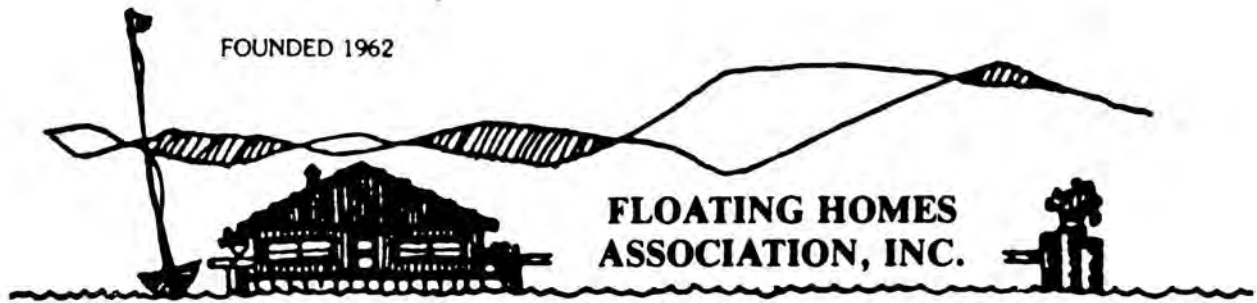


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New owners of Lee's Moorage on North Lake Union have big plans for the historic little dock built 50 years ago by Ed Lee.

Photo by James Bush, courtesy of the Lake Union Review

At Issue: Property Rights

News of the condo development of Lee's Moorage at 933 N. Northlake on Lake Union is a topic of considerable curiosity and triggers a twinge of uncertainty among floating homeowners who watch over the lake scene.

Ed Lee, who bought the moorage 50 years ago, sold in 1984 to Paul Blauert, an attorney, and Charles Viele, trust officer at First Interstate. Lee had considered

selling it to the University of Washington through its "planned giving" program but changed his mind.

Blauert and Viele purchased the property as an investment. They plan to sell the 10 existing and 5 added houseboat sites as condo's with prices ranging from \$80,000 to \$225,000. There would also be an office

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One fatality of the 2901 Eastlake development proposal would be the P-Patch located in the Shelby Street right-of-way.

Photo by Chris Leman

Fairview Park Preserve

Have you ever walked or biked along Fairview Avenue East between Hamlin and Fuhrman? It's one of Lake Union's last remaining natural areas, almost rural in character and tucked away from the maddening crowd.

You can see perhaps the oldest building in Eastlake (a former houseboat brought up onto land at the turn of the century). Still standing and bearing fruit are at least two apple trees that are traceable to the original orchard that once covered much of the Eastlake neighborhood and remnants of a historic cider press exist on the site.

Shelby Street was a steep road coming down from Eastlake to Fairview paralleling Hamlin to the south and Allison to the north. It was closed in the early 1940s. Today, the Shelby right-of-way is partially occupied by a city P-Patch (founded in 1981). Fairview is a designated bicycle route and the shoreline is home to a historic population of salmon that may be the only known one to spawn on the Lake. There is a wide variety of animal life due in part to close proximity of upland habitat to a shoreline.

Developers of 2901 Eastlake propose a building that would make major changes

affecting Fairview Avenue East including elimination of the P-Patch. The Eastlake Community Council has a proposal of its own -- it's called the Fairview Park Preserve and it could become a unit of Seattle's park system, a small state park or a nonprofit reserve. Interestingly, the original 1903 report of the Olmsted brothers suggested the need for a park along the east shore of Lake Union. Now may be the time.

The ECC has proposed to the Seattle Director of Parks and Recreation that this area be purchased with funds from the upcoming open space bond issue -- in the small spaces category. Funds are available through the state Department of Natural Resources for projects that will protect public shorelines and improve public access to them.

Newsletter coordinator: Peggy Stockley, 329-7973

The Floating Homes Association has an answering machine to help us handle telephone calls and provide a quick response to members' concerns. If you have information or a question, call or leave a message. We'll get back to you.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- 1) To comment on the 2901 Eastlake proposal (Master Use Permit #8801059) and to push for a full-scale environmental impact statement, write to Dennis McLerran, Director, Department of Construction & Land Use, 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle 98104.
- 2) To support the old Shelby Street right-of-way as a permanent P-Patch and park preserve, write to Gary Zarker, director of the Department of Engineering; and to Jeanette Williams, Chair of the City Council's Transportation Committee, both at 600 Fourth Avenue, Seattle 98104.
- 3) Attend the Annual ECC Picnic, Sunday, August 13, 4-7 p.m., on Fairview between Hamlin and Allison.

