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## Tour Draws Crowds, Bucks, Fun

(Ed note: Although Marty modestly doesn't mention herself or her family in this article, she and hers coordinated the tour and spent many hours making it happen.)

by Marty Gardner

800 guests toured our community on Houseboat Day, September 21st, and 11 houseboaters opened their homes for the Floating Homes Association's 5th Annual Houseboat Tour. For the first, time houseboats on Westlake as well as Fairview were featured.

Two weeks before Houseboat Day, the Seattle Times featured the upcoming tour with an attractive COLOR pictorial spread in the Sunday Pacific magazine.

This was also the first time the tour was done without a boat ride on the Islander (at the time there was no place to dock the boat on Westlake). Having no boat raised two problems: 1. the horror of parking for that many, and 2. where to serve the refreshments our guests had previously enjoyed on the boat.

Phil Webber resolved the expected parking mess by suggesting a that shuttle bus run continuously from one side of the lake to the other. Refreshments were taken care of by using two of the houseboats as hospitality houses. Roger Winter opened his not-quite-finished, newly decorated house, and so did Jim and Linda Knight. Jim even talked one guest into playing their piano for a captive, if not wholly appreciative, audience.

We crossed our fingers, and it all worked out: no parking problems, little crowd congestion, and lots of happy guests. Everything went so smoothly, it's hard to believe that something like two 747 plane loads of people enjoyed the tour.

The weather was perfect, everyone involved said they had a grand time, and the Floating Homes Association netted \$5,500.

The finest testimonial come from a houseboater who opened her home. At the end of the tour, when the last dip had been dipped, the last wine had been sipped, Kendall said, "I'd do it again!"

A special thank you to:

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Photo by Phil Webber

Tom Hazlett hawks the Floating Homes community's cottage industry products to obviously attentive tour-goers.



# Association Update

## TENAS CHUCK MOORAGE FEE CONFLICTS

In spite of City Council action to clarify the status of rental houseboats in the Equity Ordinance, moorage fee issues continue to fester at the Tenas Chuck moorage (2331-39 Fairview). The latest round comes as a suit for back rent filed in Seattle District court by Tenas Chuck owners, Lakeshore Moorings Inc (LMI).

Last summer, in response to substantial confusion over its intentions regarding rental houseboats in Section 10 of the Equity Ordinance, the City Council amended Section 10 to clearly state that: 1. either party may petition the Hearing Examiner, 2. the moorage owner is entitled to half a rental's profit, 3. the fee returns to the owner occupied rate upon the houseboat ceasing to be a rental. These "clarifications" were largely the result of experience with five cases on Tenas Chuck involving large fee increases imposed on new owners at the time of sale.

However, LMI has continued to press for increases beyond those allowed by the Ordinance. Lately, these increases have come in the form of what the Tenas Chuck Homeowners Association has called "decreases in services." That is, moorage residents have been denied access to traditional parking spaces and fees have been levied for pleasure boat moorage adjacent to houseboats.

Nor has LMI given up on the five new owners. On October 8th they filed suit in Seattle District Court for back rent. The five filed a counterclaim on October 31st.

## JAN ALLEN FINDS MOORAGE

In August, the City Council's Urban Redevelopment Committee, chaired by Paul Kraabel, brought Association member Jan Allen one step closer to saving her home. Allen, as you may recall, was evicted by moorage owner Ken Kennedy in 1984 following an eight year legal battle which included a landmark State Supreme Court decision striking down parts of the Equity Ordinance.

Since being evicted, Allen has rattled around the lake looking for moorage without success. Finally, a year or so ago, she connected with Jeff Wright who is developing the Phoenix Moorage (2349 Fairview) as a co-op. Wright offered her a moorage if a way could be found to put part of her boat over the Fairview street right-of-way. Kraabel's committee amended the city's Building Code to make that possible.

## MURIEL ECKLUND

On April 18th, 1986 the floating homes community lost a very important member of the family. Muriel Ecklund passed away. She lived at Flo-Villa on Fairview for 18 years. Muriel was one of the original fighters and founders that brought the Floating Homes Association into existence. Without her work we wouldn't be enjoying the lovely homes we do today. The Ecklunds, Carl Kings and John Southern also founded one of the first houseboat co-ops, Flo-Villa. She is survived by her husband, Del, and is greatly missed by her family, friends and community.

