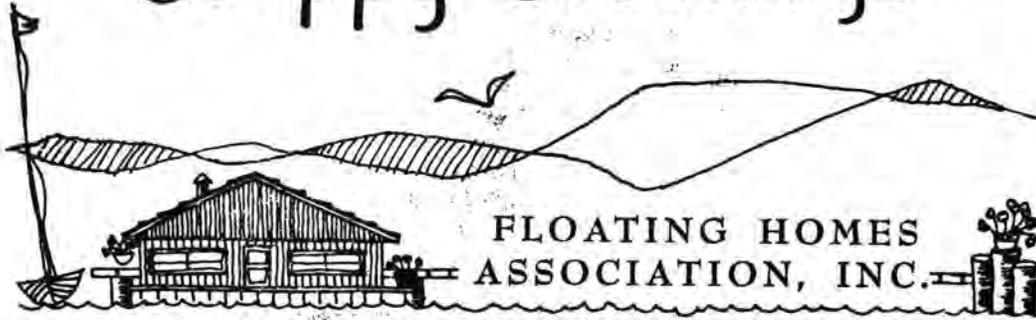


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Happy Holidays



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YEAR AROUND DEBRIS REMOVAL PROGRAM IS NOW UNDERWAY:

DON'T LITTER THE LAKE

FINANCED BY A \$10,000.00 CONTRIBUTION from the Northwest Marine Industries, the first on-going program to remove floating debris from Lake Union and the Ship Canal is now under way. The clean-up program is co-sponsored by the Lake Union Assn., the Floating Homes Assn. with the co-operation of the City Engineering Dept.

The area of concern is all of Lake Union, and the Ship Canal from the Hiram Chittenden Locks to Webster Point on Lake Washington. It will continue for one year on a trial basis and replace the annual "Clean-Up Day" which helped some but did not solve the problem of dangerous and unsightly drift.

Jack Chambers, president of NMI, and Tom Kincaid, chairman of the arrangements committee, announced that a contract had been let to Tillicum Marina who will furnish a small pick-up craft and crew to work inshore and in marine installations. This craft can take care of the smaller debris and will work with the Engineering Department's drift boat Pelican Pete, which handles larger material. In order to make the program effective the NMI has made these two requests of all lake businesses and residents:

1. Assist the boat identified by a "Lake Union Clean-Up" insignia whenever it is in your area by helping to corral floating debris.
2. Do not let this effort be wasted by using it as a garbage collection service. Continue to dispose of all debris possible through established means. Don't litter the lake. It is dangerous, unsightly and against the law.

Max Agather, NMI vice-president and owner of the Tillicum Marina told the Floating Homes Assn. that the debris boat will cooperate with moorages on clean-up projects. These should be planned in advance by calling the Tillicum Marina, 1331 N. Northlake Way, ME 3-5454. Small debris is placed in detachable containers which the Engineering Dept. hauls to the dump. Larger material can be secured for removal by Pelican Pete.

An unusual amount of remodeling and repairing of floating homes during the past year has created some debris disposal problems. Garbage containers should not be used for this purpose. There are several ways repair debris can be disposed of. There is no charge if hauled to the City's North End Transfer Station (North end of Lake Union) by passenger vehicle. There is a nominal charge for other vehicles. The General Disposal Co., SU 2-3535 has a special detachable container service. Call for information. George Johnston, EA 4-9148 has a 30-ft. debris barge for over-the-water jobs.

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KIM'S BROILER ON WESTLAKE NEW "HOME PORT" FOR CHRISTMAS CRUISES: Shortly after our Christmas Cruise publicity material was in the mails to members and friends, we learned that the Riviera restaurant was closed temporarily. Unsure of an opening date we were, as the saying goes, caught with our restaurant down. Then came a call from Jack McFovern, manager of Kim's Broiler, 1844 Westlake North, inviting us to come over to his house.

So the "home port" for the MV SIGHTSEER this year will be the popular Lake Union restaurant and night spot. Nothing else has changed. The PARTY CRUISE (adults) will embark at 8 p.m. (plenty of time for dinner and cocktails) Friday, Dec. 20th. The FAMILY CRUISE has an earlier start at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22nd. Dinner reservations are suggested by calling AT 3-3030. The restaurant opens at 4 p.m. Sunday. Friday night GIL CONTI will be entertaining. Cruise tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Tickets can be ordered from the Association by mail or phone.

