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Portage Bay Saved As Is

by Bill Keasler

In August, the Seattle Hearing Examiner sent the University of Washington back to the drawing board to develop a new plan for the north shore of Portage Bay. The Hearing Examiner's decision effectively stops, at least for the immediate future, the looming eviction of the six houseboats at the foot of University Way and represents a major

victory for the residents and businesses of the area in their thirty year battle to save their neighborhood.

This time last year, the prospects of such an outcome seemed bleak. The University's General Physical Development Plan proposed replacing all current uses along the quarter mile of waterfront eastward of 15th Avenue East, including

the houseboats, the Jensen Motorboat Company and several marinas and marine related businesses, with a concrete causeway along the water, a "day only" moorage for less than 200 boats, and a wall of 85 foot buildings along the shoreline. The plan also contemplated closing the streets to the public and "gating" the area in a manner similar to the rest of the campus.

In spite of widespread public outcry, by last fall, the University had found no reason to change the plans it had been hatching for the last decade. City Hall was offering no opposition. The University already owned most of the property in the area due to a spate of questionable condemnation proceedings back in the 1960s. It needed only to resolve a few details before it could proceed: It had to take control of the public streets and it had to tame or remove the Jensens, the only remaining property owners left on the waterfront.

Taking on the Jensens proved to be a big mistake. The Jensen family has operated a boatbuilding business in the area since 1927. Anchor Jensen and his son, Dewitt, have declared they have no intention of selling a family tradition



photo by Chris Sherman

SIGH OF RELIEF! The wonderful mix of marine-related businesses on Portage Bay's north shore, including the six houseboats on Boat Street, have won a reprieve from UW expansion.

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going back generations. When the University tried to squeeze them out by attempting to close the streets around them, they hired attorney Peter Eglick and began to fight back. They also pumped hope, money and organizational skill into their surrounding neighborhood, including the people living on those six floating homes.

Despair still gripped the houseboaters, however. The University, after all, did own their dock and had maintained for years it was only a matter of time before they were evicted. Even if the Jensens won, the University would surely roll over the houseboaters with its grandiose plan. They finally asked the Floating Homes Association for help.

The Association felt that some pressure from the state legislature might augment the local community opposition and the first rate legal case Eglick was building against the street vacations. A few members of the Executive Committee remembered when the University was poised to eliminate the same houseboat dock back in the 1970s. Back then, an appeal to the legislature aimed at the University's budget produced remarkable results. With a similar tack in mind, the Association persuaded the Jensens and the local community to hire a lobbyist, Michael Doctor, for the 1991 session.

Doctor set about to generally raise the legislature's awareness of the devastating impact the University's plan would have on the unique Portage Bay shoreline. Close to the end of the session, Doctor was able to set up a meeting between community representatives, University Executive Vice President Talman Trask and a number of legislators, including Sen. Janice Neimi and Reps Cal Anderson and Jesse Wineberry from the 43rd District, where the area is located.

The meeting in Olympia was tense. The legislators were especially concerned about the proposed street vacations. Trask refused to consider any change in plans. By the end of the meeting, Anderson and Wineberry, in particular, were visibly upset with Trask's unwillingness to discuss alternatives. Unfortunately, by then, it was too late to do much about the situation directly. Both Wineberry and Anderson, however, told the community groups that they would testify against the University at the upcoming city hearing on the street vacations.

For months, Eglick's office had been preparing a case on behalf of the Jensens and in opposition to the street vacations which would strangle their business. Until the meeting in Olympia, Seattle's Department of Construction and Land Use, which is responsible for making the city's recommendations to the Hearing Examiner regarding street vacations and the land use impacts of the University's plan, had been firmly supportive of the entire scheme. The fireworks in Olympia, however, seemed to get the Department's attention. Director Dennis McLerran became personally interested in the case and the arguments in Eglick's brief were finally examined with the care they deserved. By mid-summer it was announced that the city would oppose the street vacations and the southwest campus portion of the plan pending a public process to seriously review the alternatives. After the hearing in August, the Hearing Examiner decided it agreed with the city and denied the street vacations, effectively sending the University back to the drawing board.