Milestone Seaplane Agreement

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After several years of effort, local residents and seaplane operators have agreed on rules to minimize the impact of this type of aircraft on the communities surrounding Lake Union.

The agreement was formally approved and signed on May 5 in the Mayor's office. In attendance were the Mayor himself, all seaplane operators using Lake Union, Seaplane Environmental Coalition (SEC) Chair Lynda Caine, representatives from the Floating Homes Association, Eastlake, Queen Anne, Wallingford, Ballard, Sunset Hills Community Councils, and representatives from several business organizations including the Seaplane Pilots Assoc., the Lake Union Assoc. and the Assoc. General Contractors. All lauded the efforts of Henry Sharpe from the city's Office of Long Range Planning, who, they agreed, went above and beyond the call of duty to forge a document these diverse organizations could accept.

Several weeks later, Jim Street's City Council Land Use Committee met to consider the agreement. Caine, Sharpe and Keasler all gave testimony. A resolution was passed that recognized the agreement and acknowledged the city's obligations in its implementation. The following Monday the full Council approved it unanimously.

This marks a milestone in the attempt to moderate

the impact of seaplanes. "We're very pleased that we could come to an understanding over the issues," says Caine. "Having the city involved makes this agreement much more substantial than the ones in 1985 & 1978 but it's especially important that people use the hotline set up by the city to report violations."

Hotline: 684-8811

The agreement sets hours of operation as 8 a.m. until dusk on weekdays and Saturdays, and 9 a.m. until dusk on Sundays. It requires takeoff and landing areas to the south in southerly or no wind, to the north in northerly winds and along the center of the lake in either case. It also defines noise mitigation procedures and flight paths (down the center of the ship canal). The city is also bound to monitor compliance of these provisions.

Caine emphasized that there is one substantial issue remaining; "the number of flights. Without a limit on them, this document doesn't mean very much. If they can take off every five minutes throughout the day, all the mitigation in the world isn't going to prevent them from dominating your life." The SEC is currently investigating means to enforce such a limit.

'Unadulterated' Success

Joan Rosenstock had a smile in her voice on the phone when asked for an update on the water quality issue. In late spring, the Metro Council accepted the I-5 Greenlake separation project which is designed to reduce combined sewer outflow (CSOs) in Portage Bay by 50% by 1993. Even better, the Council went so far as to set a 75% reduction of CSOs by the year 2005. For Joan and others on the Green Lake-Portage Bay Water Quality Advisory Committee who have agonized over this problem for months, the Metro Council vote is pure satisfaction.

Lease Update

Dock owners are reminded to double-check to see if their dock is over or even approaches the Construction Limit Line. The state's Department of Natural Resources is requiring new leases in such cases but will only deal with moorage owners. They have been patient but would like to resolve this problem by the end of the year. Call the Floating Homes office at 325-1132 if you have questions.

Property Rights

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building on shore and sailboat moorage at the end.

For some homeowners at Lee's Moorage, buying their site at the proposed price would be a financial hardship to say the least. Residents have been told verbally they can stay as long as they wish even if they don't buy their site but no one knows for sure what it might cost. Plans call for re-arrangement of current houseboats and hint at reduction of space between them.

Blauert describes the plans as being in a "constant state of evolution." Some observers wonder if the changes are coming in late since the shoreline permit was granted earlier.

It's a familiar story. A moorage owner has some basic rights on how he or she utilizes their property but people who live there and pay month-to-month need some guarantees that tenants elsewhere don't need. If you live in an apartment on land and the place goes condo, you have a choice: Stay and pay or rent another apartment down the street.

Houseboat owners who rent their moorage space don't have that choice. It's stay and pay (if the place goes condo) or take your floating home and leave BUT there's no place to go. Therein lies the difference.

