to decide if they are brave enough to take on the November lake... BRRRRR!... The Miners on Hamlin Pier (FV) will be putting out the Duckmas lights — of course it's Rick's logo, but sounds like fun, I wonder if they are floating?... Owen Haselton, now of 2420 WL, formerly of Portage Bay, cut his luxurious long ponytail — and now has the same hairstyle as his daughter. John Nelson (2764 WL) cut his too; he says it's cold out there!... Finally, here's some e-mail from a houseboat dock in the other Washington (DC) from "Ksolem9640@aol.com". My husband Ray and I live on a houseboat on the Potomac River in Washington, DC. We're at the Gangplank Marina, which is close to the Capitol, the White House, and the Washington Monument (which we can see from our bedroom window). I grew up in Bellevue, which is why I like being on the water. My mother and sister and one of Ray's daughters live in Seattle, so we have strong ties out there too. If you or any of your friends would be interested in swapping houses for a few days or a week, have them send us an e-mail. We could exchange more information about ourselves and our wonderful home here, convenient to museums, shopping and the subway. Glad to hear that you're happy on Lake Union. We've driven by the area several times, admiring the homes. Hope to hear from you, Sincerely, Marianne Emerson.

*So that's it for this edition, If you have any dock news: parties, babies, trips and treks, flora and fauna, tips for neighbors, houseboat adventures, awards, recognition, toasts for your neighbors, let me know. You can call me at 322-4536 or e-mail me at "dillo@raincity.com."*  
*Have some wonderful holidays— splice the mainbrace!*

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Association, the Eastlake Community Council and the 3100 Fairview Condominium Association (across the street from Ventura's installation) is there making sure the principle doesn't get lost in the mechanics of the legal system.

The case is now in the middle of gathering depositions and is heading for a trial date in April. Counting our original complaint, Ventura's appeal to the Hearing Examiner, and the trial up to this point, our coalition has already spent well over \$20,000.

The Association doesn't usually ask for money directly. We usually manage to live within the means provided by our dues and the occasional tour of homes. But we don't usually find ourselves in federal court contesting a gaping loophole like the "Vessel Scam."

If you care about the character of Seattle's shorelines, take time right now to write a check in support of this cause. Donations are tax deductible if the check is made out to "S.C.C.F." Please be generous.

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