Since the hearing, the public process which will be used to review the University's next proposal has been taking shape. The Jensens and the other business along the north Portage Bay shoreline will remain for the immediate future. Even the six floating homes on the University's dock have been told they are secure for the next couple years, at least. The residents figure that's an improvement over the month to month existence they've endured recently. The war isn't over, but a major battle has been won.

SHERI

NEW OFFICE MANAGER: Sheri Gotay came aboard in late spring and plunged right into the completion of our FHA membership data base. Into her second year as a student in the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington, she needed part-time, flexible employment that would jibe with her ever-changing class schedule and we needed her kind of expertise. (A win-win situation). Prior to grad school, Sheri was administrative assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Business & Finance in the Seattle Community College office. She has lived for 10 years at Houseboat Harbor on Portage Bay. After roughly six months on the job, she likes it and the FHA likes her. (By the way, her predecessor at FHA, Ynema Reeves, who moved to Oregon, gave birth in August to a "big & beautiful" 8 lb. 5 oz. daughter, Ariana Emily.)



photo by Phil H. Webber

Court of Appeals Ponders Portage Bay Offices

Council Considers Corrective Legislation

By Bill Keasler

When the Floating Homes and the Eastlake Community Council lost their appeal of a city permit to allow a non-water dependant four-story office building on the south shore of Portage Bay in Thurston County Superior Court last year, they decided to press their case to both the City Council and the appellate court system. Some progress has been made on both fronts, and Dally Development's undocumented claim to have secured a water dependant use for the ground floor is starting to unravel.

The FHA and ECC first appealed the proposed development between the University and Freeway bridges because the developer's arrangement with the Pocock Rowing Foundation seemed tenuous at best and because they could produce no binding provision for adequate parking. Allowing a four storey office building with no water dependant use and no parking would have set a precedent with the potential to dramatically change the face of the lake. Unfortunately, the building department, the Hearing Examiner and the court all chose to allow the building on the basis of a quirk in the language of the Shorelines Master Program (SMP). The FHA/ECC has taken the position that this language not only conflicts with policies set forth in the overriding State Shorelines Management Act but even with the intent of the City Council when they were drafting the SMP. In other words, we feel, and Council transcripts and letters of the time seem to confirm, that the current language must have been a mistake.

Oral arguments in the case were heard by the State Court of Appeals on September 17 and a decision could come

down, "anytime between three months and a year from now," according to FHA/ECC attorney Peter Eglick. Eglick feels very strongly about the case and has been very generous with his time during the appeals process. Like any experienced attorney, however, he has learned not to predict the sometimes random outcome of appellate cases.

Meanwhile, the FHA and ECC have submitted unambiguous language to require water dependant uses in shorelines office buildings to the City Council. Councilman Jim Street, while carefully avoiding admitting he made a mistake drafting the SMP in 1987, has accepted our new language and has submitted it to DCLU for review and for incorporating into a bill which will be considered by the council after the budget process, probably in December. Chances of this legislation eventually passing into law are considered to be very good. While the law should have a chilling effect on new attempts to build shoreline offices around the lake, it will unfortunately have little effect on the Dally permit.

However, the development may be in trouble from a different direction. All summer, the Pocock Rowing Foundation has been hinting to the FHA and ECC that they would like help finding some location acceptable to both organizations elsewhere on the lake. Understandably, the community groups have been a little reluctant to engage in a dialog with an opposing party to a lawsuit. Finally, the Pocock Foundation released a copy of a letter to Dally confirming that their "agreement is terminated without further obligation of either party." Now, since Dally can't even claim a feeble connection with a water dependant use, it is not clear the they will be able to occupy the building even if they construct it.

