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Happy Holidays

OUR FOURTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRUISE SET FOR WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20TH: When this NEWS LETTER reaches you there will still be a few days in which to buy (if you haven't already done so) your tickets for the Christmas Cruise which has become something of a holiday tradition in our watery community. Many will make it a double-barrelled evening by having dinner at the RIVIERA shoreside restaurant, the embarkation point for the SIGHTSEER. Again this year, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Meyers are offering their prime rib dinner at the special cruise price of \$3.50. (You save a buck.) Make dinner reservations early by calling EA 5-5744.

On that evening (Wednesday, that is) the lovely CHRISTMAS SHIP will be returning to Lake Union about 8:30 for a 25-minute slow cruise around the shorelands with carols and music. In addition the SANTA CLAUS SHIP will be in the vicinity prior to the traditional Christmas party at the Queen City Yacht Club. You can be sure that those aboard the SIGHTSEER will have a grandstand seat, so to speak, for both of these "performances".

If everyone finishes dinner on time and/or can pry themselves away from the Monaco Room (where Elaine Britt will be entertaining later in the evening), Captain Don Moss will ease the SIGHTSEER away from the pier at 8 p.m. During the next two hours we will do what we want to do and go where we want to go, but will, of course, visit our moorages and floating homes which we hope will have a festive holiday air. Tickets this year are \$2.50 each including refreshments and this will include some very special hot mulled cider as well as coffee and other goodies.

Mrs. Gladys Mattson is Chairman of the Cruise Committee. Other members are Merla Jones and Richard Stauff. The Committee has these suggestions: (1) Why not give your shoreside friends an opportunity to enjoy the Cruise? It would be a thoughtful holiday gesture. (2) Plan to have floating home and moorage decorations in place by Sunday, December 17th. (3) When you leave home evenings, be sure to turn on outside lights.

HERE ARE CHRISTMAS SHIP & SANTA CLAUS SHIP CRUISE SCHEDULES: This year the Park Department's CHRISTMAS SHIP will cruise from Monday through Friday while the SANTA CLAUS SHIP, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 21, and skippered by Chet Gibson will start its 25th year Sunday December 17th and continue through Saturday. The CHRISTMAS SHIP will be berthed at Berg's Marina on Westlake North and the SANTA CLAUS SHIP will operate out of the Queen City Yacht Club.

CHRISTMAS SHIP (Monday December 18 through Friday December 22) Monday: 6 p.m. Portage Bay to Laurelhurst, Matthews Beach, Denny Park & Kirkland. Tuesday: 6 p.m. Slow music cruise through Lake Union and Portage Bay en route to Madison Park, Madrona, Leschi Park, Meydenbauer Bay return via Portage Bay.

Wednesday: 6 p.m. Through Ship Canal to Government Locks, Shilshole Boat Harbor and Carkeek Park, 8:30 slow musical cruise in Lake Union.

Thursday: 6 p.m. Ship Canal to Government Locks, Alki Point, Loman Beach, through

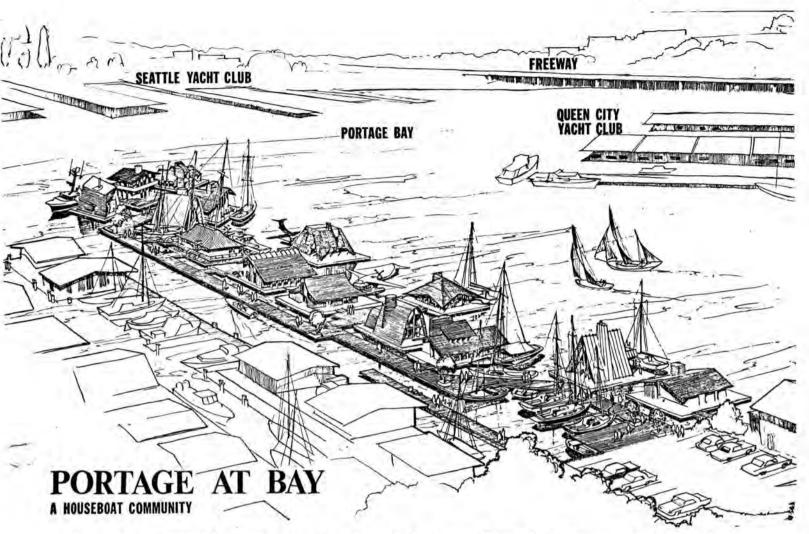
Elliott Bay to Naval Depot at Pier 91. Return through Ship Canal.

6 p.m. Portage Bay to Stan Sayers Memorial Park, Seward Park, Rainier Beach and Mercer Island. Return through Portage Bay about 8:50 p.m.

SANTA CLAUS SHIP (Sunday December 17 through Saturday December 23) 4 p.m. Tyee Yacht Club party followed by programs at Government Locks, Shil-Sunday:

shole Boat Harbor, 8-9 p.m. slow cruise around Lake Union, Portage Bay. 7 p.m. Madison Park, Madrona Beach, Leschi Park

Tuesday: 7 p.m. Juanita Beach, Kirkland, Cozy Cove and Fairweather Bay.



Above is an artist's conception of the city's first "Houseboat Community" planned exclusively for all new floating homes. It is now under construction on Portage Bay at the foot of Hamlin Street by the Portage At Bay Corp. Officers are Grant Copeland, president, professional urban planner; Gerry Copeland, architect, vicepresident, and Roy W. Trolson, attorney, secretary-treasurer.

The unique installation has been designed for a total of only 14 moorage sites and all are planned to take full advantage of the unusual nautical views the location offers. Work has been completed on the off-street parking facilities and the 400-foot fixed pier. Construction is under way on an under-water gravity sewerage collection system.

Mr. Copeland reports that the new floating homes approved for the site range in price from \$10,500 to \$15,000 and that bank financing is available. Moorages will be on a five year lease basis with renewal options up to 20 years. The new homes will be all-electric and constructed on concrete floats. Those interested in full information can contact Mr. Copeland at ME 2-4075.

CRUISE SCHEDULES CONTINUED

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Slow Cruise in Lake Union and Portage Bay. 8:30 p.m. Queen City Yacht Club Christmas Party.

7:00 p.m. Medina, Meydenbauer Bay, Faben Point, Mercer Island. 6:30 p.m. Laurelhurst, Sandpoint, Sheridan Beach and Arrowhead Point.

Cruise around Lake Union and Portage Bay. Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

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