With this in mind, the Floating Homes Association will be watching carefully the Lee Moorage project as it moves ahead. No one questions the right of a property owner to achieve profit in the fair market but the long-time tenant has an investment to protect as well.

If you have comments on this subject, please contact Bill Keasler, president of the FHA at 325-8017 or leave him a message at the FHA office, 325-1132.



FLOATING HOMES AUCTION '89

HOLIDAY KICK OFF

Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and fund raising! Floating Homes will have their 4th auction on Saturday, December 2nd, at the Mountaineers, 300 3rd West.

Hors d'oeuvres and no host drinks will be served as you peruse and bid on silent auction items. A dinner will follow with the live auction beginning at 8 p.m.. Since the auction date coincides with the onset of the holiday season this will be a grand chance to obtain some unique gift items.

Donations have already started coming in. These include a plane ride and lunch at Roche Harbor, a champagne boat ride to view the Christmas ships in Lake Union, pottery classes from Pottery Northwest, a handmade quilt, and a smoked turkey for your holiday party.

We need lots more donations to reach our goal and ask everyone to check through their "storage units" for collectibles, treasures, etc. We also need handmade gift items, vacation trips, and services. other donation ideas can be found in the flyer accompanying this Newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding donations, or if you would like to help with the auction, Please call Jann McFarland at 323-3489, or Marty Gardner at 284-6024. Floating Homes needs you!!

DONATION FORM

I would love to make a donation to the Floating Homes Auction:

Item description:

Name

Address

Zip

Phone

I would like to help with the auction
Please mail to the Floating Homes office:
2329 Fairview Ave, E. Seattle, WA 98102

Board Profiles

JUNE FAUCHALD -- June has lived on Westlake for 15 years and is known as one of the "flower ladies" at 2466 for her work in the garden on shore. This is her 3rd year on the Board and she is secretary. She works professionally at Doc Freeman's as a bookkeeper. A powerboater, she enjoys hours spent on her 20-foot Chris Craft "Antara".

CHRIS SHERMAN -- A Seattle native, Chris has long-time roots in Eastlake and has been a houseboater at 2321 Fairview for 5 years. His father has lived in the neighborhood for 30 years. Chris is head of medical photography and graphics at Swedish Hospital. He plays semi-pro soccer in the WA State Soccer League and is serving his first term on the FHA Board.

PHIL WEBBER -- Phil has lived at the Nesika Chuck coop moorage on Westlake for 7 years and is a Trustee of the Floating Homes Association. A Seattle native, he grew up in Fremont. He has been a photographer at the Seattle P.I. for 33 years. Phil is associated with the Lake Union Association and the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, does free lance boatography and runs a business called "Houseboats Only" which serves as a consultant on houseboat life.

CAROL McINNIS -- Carol has lived at 2822 Boyer on Portage Bay for 14 years. She came to Seattle in 1962 and this is her first time on the FHA Board. She is a sailboater, likes gardening and does consulting work at home. Carol has done her share of traveling including France and India.

PEGGY STOCKLEY -- Serving her 2nd year on the Board, Peggy has lived on the Texas Chuck Moorage at 2331 Fairview for 7 years. She's a Seattle native and grew up close to Portage Bay in Montlake, graduated from Garfield High and the UW. A free lance journalist and pr person, she has been writing most recently for the Lake Union Review. Houseboat life has turned her on to gardening and urban issues.

BILL KEASLER -- Serving his 9th term as FHA president, Bill has been a houseboater since 1969. An activist, he was trained in the "Terry Pettus School" and lives on the late Terry's old stomping grounds -- the Wandesford Dock. He was just elected president of Vision Seattle, serves on the Board of the Center for Wooden Boats and is a member of the Seaplane Coalition. Professionally, he is a computer engineer. His getaway relaxation is aboard his 30-foot sailboat, the "Wixer."

MIKE ROBERTS -- Mike is Vice President of the FHA and has lived at 2031 Fairview (the Jeffery Moorage) for 12 years. He has taught at the Off Campus High School since 1970. Raised in St. Louis, Missouri, Mike has lived in the Northwest 25 years. He likes salt water kayaking and hiking when he gets the chance. One of his goals is to avoid the "Dan Quayle Syndrome" and not make public statements.