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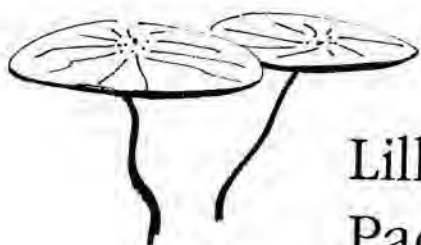
**Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.
Thursday 1-5 p.m.**

In the "Begging for Donated Items" section of this issue we ask for one of those steno stands, something to hold papers alongside your typewriter or terminal. Preferably, a 17" wide one that holds a computer printout. Call Sheri at the FHA office, 325-1132, or leave a message.

As she refines the FHA membership data base, Sheri needs to identify one houseboater on every moorage to monitor and update the demographics. If you are interested, call her (or leave a message) at 325-1132.

PRE-HOLIDAY SALE!

The ever-popular assortment of floating homes merchandise (t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.) will be available for sale December 7-8 and 14-15 at the Floating Homes office, 2329 Fairview Ave. E. Call the office at 325-1132 for info.



Lilly Pad

by Bob Lilly

(ed. note: Bob Lilly (2331 FV) has lived on his houseboat on the Tenas Chuck Moorage for over 20 years and knows what works in a garden afloat and what doesn't. Professionally, he's with Charles Wilson Company, brokers and sales reps for perennials for growers.

Well folks, it's fall and time for the police clippers to make the rounds of our potted plants. Clean-up is in order. Once the rains start, things will get a little messy — start to remove tired annuals and keep old flowers picked off; if we have an Indian summer, there will be a few more blooms on your geraniums and other annuals.

After September 15th, your house plants should be in the house. It may seem early but the night temperature fluctuations can harm some plants like begonias and ferns. We need to watch for pests on the plants we bring in for winter. My hibiscus have white fly and I will have to wait for a light frost to kill them. It won't hurt some plants like hibiscus, scented geraniums, Verbena, rosemary, thyme and bay trees. Scale can be a problem too. Just brush off with soap and water. They can travel to your other house plants!

There is new color for your pots available at the nurseries and it's time to re-plant your pots that look tired or "Geese-worn." Pansies make a good fall pot and will bloom as long as it isn't freezing. I always pot as full as I can cram them. It keeps the cats from being cats. You can pot bulbs under pansies for a great surprise in the spring but do this as soon as possible. They need to root in well before cold weather or a heavy freeze will kill them outright.

The other choices are cabbage and kale which will last until about Feb. 1st when Mother Nature turns them into either ice cubes or mush — a bad recipe for cole-slaw! Chrysanthemums will give you great color for about 3 to 4 weeks from when they first start to open so get a few now but wait for a later crop so they last longer.

So clean up as the plants get fatty and ratty, send the waste to the compost and start reading catalogs and plan your gardens for next year.

RECYCLE

Do you wonder if you can recycle a particular item or not? Have you wanted to sign up for recycling pickup but not gotten around to it? Like to sign up for Clean Green yard waste pickup? (Yes, houseboat docks are eligible!) Interested for yourself or as a dock?

Julia Forbes (2339 FV) is a "Friend of Recycling" volunteer - a program sponsored by the Seattle Solid Waste Utility to assist and promote greater recycling through neighbor-to-neighbor contact and education. Being a houseboater, she is aware of some of our special needs and problems. Julia is available to answer any questions on the phone or in person. If you wish to organize a dock group meeting, she will come and discuss your recycling issues. She can sign you up for recycling pickup or help you get started in the Clean Green program. She has many informative brochures on a whole range of topics put out by Seattle Solid Waste.

Questions about any aspect of recycling are welcomed and if she doesn't have the answer she will help find it. Call her at 322-5054.



Slippery Deck?