LET'S HAVE OUR LIGHTS & HOLIDAY DECORATIONS UP BY SUN, DEC. 15th: An urgent request that floating homes and moorages have their holiday lights and decorations in place by Sunday, Dec. 15th, has been made by the Executive Committee. Dec. 15th is the date that Chet Gibson and his famous SANTA CLAUS CHIP will start its 26th year with a slow cruise around Lake Union and Portage Bay starting at 8 p.m. As usual the emphasis of the Association's holiday decorating program is on lights over the water. All establishments around the perimeter of the Lake are being urged to keep lights on all night during the holiday season. Lake Union is beautiful any night but during the Christmas season it is something special and attracts city-wide attention.

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WE HAVE A NEW CHRISTMAS SHIP THIS YEAR: HERE ARE CRUISE SCHEDULES: This year the Par Department's CHRISTMAS SHIP will be the trim 101-foot yacht Sobre Los Olas (Over the Waves) replacing the Valkyrie which served for 19 consecutive years and was recently sold to an Oregon company. The Sobre Los Olas is owned by Murray Sutherland and O.G. Evans and was one of several craft offered as a replacement. As Usual the brightly lighted vessel will have a "crew" of choralers and will cruise Seattle's shorelines with concerts at the Government Locks and our many salt and fresh water parks. The CHRISTMAS SHIP will be based this year at the Elks Club, 2420 Westlake N. Nightly departures are at 6 p.m.

THE CHRISTMAS SHIP starts its 20th season Thursday, Dec. 19th by proceeding through the Ship Canal to Shilshole Bay returning at 9 p.m. for a slow cruise around Lake Union; Fri. Dec. 20th: through Lake Union and Portage Bay to Lake Washington points; Sat. Dec. 21st: Slow Cruise through Lake Union and Portage Bay; Sun. Dec. 22nd: Through Lake Union and Portage Bay to Lake Washington; Mon. Dec. 23rd: Through Lake Union and Ship Canal to Government Locks.

THE SANTA CLAUS SHIP (Hilma III) will begin its 26th year Sun. Dec. 15th with the Tye Yacht Club party and the cruise through Lake Union and Portage Bay. It will be based at the Queen City Yacht Club. There will be another cruise through Lake Union and Portage Bay on Wed. Dec. 18th. The SANTA CLAUS SHIP has a heavy schedule ending Dec. 23. During this time it will make a number of visits to Lake Union and Portage Bay. Decorations for the SANTA CLAUS SHIP will again be provided by Flotilla 21 of the U.C. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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TAX ASSESSMENT FORMS WILL BE MAILED OUT EARLY IN 1969: Soon after the first of the year the King County Assessor will remember us all with the personal property assessment forms that created so much confusion last year when used for the first time. State law requires personal property to be assessed annually and the property owner is required to furnish the information. Floating home owners will again receive an elaborate printed form (suitable for business inventories, farm equipment, etc.) and a mimeographed sheet relating to their houseboats. The printed form contains the space for your notarized signature. It must be returned with the filled out mimeographed form and returned promptly to avoid a penalty. If you have any questions, contact the Association.

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LAKE UNION ASSOCIATION WANTS PARK AT SITE OF CITY ASPHALT PLANT: Development as a park of the city-owned property formerly used as a municipal asphalt plant, has been requested by the Lake Union Association. In letters to city officials the Association points out that the property, at the south end of Lake Union, is owned by the Engineering Dept. and could be turned over to the Park Dept. for development. The old and unsightly asphalt plant is now being dismantled. "The property is ideally located for a park," the Association wrote. "It is close to the city center with a beautiful vista of the Lake." Many feel that a small park at the south end would compliment the much larger park planned for the Gas Company property at the north end of the Lake. This property is being acquired on a 10 year program and the city will take title in 1972. Many are urging that the Park Dept. begin now with design and planning so that development could start promptly.

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IF YOU MOVE, PLEASE SEND THE ASSOCIATION YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

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