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## FHA Reps Meet With Commissioner of Public Lands

On Thursday, August 12, 1993, representatives of the Floating Homes Association Executive Board met with Jennifer Belcher, Commissioner of Public Lands, to discuss the on-going problems associated with State DNR leases of aquatic lands. Those individuals making the trek to Olympia were Marty Alexander, Sheri Gotay, Bill Keasler, Frank Koterba, and Phil Webber.

Our FHA reps explained that the main problem is in the lease language itself. The standard DNR lease is commercial in nature; therefore, the language is not appropriate to residential use. Some of the provisions of the standard lease

constitute an unreasonable risk to floating home owners. DNR has expressed willingness to negotiate lease language with individual lessees, but it is FHA's intention to resolve the language concerns and have a standard lease for all floating home moorages.

Other issues, like equity in lease rates, length of lease, the specific area to be leased, were also discussed. Ms. Belcher stated that a committee of lessees is being established to review the entire aquatic lands lease process, and that the review should be completed in two to three months. Because floating home owners represent a unique use of aquatic lands

and also take on a substantial and unique risk, FHA requested representation on the review committee. FHA requested that a moratorium be placed on signing of leases until this review process has been completed. Ms. Belcher said that a moratorium could not be granted, nor could she promise FHA representation on the advisory committee, but asked that our concerns be put in writing for consideration in the review process.

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photo by Michelle Benton

FHA representatives present Jennifer Belcher with a Floating Homes T-shirt and a copy of "Unsinkable Houseboats". (Left to right): Frank Koterba, Marty Alexander, Bill Keasler, Sheri Gotay, Phil Webber, and Belcher.

***New Houseboat  
Cookbook going  
to press!***

***Watch for it...!***

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After the meeting, a letter was sent to Ms. Belcher reiterating FHA's concerns, along with a document written by FHA attorney, Peter Eglick, spelling out the specific problems with the lease language. A moratorium was again requested on signing of leases, and an interim solution was suggested in that current (or, in some cases, expired) leases be extended for a certain amount of time while the review and negotiation process is underway. Lessees could continue to make payments on their leases and be in compliance with State law. A copy of the letter is available to read in the Floating Homes office.

Letters were also written to Senator Brad Owen, Chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee, Senator Janice Neimi, Representative Cal Anderson, and Representative Pat Thibaudeau, asking for their support in this matter. Individual letters from FHA members to these legislators are encouraged to help in resolving these issues as quickly as possible. Please copy the FHA office with any letters you write.

### **IN HOUSE STUFF: by Peggy Stockley, Newsletter Editor**

There's a deluge of people calling the Floating Homes office to ask if there are any rentals available. Our office manager, Sheri, keeps an informal list but she is overwhelmed. Call her at 325-1132 if you'd like to be on the list or have suggestions on how best to service these requests.

One of the wonderful aspects of life on the lakes is the sense of community and relatively crime-free environment. Lately, there have been some problems. Neighborhood signs have appeared that say "Beware: Burglars." Someone came into the Galvin houseboat on 2219 Fairview at 3 am Sunday, September 5, (while the family was asleep) and tried to take a TV but it was attached to a VCR and the resulting crash ended the criminal activity. Let's try and be a little more watchful and alert. If someone new comes wandering down your dock, be friendly but inquire who or why they're there.

The Floating Homes Association is involved in a lot of houseboat-related issues and activities. Volunteers are needed on a project basis.

- Someone to take charge of our inventory of houseboat merchandise: This is a BIG-EEE. We need to sell out our existing t-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, sun visors and note paper; re-order AND/OR come up with some new ideas that best represent our colorful houseboat community.
- Houseboaters to help us with the issues of the day that affect our houseboat lifestyle, like state leases, condo conversion, shoreline development, zoning, the Commons, water quality and all the environmental concerns.
- Someone to work with Northwest Charter Boats to sponsor a Holiday-Houseboat Decorating Contest with celebrity judges and big prizes. (Ed.Note: Maybe we should at least begin a dialog with the tremendously-increased charter industry on the lake and share some of our concerns.)
- Help for Kirvil Skinnerland who is chairing a committee looking into the increased city street use utility tax on houseboats that sit on street right-of-ways.

**If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please call the FHA office at 325-1132.**

### **Floating Homes Association Board**

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

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(The Floating Homes Association office is located at 2329 FV at the head of the Tenas Chuck Moorage dock, roughly two blocks north of Lynn Street.  
Phone 325-1132)

## “Floating Kitchens: Cooking With Seattle’s Houseboaters”

The second edition of the “Houseboat Cookbook” is definitely on the front burner and should be out of the oven in time for holiday giving. Marty Alexander is the editor-in-chief. Recipes have come in from all corners of the floating community. This is home-cooking at its best and its funniest. Lots of anecdotes; even a wine column (with an historical perspective) by Tom Stockley; and whimsical illustrations by Peg Boley.