Diana & Bill Forman (1213 Shelby) have the latest tip in our growing folklore of how to keep goose poop to a minimum. They had a small float beside their house that attracted geese so much it had begun to draw flies and wrinkle noses. They added a water sprinkler to the float and when the geese invaded they switched that hummer on. In no time, the geese began avoiding the place. Now they're plagued with curious observers, asking "Pardon me, ah . . . why are you watering the lake?" (Landlubbers, tsk, they'll never understand)

We Need Your Help!**ALL NEW HOUSEBOATERS GOURMET SCRAPBOOK**

Here's what you've all been waiting for — a chance to contribute to the Floating Homes Association in a BIG WAY with little effort and lots of fun! We are going to publish a new cookbook and we're beginning to collect those characteristic RECIPES and TALL TALES that made the last cookbook such a success. The original Seattle Houseboater's Gourmet Scrapbook of recipes and Tall Tales was such a success that we don't have any more of them. (Jann McFarlane and Beth Means get the credit for that one).

We want the cookbook to focus on "houseboat" recipes and stories that reflect the wonderful community in which we live. Like a small village, our houseboat community has a way of life, its own festivals and rituals and even a "language" of docks, floats, stringers which are an intimate part of the vocabulary of daily living here.

Though we're just beginning the project and the organization of the book has not been decided, there will be a section about wine by our resident expert, Tom Stockley. Tall tales & photos of great houseboat parties and dining experiences (we know there are lots) will add flavor to our cookbook.

So, you know what we need and you know what your talents are — please contribute. The time frame for the project is loose at this point but we're shooting to have the book ready by next fall (maybe in conjunction with a tour). Send your recipes and/or tales to Nancy Macdonald, 323-2059 (home) or 448-6400 (work pager) by December 1. If you can help in any other way, call Marty Alexander at 281-0927 (home) or 622-5117 (work); or Peggy & Tom Stockley, 329-7973.

AUDIENCE NEEDED FOR KAYAKER CAROLLERS

The annual Christmas carolling benefit for the Seattle Children's Home will take place on December 15, 16, 17 & 18 (barring sudden snow storms). Each year the Northwest Outdoor Center recruits about 30 carollers per night, led by Seattle bass vocalist Norman Smith, to serenade some of Lake Union's residents by kayak. The carollers each pay \$15.00 to participate of which \$10.00 is given to the Seattle Children's Home. Kayaks and carollers are easy to find but a good audience is worth a hundred hot toddies. If you and a few of your friends would be willing to step outside to listen, they'd love to paddle by and belt out a few tunes (they even provide song sheets). If you are interested in organizing a reception committee, please call Bill Stewart at NWOC at 281-9694.

We've been discovered — again!

Nothing new. Every so often, now & then (more all the time), someone stumbles into the floating home community on Lake Union or Portage Bay.

"Wow! This is great." (Hum-do) We know that.

No, these aren't our weekend getaways. These are our year-round homes. No, we usually don't have garages or even a reserved parking

spot. Often we just grab the nearest spot — down the street or wherever. Yes, we're on city sewers. No, we don't have rats. Yes, we feel motion when a boat speeds by faster than 8 knots. No, it's not damp. Yes, it's great not to have to mow lawns, etc. etc. etc..

Increasingly, the national and world media is curious about Seattle's houseboat community. The Floating Homes Association wants to coordinate a

response that gives a fair picture. It's important to illustrate the diversity within the houseboat community both in people and architectural style and to share the colorful history.

Houseboater & FHA Trustee Phil Webber is coordinating this response. Please let Phil know if you are willing to be interviewed or to have your houseboat photographed. His number is 282-2423.

Annual Meeting



POLITICS

City Councilman Jim Street responds to a question from the audience at the annual meeting of the Floating Homes Association while FHA president Bill Keasler lends an attentive ear and an intense gaze.

HIS BEAT!

Sgt. Dan Beste from the Harbor Police Unit of the Seattle Police Department, updated the FHA annual meeting crowd on the unit's role in patrolling the docks, shores and waterways of our floating community. Emergency calls should go to 9-1-1. Other, less urgent calls should go to 684-4071.