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\* back. \*  
\* 325-1132 CALL US ANYTIME \*  
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## LOG FOUNDATION PAYS DUES

For the second year in a row, the 52 members of the LOG FOUNDATION CO-OP (2017-25 Fairview) have paid their dues to the Association as a group. Jim Knight, President of their owner's organization, says he hopes other co-ops and docks with organized residents will follow their lead. Doing it this way substantially reduces the hassle for both the members and the Association. Any group so inclined should contact Jim (329-5730) or Barbara Nelson at the office (325-1132). Many thanks to the members of the Log Foundation.

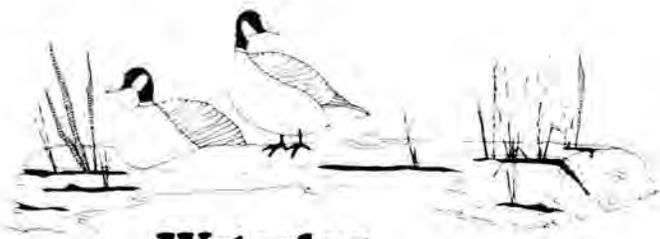


## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROSTER

The Floating Homes Association elects its Executive Committee officers each year in April at its Annual Meeting. The Treasurer and the Trustees are the exception to this. The Trustees serve overlapping five year terms and the Treasurer is appointed by the Executive Committee. Sherre Roberts, who has served admirably as Treasurer since April 1984, recently resigned to concentrate on school. The Executive Committee appointed Ed Waddington as her replacement at its November meeting.

Any member in good standing is welcome to attend an Executive Committee meeting. Call the office or talk to any of the officers listed below for details:

- Bill Keasler, President ..... 325-8017
- Joe Hall, Vice President ..... 324-5744
- Karen King, Recording Secretary ..... 325-3648
- Ed Waddington, Treasurer ..... 322-5054
- Barbara Nelson, Trustee ..... 282-1101
- Ellen Hansen, Trustee ..... 329-6033
- Mike Roberts, Trustee ..... 323-6673
- Phil Webber, Trustee ..... 283-2423
- Jann McFarland, Member-at-Large ..... 323-3489
- Barbara LeFebvre, Member-at-Large ..... 325-7493
- Beth Means, Member-at-Large ..... 325-5139
- Sarah Jarvis, Member-at-Large ..... 322-8827
- Connie Jump, Member-at-Large ..... 322-2566
- Marty Gardner, Member-at-Large ..... 284-6029



## Waterlog

by Sheri Lockwood

Finally, your long awaited, cherished FHA Newsletter featuring gossip and all the news that's wet to print. Don't tell us how much you've missed us ... we know, we know ...

### DOCK TRAVELERS

(2235 Fairview) Lee Lange and Melanie Hester's Mexican vacation went bust. It rained all week and Melanie had to be rushed from Club Med to a Mexico City Hospital with a back injury. It could have been worse though: Club Med handled all medical expenses, the medical care was exceptionally fine and everyone concerned went out of their way to help. Melanie should be up and around again in two weeks. (2035-37 Fairview) Dutch Schultz traveled to Spain for a reunion with his Abraham Lincoln Brigade ... Jim Wandesforde visited his daughter and family in England ... Helen Mitchell visited Korea and reports that the clothing bargains "are unbelievable" ... Elizabeth Jackson attended church conferences and visited family and friends in DC, New York and New Jersey ...

(2460 Westlake) McNair Smith and Bill Babcock spent a month sailing in the Virgin Islands and Tonga ... Phil Webber, our resident Boatographer, is recovering nicely from his trip to the hospital ... (2235 Fairview) Jim and Mary Carlson spent the summer in Sweden and Europe for both work and fun ...

(2231-39 Fairview) Dina Lenkester is visiting family and friends in her hometown of Perth, Australia for an extended stay ... Tom Stockley has just returned from Australia. He spent two weeks down under visiting wineries and vineyards. He even found time for the beach (it's spring and warm down there ... sob!) ... Florence Yerxa has returned from an extended stay in Greece and several other European countries. She says she'll stick around for the winter before the wanderlust strikes again. Florence is a frequent visitor to Greece where she often leads youth groups through the Western Washington University Tours.

### DOCK NEWCOMERS

(2035-37 Fairview) Sally George and Herb Beam bought the Kapp's house, both are doctors. Randy Hopkins, another MD, has bought the house Tom Susor built. He's throwing an eggnog party to meet his new neighbors. Thad Fountain and Sandra Simmons bought Terry Pettus' house. Comments: "It's nice to have these friendly people about — they are young enough to help around the dock. Such help was becoming a problem for a group getting along there in the geriatric department." ... (2460 Westlake) welcomes new owner Roger Winter who opened his new home as a hospitality house for this fall's annual houseboat tour. Richard Patton has returned after several years in San Diego ... (3110-26 Portage Bay Place) welcomes new neighbor Yvonne Nyland ... (2017 Fairview) Dave and Mary Sue Galvin are new Log Foundation members ...

