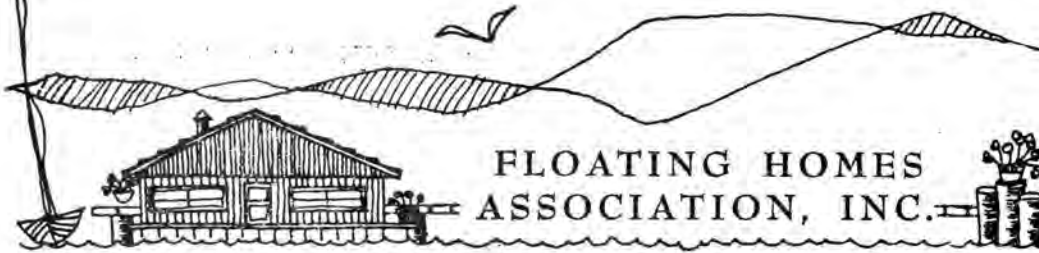


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TICKET SALES BRISK FOR THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRUISE: As this is written (December 8th), 75 of the 200 tickets available for our annual MV SIGHTSEER Cruise, Tuesday, December 20th, have been sold. Sales are far ahead of last year and another sell-out seems assured. If you haven't ordered yet, it would be a good idea to do so without further delay. All tickets this year are priced at \$2.00 and are on a first come, first served basis. Every member should have received full information in the mails but to refresh your memory here are the pertinent details:

DATE & TIME: 8 p.m. (Sharp) Tuesday, December 20th.

EMBARKATION: The Riviera Lakeshore Dining, 2501 Fairview Avenue East (Foot of Roanoke Street), Ample Parking.

ITINERARY: A slow cruise around Lake Union, Portage Bay and the Ship Canal to inspect our decorated houseboats, their moorages and other waterfront installations. We will also greet the CHRISTMAS SHIP. Return to port about 10 p.m.

DINNER IS SERVED: Again this year Mr. & Mrs. Roy Meyers, hosts of the Riviera, are offering us the specialty of the house, a full-course prime rib dinner for \$3.50 (regular \$4.25). Paul West will be entertaining in the Monaco Room. Please make dinner reservations not later than Monday, December 19th (phone EAST 5-5744).

The Christmas Cruise Committee (Richard Stauff and Esther Carhart, co-chairmen) promises plenty of hot coffee, cookies and soft drinks. All are urged to dress warmly. Youngsters under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Children will not be permitted to roam the ship unaccompanied. Last year some were found leaning far out over the water from the railing of the top deck. A slip could have resulted in a tragedy. Those bringing children should supervise them at all times.

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2203 FAIRVIEW AVENUE MOORAGE PACE-SETTER IN HOLIDAY DECORATING: This moorage (at the foot of Boston Street) seems to be the first to start donning its holiday garb. Mrs. Muriel Eklund, Moorage Representative, says the motif this year will center around large lighted "candles" along the floating walk-way with five floating Christmas trees along the Boston Street channel. A number of other moorages report meetings on holiday decorating. Others are scheduled. If your moorage has taken no action, why not do something about it?

Here is an updated list of Moorage Representatives: If your moorage is not represented why not take the initiative in calling a meeting and filling this most important position: Rosella Bailey (Alice Jeffery Moorage), 2219 Fairview East; Mrs. Helen Brown (Berglund Moorage), 2317 Fairview East; Robert Buchholtz, 2017 Fairview East; Thomas Campbell (Jeffery Moorage), 2031 Fairview East; John Dupuy (Stafford Moorage), 3110-A Portage Bay Place East; Mrs. Muriel Eklund, 2203 Fairview East; Antonio D. Gomez, 1213 E. Shelby; Owen G. Hazelton, 3123-25-35 Fairview East; R. R. Hazelton, 1212 E. Shelby; Merla Jones, 2331-39 Fairview East; Mrs. Leonard Johnston, 2466 Westlake N.; Peter Meier (Moore Moorage), 2319 Fairview East; Carlisle King, 2025 Fairview East; Boyd Knauss, 2019-21 Fairview East; Edward Lee, 933 N. Northlake Way; Bruce K. McGrew (Farrell Moorage) 3260 Portage Bay Place E.; Mrs. Gladys Reid (Kennell Moorage), 2822 Boyer East; Esther Simons (Brackett Moorage) 2818 Boyer East; Merry Stoppelman (Wandesforde Moorage), 2035-37 Fairview East; Mr. & Mrs. L. P. Staman, 2727 Fairview East; Richard E. Wagner (Williams Moorage), 2770 Westlake North; Gloria Welch (Mattson Moorage), 3128 Portage Bay Place East.