JANN MCFARLAND -- Jann is a Trustee of the Floating Homes Association and lives at the Log Foundation Coop on Fairview. She's been involved in most of the houseboat community's fund-raising activities going back to the Pete Seeger concert. She's now working on the next FHA Auction set for December 2 at the Mountaineers.

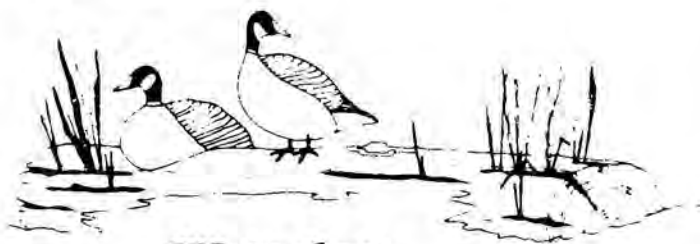
MARTY ALEXANDER -- Marty lives at 2466 on Westlake. People describe her as an issue-oriented and water-oriented person. She once commercial fished in Alaska and she likes to sail and race. At the moment, she and her husband are taking two months to circumnavigate Vancouver Island on their Olson 40 foot "Pusillanimous." If any of this is inaccurate it's because I didn't talk to her in person; she sailed away before I got the chance.

SUSAN SUSOR -- Susan lives on the only houseboat dock on the north side of Portage Bay at 1409 NE Boat Street. A Registered Nurse, she is Operating Room Supervisor at Valley General Hospital in Monroe which means a 30-mile commute daily. She married into the houseboat community 6 years ago. Originally from New York State, Susan first came to Seattle aboard a sailboat that had sailed here from Finland. A country girl at heart, she has found herself a 7x10 piece of "dirt" to grow vegetables and loves it.

BETH MEANS -- Beth has lived 15 years at 3125 Fairview, an old-fashioned moorage about 1/2 block south of the University Bridge. She is a Floating Homes Association Trustee and FHA rep to the Seattle Community Council Federation. Active in land use matters, she first became interested in upland issues and is a former president of the Eastlake Community Council. Born in Seattle, Beth writes books. Her latest, due out in November, is entitled: "Everything You Needed To Learn In High School About Writing But (a) You were in love (b) You weren't listening (c) They didn't tell you or (d) Anyone of the above." She also likes to golf, quilt and paint.

CONNIE JUMP -- Office Manager of the Floating Homes, Connie is also a Trustee. She lives at 2818 Boyer on Portage Bay with her 17-year-old Siamese cat, Mieke, and has since 1973. She grew up in Portland and lived in Europe in the early 70s. A Master Gardener through King County Extension, she does residential gardening and specializes in modifying gardens for the disabled. She is also office coordinator for the University Friends Meeting and likes to play the recorder.

ED WADDINGTON -- Ed is treasurer of the Floating Homes Association and has lived at 2339 Fairview on the Texas Chuck Moorage since 1975. He is a glaciologist with the University of Washington. Ed has traveled three times to Ellesmere Island in Arctic Canada to observe the glaciers. Born in Toronto, Canada, he enjoys classical music and his cat "Beezel."



Waterlog

by Sheri Lockwood

I hope you and your floating homes survived the Fourth of July fireworks and partying friends. If the revelers are still staying with you tell them the street gridlock should be coming to an end soon. The "Waterlog" would like to welcome some new docksters . . . apparently they were here before the Fourth. Charlie Ferguson is new on 2017 FV, Bill and Sue Alexander and their baby son are welcomed to 2025 FV, Mrs. Biddle has joined the community at 2822 Boyer and on 1409 Boat Street the new dock mates are Orrin and Barbara Vincent. This note from 2460 Inc.: "We would like to extend a warm welcome to our four new neighbors; Teresa Ward and Tom Monahan from Younquist's moorage, Ron Steward from Fairview, Mike McCrackin and Roseann Ursino from Portage Bay and last but not least Juliette Sauvage from "Limbo Land". We would also like to thank the Nesika Chuck Co-op for their assistance during this project. Our electricity finally meets city approval. Our shoreline park is finished and now we can get back to the peaceful lifestyle we all enjoy."