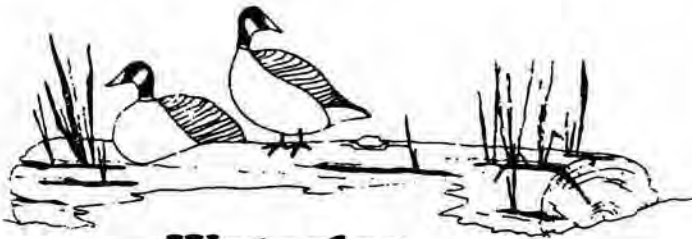
photos by Phil H. Webber

DNR Wins State Leases Appeal

For almost a year, a rumor has been circulating around the lake that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had lost a suit over whether they had a right to lease land between the Inner and Outer Harbor Lines in Seattle. The rumor, in fact, was true. However, DNR has just won a reversal of the earlier Superior Court decision on appeal to the State Supreme Court. The suit probably explains why DNR has not been particularly aggressive lately in its pursuit of leases. On the other hand, the Supreme Court decision renders the whole thing moot.

The issues in the case were quite complex and revolved around the right of an adjacent property owner to access

navigable water across leased land. Draper Machine Works on Salmon Bay claimed in 1980 that DNR did not have the right to lease such land and that, as the adjacent property owner, it had a "right of access" which allowed it to occupy the (admittedly state owned) area with its moorage slips. Draper finally won in 1990 and was even awarded 3 years' back rent. The Supreme Court, among many other determinations, ruled that it did not make much sense to allow building on state land yet at the same time not allow rents to be collected. The Court remanded the case back to the Superior Court to determine just how much Draper now owes the state.



Waterlog

by Sheri Lockwood

Well, summer was a late-bloomer if not a sleeper. It popped in on the 4th of July to get our hopes up and every floatable device imaginable down on the waves only to take those rainy naps through August. Luckily, though a late riser, the season seems to be an insomniac as well leaving us with an unexpected mightily appreciated scorcher of a September. And, October's not bad ... a little fog in the morning but beautiful sun in the afternoon.

WELCOME ABOARD

Summer brought us some new neighbors. Jeri Callahan on *Texas Chuck* (2331 FV) moved all of ten yards across the dock from "C" to "K" while Art was still replacing stringers on "K". The new owner of "C" is Marc Jamison, who you might see driving the *Monorail* or playing drums (his real passion) with the *Washington Scottish Pipe Band* and the *Coupe d'Ville* rock band ... 2822 *Boyer* welcomes Frank and Mary Kloss, Kit and Colleen Taylor and Cathy Moeller ... also apologies are in order for listing Jeff and Bette

Brown as new houseboaters in our last issue. They are on my oldest list of docksters, having lived afloat for over 18 years but they're welcomed aboard anyway ... New on 2460 *Inc./Nesika Chuck* on *Westlake* are Bruce Dietz, Phil Hall and Marty Taylor. As Marty Alexander and Phil Webber already live there, it sounds like they're partial to new neighbors with

familiar names ... Scott and David are new neighbors on 1409 *Boat Street*, we're not on formal enough terms for last names yet.

SAILING, SAILING

Seems as if everyone went North to Canada and maybe they're still out there ... I can't seem to find anyone home ... Bill & Celia Fritz (*Mallard Cove*) were sailing aboard "*Sine Die*" on *Desolation Sound* in August ... Jim & Carol Goble (*Mallard Cove*) were in the *Gulf Islands* aboard "*Accounts Payable*" in August and saw a pod of seven whales near *Turn Point*. Hearing their chuffing and spouting was nearly as thrilling as seeing them ... Laurie Balistrieri and Richard Blank (2207 FV) sailed the *San Juans* in September ... Barb & Dane LeFebvre and neighbors John & Sally MacDonald (DOX) also sailed the *Gulf Islands* ... Mike Myers & Carol Huff-Flagg sailed with four other boats for three weeks in *Desolation Sound*. They even allowed a last minute "stinkpotter" in their midst. He joined their party at the last

moment and by the end of the trip went from stranger to fast friend belying the "evil power boater" myth. All of these folks enjoyed the "*Sunshine Coast*" reputation, others of us learned why they call it *Desolation Sound*. The week before *Labor Day* featured hurricane warnings, 7 foot seas, 40 knot gales, 9 inches of rain in one day, power outages and washed-out roads on land — worst storm since 1978.