## WHY STORM DRAIN STENCILS?

Why storm drain stencils? Because poisons are damaging our water quality. Every year, people pour hazardous chemicals, pesticides, paints, antifreeze and used motor oil down storm drains. The Seattle Aquarium estimates that more than two million gallons of used motor oil ends up in Puget Sound each year. That's enough to fill a medium-sized tanker.

Some people believe that the storm drain will carry the waste to sewage treatment for cleanup. Not true! (Even if it did, chemical wastes would not belong there.) In fact, storm drains simply carry rainwater into the nearest stream, lake or Puget Sound—directly into fish habitats or sometimes drinking water.

Some Washington communities draw drinking water from surface waters, such as large lakes. Toxic chemicals don't belong there. As to maritime life, even small amounts of toxic chemicals—like antifreeze, pesticides and household cleaners—can weaken fish and make them susceptible to fatal diseases.

**One pint of oil can cause a slick about the size of two football fields on calm water. The surface of the water is a vital biological habitat and serves as a nursery for developing eggs and larvae of fish and shellfish. It doesn't take much oil to smother or poison these surface organisms.**

What can you do? Apply the stencil next to the storm drain grates in your community. The next time someone gets ready to dump waste down the drain, they'll get the message. For more information about Seattle's Drainage and Waste Water Utilities Lake Union Public Education Project, please contact Carlton Stinson at 684-7624.

## Shelby Street End

by Colleen Hogan-Taylor

"Shelby Street End" is the official name of this area on Portage Bay. The postage stamp-sized park at the foot of Shelby has no name but it is where the City of Seattle Engineering Department is working on a CSO (combined sewer overflow) project. It means that they will tear up parts of Shelby, take out some trees, cause parking chaos and make a big mess for only 44 days. (They promised!). Most importantly, when they're done, the results will be a new replanted tree-lined street and cleaner water in Portage Bay! Definitely, a worthwhile endeavor.

But, in 1906, the foot of "Shelby Street End" was not a park but the home of "Indian John" (also known as "Old John", "Chodops John" and "Shiadups John"), and his wife Madeline. According to the book, *UNSINKABLE HOUSEBOATS*, he and his wife were well known on the Lake and their home was the last traditional Native American settlement on Lake Union/Portage Bay. In 1906, "Indian John" held a potlatch to honor his wife's passing. Over 100 people attended and each one received one dollar and some food.

I suggested to Pam Miller at the Engineering Department that since the City was willing to replant trees as a result of the CSO project, they should also place a commemorative plaque to honor the history of that site. She thought it was a great idea. So did the Floating Homes Association, the Roanoke Community Council and Walter Pachico of the Muckleshoot Tribe. In short, plans are underway to re-landscape the park in a Native American theme creating a place where one can have a few quiet moments for reflection. The Muckleshoots will perform a private and public Native American ceremony and a commemorative plaque will be placed. So far, the FHA, Seattle Engineering Dept., 1% for Arts and the Muckleshoots will provide funding. The ceremony is tentatively planned for next spring.