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WE HAVE FRONT ROW SEATS FOR SANTA CLAUS & CHRISTMAS SHIP(S): Our floating homes will again have "front row" seats for the annual holiday cruises of Chet Gibson's SANTA CLAUS SHIP (the Hilma III) and the Seattle Park Department's lovely and famous CHRISTMAS SHIP (the 104-foot yacht Valkyrie). Mr. Gibson announces that the Hilma III will begin its 24th season with a special early cruise Wednesday, December 14th, through Portage Bay and Lake Union starting at 6:30 p.m. and returning to the Queen City Yacht Club for a Christmas party at 8:30 p.m. The regular cruises will begin Saturday, December 17th. The early cruise of the Hilma III is another good reason for moorages to get their holiday decorations in place by that time. Here are the cruise schedules:

CHRISTMAS SHIP: All departures as usual from Berg's Marina on Westlake Avenue N. Sunday December 18th, Government Locks, Shilshole Bay, Carkeek Park, and return to cruise Lake Union about 8:20 p.m.; Monday, December 19th, through Government Locks, Alki Point, Lowman Beach, Pier 91; Tuesday, December 20th, Laurelhurst, Matthews Beach, Sheridan Beach, Denny Park, Kirkland; Wednesday, December 21st, Stan Sayers Memorial Park, Seward Park, Rainier Beach, Mercer Island; Thursday, December 22nd, (final cruise), Lake Union, Portage Bay, Madison Park, Madrona Beach, Leschi, Meydenhaeur Beach, Medina.

SANTA CLAUS SHIP: Will be based this year at the Queen City Yacht Club: Saturday, December 17th, Juanita Beach, Kirkland, Cozy Cove, Fairweather; Sunday, December 18th, party at Tyee Yacht Club (Fairview Avenue E.) 4 to 5:30 p.m. thence to Government Locks to distribute candy and return to cruise Lake Union and Portage Bay; Monday, December 19th, Madison Park, Madrona Beach, Leschi Park; Tuesday, December 20th, Laurelhurst, Sand Point and other Lake Washington areas; Wednesday, December 21st, Meydenhaeur Bay, East Channel Bridge, Mercer Island; Thursday, December 22nd (final cruise). You can salute these beautiful holiday craft and show your appreciation by BLINKING YOUR LIGHTS.

HOUSEBOAT MOORAGE PROPERTY INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES OPENING UP: With the sanitation problem well on its way to a final solution through houseboat plumbing and moorage sewer collection systems, the floating homes "industry" is entering a new phase. The need to install these basic improvements and general upgrading of moorage property (we are here to stay) is opening up new investment opportunities. The capital needed for these improvements will be made available from one source or another. The Association feels it has a responsibility to bring such possibilities to the attention of members interested in and able to participate in some form of joint ownership. To this end a special committee was formed some weeks ago.

This Committee has explored such varied forms of joint ownership as (1) Condominium, which is not likely under the state law as presently written, (2) a conventional cooperative (3) a business partnership (4) ownership of an "undivided interest" in a moorage. If you have funds to invest and are interested in specific information as to investment possibilities, please contact the Association. All information in strict confidence.

REFERRALS FOR HOUSEBOAT REMODELING JOBS HAS BECOME A VEXING PROBLEM: Our Association has but one reason for existence--to serve our members. Most of our activities are of a broad nature benefiting everyone. (It is a fact that but for the Association, houseboats would be on the skids.) But we have also tried to meet individual needs by "referring" members to those offering needed materials and services. These requests range from fire insurance to flotation. While we cannot "guarantee" (see October NEWSLETTER) satisfaction from those referred, we do feel a responsibility to do everything possible to protect our members from unfair practices. This has worked pretty well in all areas except that of major remodeling such as stringers, flooring, decking, etc. The volume of this sort of work is on the increase. So are the complaints. The Executive Committee is concerned and has before it a motion to make no further referrals for this sort of work. This is no solution but it does put the matter on the floor for discussion. We would like to hear from members particularly on such points as (1) how we can tighten control over those on the "referral" list and (2) how we can get additional competent, responsible individuals and firms involved in this work? The floor is open.

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