Maxine & Larry

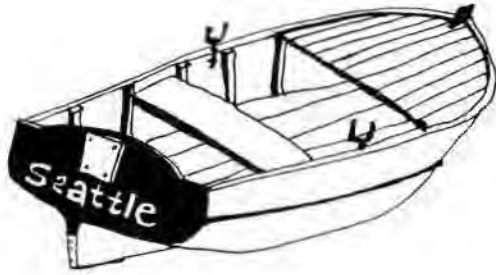
Baily (*Roanoke Reef*) aboard "*Shingebas*" cruised *Vancouver Island* for 3 months. Their anemometer blew off when it hit 102. Sheri Lockwood (2235 FV) and Leslie Rubicam (2025 FV) flew to *Refuge Cove* for 9 days of sailing with 6 other friends on two boats. The first and last day



photo by Chris Sherman

Co-chair of "Pick-A-Pound" Marty Alexander nets a positive catch. His name is Seth Reeves, son of former Floating Homes Association office manager Ynema Reeves. Seth was all over the Lake on cleanup day.

Waterlog continued...



featured sun, the rest they endured as "yellow people" encased in rain gear but grateful to be a little dry. The alternative was to go below and get seasick as one chose to do.

SPLICE THE MAIN BRACE

Festivities feature a wild and woolly Fourth with spectacular displays by Ivar's and Fratelli's ... 1214 Hamlin was the site of an unusual birthday party. Polly & Rick Pratt hosted a "50th" for their classic 36' wooden ketch "Sans Souci". Special guests included Anchor Jensen of Jensen Motor Boats and "Save Portage Bay As It Is" (as opposed to the way the UDub thinks it should be) and Gary Copeland of Spokane who designed many of the Hamlin houseboats ... Jean Bakken's tenants (2239-41 FV) held a party for her when she visited from NYC. She hopes to move back home in the spring ... The 9-month-old tradition of wine tasting on Mallard Cove moves in October to the home of Carol & Jim Goble ... Lee Lange & Melanie Hester, formerly (2219-35 FV) visited ex-neighbors from their new digs on Henry Island in the San Juans. They were here to attend the wedding of Lee's son, Jeff, also a former 2219-35er ... Peggy & Tom Stockley (Tenas Chuck) held a get-acquainted party for Margaret Pageler who is running for Seattle City Council ... the annual Bastille Day Pig Roast on Log Foundation was



photo by Chris Sherman

Del Langton and June Fauchald heft a derelict piece of junk into Nortie & June's handy dandy truck known affectionately as "Herbie".

July 13. This year's theme was "Dancing with Pigs." It featured the traditional pit-roasted pig and Sid McFarland's quick-becoming-a-tradition marinated, barbecued salmon. The Marc Bristol Band provided entertainment ... a welcome home brunch was held at Mike Myers & Carol Huff-Flagg's for Barb Walkover and daughter Lily who spent a year on the East Coast, Julian Besag who spent a year in England and visited Australia, and for Peter Howard & Zella Jeannette who spent 8 months and 15,000 miles touring Mexico in their pop-top VW van ... The whole dock at 1409 Boat St. had a cordial dinner meeting with Dean Ross Heath of Oceanography and Fisheries at the UW to discuss expansion plans and how the houseboats can fit in ... neighbors on DOX (2219-35 FV) got together again for a weekend garage sale in August ... Thea Yeannakis planned a "kids" party for her 5th birthday this month but she also hand-delivered invitations to her older friends for a pizza party the next day. I guess one doesn't mind being considered one of the "older" friends when one is being compared with five year olds.