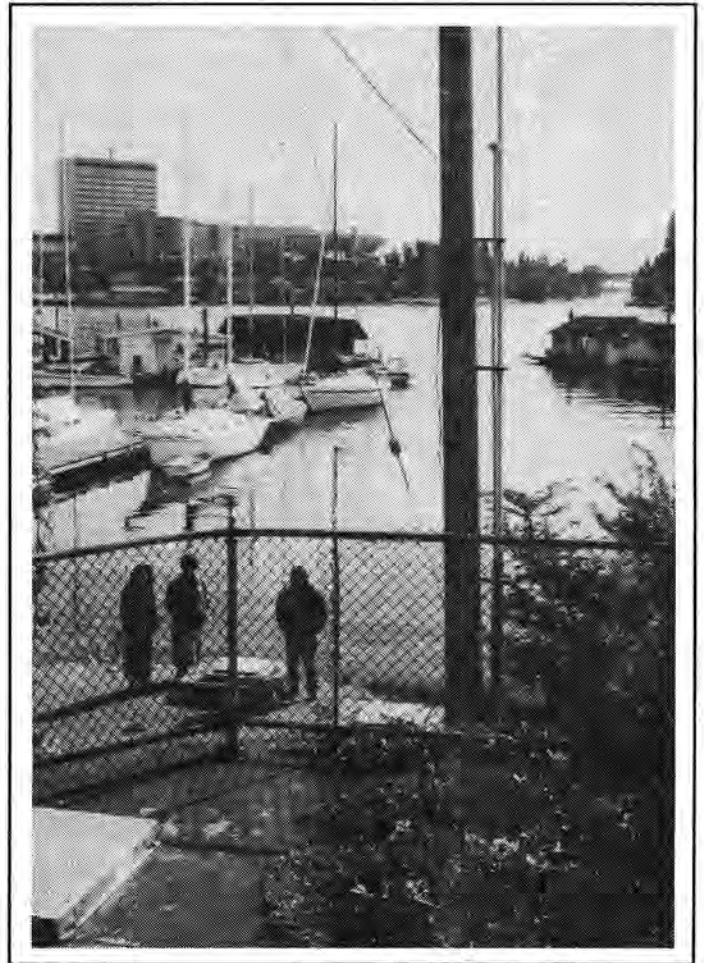


photo by Sheri Gotay

If you would like to contribute in some way to this Native American historical preservation project, please contact the FHA at 325-1132, or me, Colleen Hogan-Taylor, at 726-2791. At the very least, letters of support from organizations and community councils will be greatly appreciated. Send them to the Seattle City Engineering Department, Ms. Pamela Miller, 910 Municipal Bldg., Seattle WA 98104-1879.



*(ed. note: Bob Lilly (2331 FV) has lived on his houseboat on the Tenas Chuck Moorage for over 22 years and knows what thrives and what doesn't in a garden afloat. Professionally, he's with Charles Wilson Company, brokers and sales reps for perennials for growers.*

The cycle of Seasons here on Lake Union has brought us to another Autumn. The annuals are doing their last bit of flowering and seed-setting before the temperatures drop.

As night-time temperatures begin to go below 45 degrees, many plants will begin to go dormant. The annuals will start to die and geraniums will not set any further flower buds.

This cycle for perennials and shrubs is called "hardening off." The plants are preparing for winter and cold weather.

Best of all, the pesky aphids will start to disappear and also the spider mites; this has been one of the worst years I have seen for mites. It has probably been caused by the long wet spring and summer. The leaves of marigolds, petunias and other annuals will look dusty and stippled from the mite webs and the injury from their feeding. To reduce overwintering of mites and diseases, be sure to do a very thorough clean-up of old leaves. Even washing the pots off will help. You can spray with an insecticidal soap to try to kill them but at this time it really is too late.

Now that your Clean Green recycle containers are full and your pots are empty, it's time for pansies and chrysanthemums. Be sure to purchase the mums mostly in bud so you get a longer season out of them. You can get more flower if you cut off old flowers but without a very long Indian Summer (and some plant food), this usually does not result in much flower or production.

Pansies are the best and last longer but only if you remove old flowers weekly without fail. They will respond to a little 20-20-20 or Rapid Grow in the water occasionally through late October. Don't water pansies, left-over geraniums or any other holdouts in the evening as the added wet and damp along with nighttime humidity will cause mildew and other disease problems.

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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#: \_\_\_\_\_

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Houseboat: Own  Rent  Regular Household \$36  New   
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**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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# Houseboat Harbor Inc. Celebrates



photo by Jonathan Ezekiel

What a difference fifteen years can make! This is a picture of Houseboat Harbor's 10th Gala Anniversary Celebration in April of 1978. Pictured are: (standing, left to right) Blaine Hammond, Tru Ambrose, Larry Ambrose, Tom Hayden; (seated, left to right) Solveig Hammond, Phyllis Biktimir, Irene Hull, Ozell Gaines, Ethel Scribner, Nancy Hutchins, Carrie Stafford; (sitting in the floor) Dave Williams, Georgia Hayden, Christie Williams.



Current members of Houseboat Harbor, Inc.: (left to right, standing) Solveig Hammond, Ozell Gaines, Ethel Scribner, Yvonne Nylund, Steve Greaves, Don Brownlee, Myrna Cordova, Blaine Hammond; (sitting) Sheri Gotay, Tru Ambrose; (in front) Carson Brownlee, Paula Brownlee. (Not pictured:) Tanya Bloom, Goodhue Livingston, Roger Olson, Huntley Holland-Olson, Larry Ambrose, George & Pat Simmons.