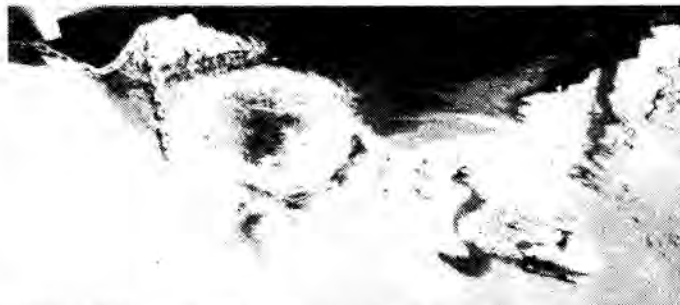
Leaving the Nest:

New grads head for college: Jason Graham (2235 FV) will be attending Tufts in Boston; Mark Hazlett (2466 FV) will be at USC; Jenny Hansen (2025 FV) plans to attend Santa Cruz College; Jennifer Donnette (2031 FV) is UW-bound; Claude Grove (2019 FV) has picked Willamette University; and Jayson Loghry (2019 FV) is off to Eastern Washington University.

Wildlife (aside from the Fourth of July and the Bastille day luau at the Fairview "Log Foundation"):

Ellen and Steve Hanson (2025 FV) and Sheri Lockwood (2235 FV) have late blooming ducklings that should hatch in mid-July on their decks . . . the heron that frequents the little Shelby Street end park has a companion, it's hard to tell if it's a mate or offspring but they're pretty spectacular when they fly by in tandem . . . there's still a big sea lion in Portage Bay, a raccoon sneaks in Linda Knutson's (2235 FV) window to eat her cat Phoebe's cat food. Phoebe doesn't seem to mind but it makes Linda a little nervous . . . the beaver seem to be making themselves scarce, they'll probably return when we take the chicken

wire off our trees . . . Jewelle Zylstra gave up half her lawn (2239-41 FV) to the 8 adult and 22 baby Canadian geese that moved in this spring. In gratitude (?) they left her a solitary egg in the middle of the lawn---yes, it's big and almost a robin's egg blue . . . Sandy Musslewhite (2239 FV) played midwife to a Mallard mother who nested in a hanging basket on the Musslewhite's deck, even providing a rubber raft beneath so that when the day came to exit the nest, the ducklings would have a soft landing.



Dockmates were stunned when Allen Hunt (Shelby St.) was seriously hurt in a car accident in May. He and Kirvil are vital and well-loved neighbors. Everyone is grateful they are recovering . . . William Elmer, 8, (2351 FV) won 1st place in the Nordstrom's essay contest "Why My Mom's the Best". The essay mentioned that he loved his mom's (Jean's) hugs and he illustrated it with a sculpture of a "Jean-William" hug. He won a \$50 gift certificate, lunch at Benjamin's and \$100 worth of cosmetics for mom -- is Jean proud? . . . Bob Lilly (2331 FV) had his face in the New York Times recently and not because he was reading the morning paper. He was pictured in a piece about The Herbfarm in Fall City where he is Nursery Manager.

Anchors Aweigh:

Ann Helmholtz (2770 WL) took a 10-day canoe trip to the Boundary Waters in Minnesota. She portaged 4 lakes, hiked, fought off giant mosquitos and nearly invisible "no-see-ums" and had a great time . . . Laurie Kinnerk (2339-41 FV) visited Hawaii . . . Pat Fay (2339-41 FV) is working on movie locations with Steven Spielberg in Montana . . . Barb Walkover and daughter Lily (2235 FV) visited friends in Boston . . . Debbie Boyer's houseboat flower garden was featured on the Ed Hume Show on TV July 16, she and her family, George Yeannakis and daughter Thea, will also dine with Jeff Smith "The Frugal Gourmet" and other local celebs soon. This was a Rape Relief Auction item, not that George and Debbie aren't celebrities in their own right. Their fellow docksters eagerly await the next performance of the "Liz Taylor Thighs Water Ballet Ensemble" . . . Maylon Harold (2239-41 FV) is competing in the World Kayak Championships in Savage River, Maryland, in the slalom kayak division. Elizabeth "Boo" Hayman, who used to live on the dock is also competing in the downriver competition . . . Dave Galvin and Jack Sprulock (2019 FV)

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climbed Mr. Rainier in June. It was Dave's 4th and Jack's 2nd trek to the summit. . . Chris Eaton and friend did the STP (Seattle to Portland bike ride) in June. Clay passed on the event this year -- maybe he's not over the hill though . . .