ANCHORS AWEIGH

Dixie Pintler (2812 WL) went back to Michigan for her 40th high school reunion in September ... Burain & Robert of Sandeberg (Mallard Cove) dove with the sting rays in the Cayman Islands and visited Estonia a month before independence in July ... Tim Easton & Andrea Weiland (2025 FV) visited the Soviet Union pre-coup ... Laurie Balistrieri (2207 FV) did field work in September in Cocodrie, south of New Orleans. The fun part was visiting Bourbon Street in the "Big Easy" although the temperature was 95-100 degrees and the humidity was 100 too ... Peg Boley (2818 Boyer) spent 2 1/2 weeks on a buying trip in Europe. One of her business associates provided dinner in a 12th century castle in France ... Peggy & Tom Stockley spent a week in Edmonton, Alberta, with time split between her relatives, the famous West Edmonton Mall, beautiful Banff & Lake Louise and several major Canadian strikes. Back home, Tom was off to California to judge wines in Sonoma ... Caroline Cropp (DOX) & Jeri Callahan (Tenas Chuck) cruised along the Inside Passage from Vancouver to Juneau aboard the Holland American Line. Highlight was a hike up Deer Mountain in Ketchikan on a rare sunny day ... Judy Stoloff (DOX) took part in the San Juan Island Bike-a-thon in September ... Bob Anderson & Angela Paez (Tenas Chuck) climbed Mt. Adams (12,300 ft.), Glacier Peak (10,500 ft.) and Mt. Shuksan (9,100 ft.) this summer and plan to climb El Pico de Orizaba (18,900 ft.), the highest of Mexico's volcanos, in December ... Florence Yerxa (Tenas Chuck) spent time with her son, Rufus, and his family in Switzerland and then went to the island of Skyros in Greece — a special place she returns to every year.

KNOTS TIED

Patt Willard & Bill Beirut (Mallard Cove) were married in September aboard the Lake Union ferry "Skansonia" ... Liz Toelle & Tim Bohlin (Tenas Chuck) were married in June at Chateau Ste Michelle and took a later-in-the-summer honey-

moon trip to Yellowstone ... Terry McCory & Kathleen Henry (Boat Street) were wed this summer but have since moved away ... Also married this summer were Marcia Tobin & Kris Salzer (2420 WL). Marcia has taken back her maiden name — Caldirola.



photo by Chris Sherman

JOIN US! Chris & Kathy Sherman work the membership table at the FHA's annual meeting on April 9 at Tyee Yacht Club.

WILDLIFE

A muskrat and beaver have been showing up mid-Fairview and the turtles are still in the area ... Demonstrating (in the dead of night) the latest dance steps on Peggy & Tom Stockley's skylight was Tenas Chuck's raccoon family.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Janelle Jones (daughter of Theresa & Kay Jones, Mallard Cove) began classes at the US Air Force Academy this fall ... Don Brownlee (3118 PBPL), UW astronomer, was honored by the Intl. Astronomical Union in July when they approved naming an asteroid after him. There are about 4000 asteroids and about 1000 of them have been given names. Names for asteroids are recommended by the discoverer and the IAU approves them. Don's asteroid, oddly enough named "Brownlee", was discovered in 1984 from Mt. Palomar Observatory and is 10 km in width ... 2239-41 FV officially went condo on Sept. 25. Luckily, through some house swapping we still have Jewel Bergan-Brumbaugh as a neighbor. She threw an engagement party for her daughter, Brooke, who will be marrying Norwegian fisherman Roar Aarskog soon and hosted a visit from her son, Kurt, who came up from California to attend his 10th high school reunion. She also shared with me a great article in a Pennsylvania newspaper magazine about a small community of houseboats there. Their struggle to stay in existence sounded hauntingly familiar ... Martha Farish (Tenas Chuck) is moving enthusiastically into her new job as Western Regional Director for the Public TV Outreach Alliance ... Langston