THE GREAT HOUSEBOAT SWAP, (2235 Fairview): Dox was treated to an open house on November 9, by the Swap participants. But things began in earnest on November 30. Longtime houseboaters Jim and Mary Carlsen (#10)

have with some reluctance, decided to move ashore. Mike Meyer (#7) and Carol Flagg (#8) bought the Carlsen's house and Lee Lange and Melanie Hester (#3) bought Carol's house. Dox is excited about the prospective new neighbors in Lee and Mike's houses — they'll know soon who they are. No one stood still on the dock, anything inanimate could have been hauled who knows where ...

### DOCK VERY NEWCOMERS

(2017 Fairview) Tom and Danni Gorman became parents to a baby daughter, Haily, in July ... (2019 Fairview) Pat and Teresa Harvey welcomed a daughter, Jessica, on Aug 12. She joins her sister Kimberly, 3. The Harveys moved ashore November 30 but vow to return ... (2420 Westlake) Jack and Lisa Loudon's new addition is a boy, Kelly, born August 2 ... (2235 Fairview) George Yeannakis and Debra Boyer had torn their house down to the logs and were housesitting for various friends during the construction of their new home when they received the happy news that their adoption had gone through and their new baby girl, Thea, had been born on October 1. They all finally warmed their new home on November 30, just in time to join the great SWAP melee on Dox.

### DOCK ROMANCE

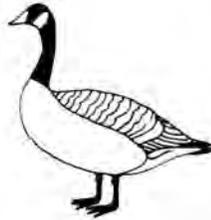
(2460 Westlake) George and Cathy Casady were recently married and spent their honeymoon aboard a Carnival Cruise "Love Boat." Don't houseboaters ever get enough water ... apparently not.

### DOCK CRITTERS

Dixie Pintler on Westlake is just barely winning her war with the beavers. Although they've ravaged 3/4 of her 8 foot willow tree, she's now added chicken wire above and below the water line and is valiantly holding them off. Houseboat Harbor on Portage Bay is not faring as well. When they chicken wired the small trees and shrubs the beavers went after larger game. They've damaged an oak tree and even an evergreen — a cedar tree. They have damaged their big willow to the point



## more Waterlog



that it must come down before a storm topples it onto a houseboat. We may not see them as often as we used to, but the raccoons and beaver are still in our midst. BEWARE ...

Portage Bay residents also report frequent sightings of blue heron ... Our source reports that our resident pair of Lake Union domestic geese are rumored to have begun existence on the Tenas Chuck moorage and that their names have always been Nemo and Neptune -- although we've also heard them called Harold and Maud, Flotsom and Jetsom and other more "interesting" names ... Encouraging news for container gardeners: Diana Forman on Shelby has two 6 1/2 foot apple trees growing in one tub. They cross polinated each other and this year produced 16 apples ...

### DOCK PARTIES

The Log Foundation has had party problems (perish the thought). Their Pig Roast Luau -- now a lake tradition -- nearly met with disaster when for the first time in 15 years the pit roasting just didn't do the job and final roasting was accomplished via microwave. Does this high tech development mean their Aloha now has a Max Headroom stutter? A-A-A-loha-a-a-a. We hear the roasted salmon turned out great ... They also had a work party to stop a waterfall that began in their parking lot and washed over their bank. They added gravel and railroad ties, but a storm a few days later washed away nearly half their work. Oh well, a work party is still a party ... Good luck LFers ... Dox Co-op held their annual dock sale on July 19 and 20. Their annual party had an All-American theme. They were entertained by the "Paradox of Virtue Drill Team" executing (murdering) intricate drill maneuvers, baton twirling, a Dox yell, a pyramid, and, of course, the Lake Union Wave ...

### DOCK MISCELLANEY

Jay Gelzer and John Ireland (2235 Fairview) sponsored a houseboat concert at their home featuring their friend Laurie Riley. She entertained with beautiful celtic music for harp on November 19. Tapes and records of her music are available -- call 329-7901 ... A small foam couch blew off a Dox co-op houseboat and was found floating on the lake sans couch potato. The Harbor Patrol retrieved it ...

Pit bull attacks have occurred on a cat, on mild-mannered Helen the Doberman, and on a person in the 2000 block of Fairview. The owners have been warned that further attacks will result in their dogs' impoundment and no further attacks have been reported. But Fairview residents still tend to stick to the west side of the street these days.