More Traveling Docksters:

Deri and Ski Sherensky (2019 FV) are visiting their daughter Jill in France . . . Robert Fulghum (2019 FV), best-selling author, has returned from a 50-city tour to promote his book "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" . . . Bob Burke and Blair Robbins (2017 FV) drove 6000 miles in 3 weeks visiting the SW (Dinosaur Nat'l Monument, the Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde), across to California and up the coast. Blair's 12 year old dog Gyda died recently, she is featured in Blair's drawing for the August illustration in the Floating Home calendar. She was a sweet dog and a dock favorite, everyone misses her . . . (2017 FV) Bob and Dot Humber regularly drive down for Puerto Vallarta vacations, this year they continued on to Guatemala, they said it was wonderful and it seems like their VW Jetta is holding up . . . Linda Knight and son Chris (2025 FV) visited friends in Texas - now Chris is off to lacrosse camp . . . Sid and Jann McFarland (2025 FV) visited Sun Valley, Idaho, in June . . . Jane Evanson (2025 FV) met up with family for a reunion in the San Juans . . . Sheri Lockwood visited friends in Greenwich Village in May . . . Sue Drum (2219 FV) the ex-patriot dockster now living in Hawaii returns to visit dock neighbors in July . . . Brigitte Erickson (2025 FV) and children Eva and Alex are visiting family in Europe -- Peter is batching it . . . Tom Stockley (2231 FV) visited Barcelona in May and joined six wine writers from around the U.S. to explore northern Spain's wine district . . . Ti Tice (2331 FV) recently rafted the Colorado River. Housesitting for him were Todd and Linda Pulliam, a couple visiting here on their way back from 2 1/2 years in China where they taught at Xian Institute of Metallurgy and Construction Engineering. Many fascinating stories to hear as you walked by them on the dock . . . Florence Yerxa, also from the Tenas Chuck Moorage at 2331 FV, returned July 4th from another stint as advisor to Western Washington University's traveling seminar entitled "Spring Quarter in Greece." On her way home she visited her son, Rufus, in Geneva where he is a U.S. trade representative. Her arrival over Seattle coincided with the fireworks. "I flew over Lake Union," says Florence, "and thought the show was for my homecoming."

Flotsom and Jetsam:

Nesika Chuck and 2460 Co-op welcomed 4 new houseboats to their dock at a party held at Michael McCrackin's. Famed for his BBQ chicken, Michael is building a new houseboat and the event was on his deckThe



Elizabeth Sloss samples some of Michael McCrackin's BBQ chicken at welcoming party.

Photo by Phil H. Webber

20th Annual Bastille Day Luau/Pig Roast was held July 15th. There was band music, sangria, punch, T-shirts by Becker Design and a roast pig, of course. This year's event came on the 200th Anniversary of the actual storming of the Bastille . . . 2770 WL neighbors are building themselves a new dock, it's a cooperative effort and nearing completion . . . Marty and Dave Gardner sailed past their old dock one evening not long ago and were surprised to receive a "Lunar salute" from one of their ex dock neighbors . . . Jean Elmer and I were discussing the theft of a little Japanese bridge that connected a neighbor's deck to the dock. We decided that someone who could afford a Japanese garden probably wouldn't steal the little bridge. I said, "But what it behind him . . . " Speaking of thefts (watta great segue) Kathy Lynch (2017 FV) has provided us with a condensed version of the most important checkpoints mentioned in the Block Watch Meeting held in June. All 17 who attended had been victims. Especially stressed were 1) Calling the police about any theft or anything suspicious. The police patrol more when there are a lot of complaints, and 2) Talking about thefts and suspicious behavior with your neighbors so they know what is going on and can be on the alert too. The Block Watch has been very successful in diminishing crime rates. Either Kathy Lynch (324-6463) or Art Hemenway (323-2143) can be called for more information. Thanks to Kathy and Art!

I'm always looking for news and don't have a contact person for every dock so if you have news, gossip, information, or cheers you think should be passed along, please call. My number is 322-4536. Meanwhile, the sun is here and the best part of houseboat living is about to begin . . . ENJOY!