Tabor of Tenas Chuck beat out three other challengers in the primary and has a shot at unseating incumbent, Jack Block, for the #1 position on the Port Commission. Langston has lived on the lake for 21 years and has his electrical contracting business on Fairview ... Diana & Bill Forman (1213 Shelby) have had their house turned the wrong way for 8 to 9 months while it was being worked on and are glad to have it facing right again ... some houseboaters at the south end of Fairview are thinking an expanded "Blockwatch" may be in order next summer. One drinking party ended in a near drowning and transients have been setting up home in Terry Pettus Park. Their last "Blockwatch" attempt had one watch captain for the whole block of Fairview up to Pete's Super. They were unaware that other docks had formed watches with a captain for every dock. While the problem will ease with the rainy weather, perhaps some coordinating should be attempted next summer ... Thanks to Charlie Davidson, known around Tenas Chuck as "Alaska Charlie," docksters had the pleasure of meeting two different sets of Soviets this summer. Charlie, who works as a longshoreman in Kodiak, met up with the Russians aboard two ships beginning a 3-month expedition to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the 1741 voyage of two Russian frigates to the West Coast of the United States. When they came down to Seattle, Charlie was here to show them around. More glasnot on Tenas Chuck: Two Soviet women who were in the United States under the auspices of United Way to study American charities came to Jan Knudsen's houseboat. Jan is United Way of King County's liaison to The Boeing Company. One woman was a psychologist who represented the fledgling Moscow Charity Movement and the other was from the Moscow City Council. Seeing Seattle's united response to the needy must have been amazing to the two women who come from Moscow where one lone center serves all of the city's 9 million residents ... Finally, after years of being in the way, crowding boats and people and otherwise prompting bad language, the pilings blocking access to the tiny channel between DOX and 2331-41 FV were removed on July 31st. Hallelujah! It only took years of persistence and the Department of Natural Resources ... Neighbors are rooting for Peter Loomis (1213 Shelby) as he determinedly takes to the docks with his walker to gain strength in his legs. It takes courage and heart but he's special and fellow docksters applaud him.

Time to wrap this edition of the Waterlog up, go laze in the October sun and think of how fast the holiday season is approaching. That'll stop your heart!

Make sure your dock is represented in the next Waterlog. Call Sherri Lockwood at 322-4536 or better yet, put it in writing and send it to her, care of the FHA office, 2329 Fairview Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98102.

Join the Association Today!

Help Preserve and Protect Floating Homes

Behold our latest Membership Form, useful for signing up the first time, renewing, or donating scads of tax-deductible money to your favorite community organization. Because of a lapse in sending out renewal notices during the past few years, by the end of last year our ranks of paid-up members had shrunk to an alarmingly low level. This year, we've undertaken a drive to correct the problem. Why? Credibility and finances. The Association gets results on such efforts as the Right of First Refusal legislation and the saving of the Boat Street houseboats because we are perceived to represent you, the residents of the lake. That claim lacks credibility if our membership list is much shorter than the total number of houseboats. We also lack credibility if we're broke. Lobbying and legal battles tend to be expensive. So snip out this form and send it in today. Then we'll be credible, solvent — and thankful.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Help preserve and protect Seattle's colorful houseboat colony.
Join the Floating Homes Association today!

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ HB#: _____

PHONE: _____ Condo/CoOp Name: _____

Houseboat: Own Rent Regular Household \$36 New
Moorage: Own Rent Retired Household \$24 Renewal

The Association's Legal Fund needs your support also. Donations of \$50 or more are tax deductible! Make your SEPARATE check payable to SCCCF/FHA and mail today!

I have enclosed \$ _____ for the FHA Legal Fund.

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