### DOCK ROYALTY

From (2037 Fairview): "You'd never guess it to look at her, but a princess by marriage will spend the Christmas season on our dock. The royalty is soon to be lost in court so we must take advantage of this eclat while we can. She's an old friend of a dock denizen and has never laid eyes on the Northwest before."

### DOCK OLYMPIC TRAINING

(2239-41 Fairview) Kent Turner of the '84 Olympic Kayak team and Elizabeth Brent are hosting one of the men training for the French Olympic Kayak team. Unfortunately he returned from a paddle and left his



Photo by Jeanette Day

The PARADOX OF VIRTUE DRILL TEAM, Sheri Lockwood, Debbie Boyer and Barb LeFebvre, strut their stuff at the Dox Co-op's party last September.

somewhat battered competition kayak under a sign saying "FREE" which was meant for the scrap wood from a dock remodel. Perhaps someone took this sign seriously and left with the kayak. It's been missing since November 4, it's blue and if you've seen or heard of its whereabouts there is a French Olympic hopeful who desperately requires its return. Call 522-1216 ...

Sheri Lockwood's "TEAM ARMADILLO" won first place in the sculpture division of the Alki Sandblast Sand Castle Contest, August 10, with their "Daredillo," a daring 'diller aboard a motorcycle ... With all the co-ops now organized on the lake, isn't it time for intra-dock volleyball or softball or something (partying?). A tourney at Rogers Park on Eastlake sounds like fun to me -- or am I weird? Never mind, I know, I know ...

### UPCOMING

Freezing pipes, skylight leaks, slippery docks (do beavers and raccoons hibernate?), beautifully lighted Christmas boats and those "pesky" canoe and kayak carolers.

THANKS to all my stalwart dock sources (you know who you are -- and I swear I'll never tell). They provide so much news on such short notice. Thank you, thank you. Anyone want to volunteer as a source for your dock? Pleeeeez?

Let's be careful out there -- Happy Holidays (SL).



FLOATING HOMES  
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PARTY**



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2321 North Northlake Way

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13**

8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

**TICKETS: \$10**

**MUSIC DANCING**

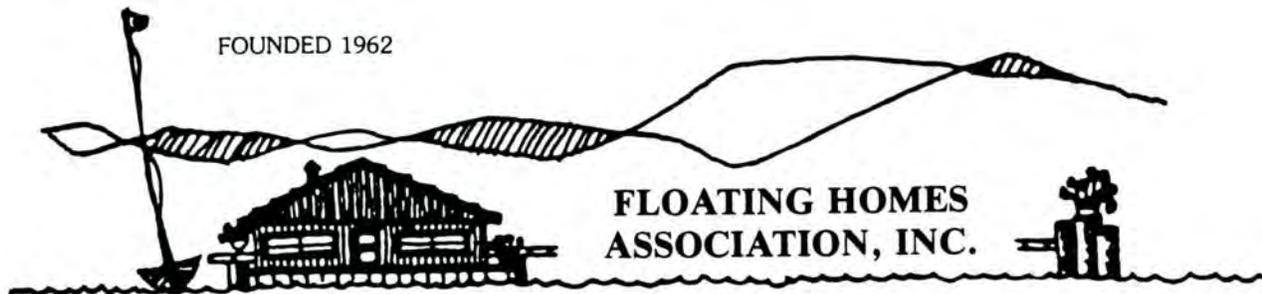
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Dear Association Member,

Earlier this year, the Financial Committee set a goal for the association to be debt free by year end. I am pleased to report that this goal has been met. As of 11/30/85, the Association has no outstanding legal bills and even has a small cash surplus!

Before the celebration begins, though, it should be noted that legal and operating expenses in 1985 has been unusually low and that a significant portion of our income was derived from an immensely successful auction.

A comparison of budgeted and actual income is as follows:

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>1985</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>thru 11/30/85</u>
Dues, contributions	\$19,000	\$15,863
Tour	3,000	- 0 -
Auction	10,000	13,480
Cookbook	2,000	2,613
T-Shirts	500	(242)
Books, posters	----	115
Interest		618
	<u>\$34,500</u>	<u>\$32,447</u>

Special events and projects have met or exceeded budget goals, but contributions are lagging a bit.

I propose that our next goal be the establishment of a contingency fund so the Association will have cash reserves when the next emergency arises. Now that we're out of debt, let's keep it that way!

Remember that contributions of \$50 or more are tax deductible if your check is made payable to CSCCF/Floating Homes (Central Seattle Community Council Federation).

Thanks for your continued support.

Jim Knight  
Chairman, Fund Raising Committee

P.S. Desperate for last minute Christmas gifts?

Official Houseboat T-Shirts: Tom Haslett at 285-4341

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