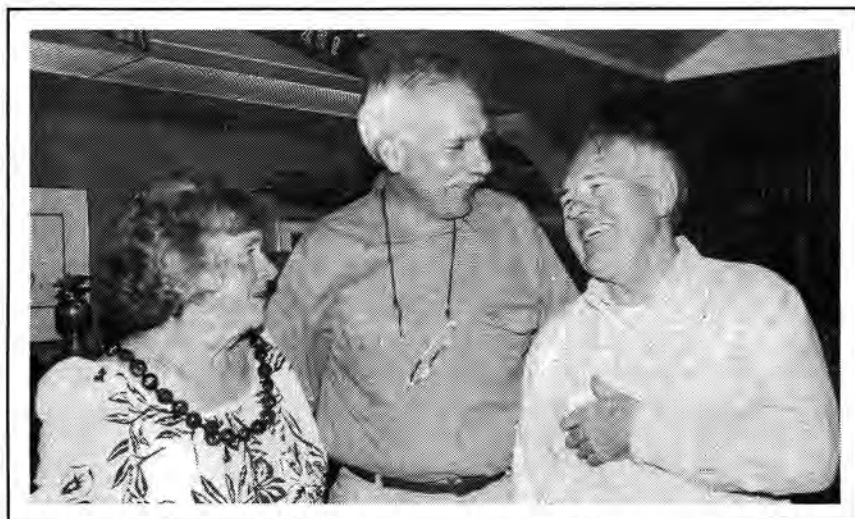
# Its 25th Anniversary On Portage Bay



Current officers of Houseboat Harbor, Inc. (left to right): Ozell Gaines, Secretary; Don Brownlee, Vice President; and Myrna Cordova, President and Dock Manager. Not pictured is Treasurer Goodhue Livingston who, along with his wife, Tanya Bloom, was off sailing up north somewhere.



The first elected officers of Houseboat Harbor, Inc., Danielle Gaines, Secretary, Steve Edgell, Treasurer, and Ken Kennedy, President, are seen here reading the minutes of the first HHI meeting to the group. (Robert Kerr was Vice President, but was unable to attend the celebration.)



Dr. Belding Scribner, Steve Edgell, and Ken Kennedy signed the original charter and the option to buy the houseboat moorage (what is now Houseboat Harbor, Inc.) from Carrie Stafford in October, 1968. Ken Kennedy's houseboat originally set in the spot where the Greaves houseboat is today. Houseboat Harbor, Inc. was the second cooperative formed on the lake, Flo-Villa being the first. Pictured are Ethel Scribner (standing in for "Scrib" who was across the dock at his houseboat, probably fetching more food), Steve Edgell and Ken Kennedy.



## Waterlog

by Sheri Lockwood

Well, "Sleepless in Seattle" now has everyone in the country believing that everyone in latte-land lives in a houseboat, that you can actually see fireworks over Lake Union at Christmas-time, and that you can boat from Lake Union to Alki in about ten minutes. They even goofed on the rain, they said it rains nine months of the year. They obviously missed the "summer" of 1993, with its umbrella barbecues, gortex Duck Dodges, rainbathing on the deck, Polar Bear dunks in July, and the search for sun east of the mountains (in vain). The only cheery notes of this grey season are that at least we don't have to worry about a drought lowering the level of the lake and we got our backyard party, the Fourth of July Fireworks, back. Other than that... what was it: no sun at all in June, a couple of days in July and the last three days of August? I was going to add that one nice aspect of the weather is that it seems to have quelled the onslaught of evil yellow jackets, but in their place have come mosquitoes and does anyone else think that more outdoor spiders have decided that indoors is a better deal... Or is it just me? So much for soggy summer and weather whining. Other happenings in Dockland include:

### WELCOME ABOARD

2207 FV welcomes Joan Fiore and her two children, Brittany 12 and Brian 8. Joan is eager to meet her new neighbors and encourages them to drop by... Rick Rasmussen is welcomed to 2035 FV, Bruce Leon and Barbara Meyers are new docksters on 2235 FV, and Deanna and Tom Neu and their dog "Puppins" are new residents on 2219 FV. Robert Lundberg is welcomed to 2235 FV, and there is a long story to the welcome of Anna Boyd to 2460-66 WL. She bought Don Smith's houseboat, while he bought another houseboat (Dorothy Morrell's) on the dock. Dorothy Morrell has left not only the houseboat community but the U.S. She's moved to Canada and is living on Saltspring Island in Ganges Harbor. Don (like many of us) planned a quick remodel, but soon found more extensive repairs were necessary. Boatbuilder Rick Penny is the "major domo" in charge and being somewhat of a perfectionist, it has been a little frustrating. As we all know, terms like "level" and "straight" are relative on houseboats. But Rick took the job because he loves boats and Lake Union and all Dick's neighbors are looking forward to seeing the results... One of the new houseboat owners on Tenas Chuck is Doug Hunt who recently purchased Houseboat "I" (2331 FV). A busy man,

Doug works in Solutions Marketing at Microsoft and is Artistic Director of Theater Schmeater on Capitol Hill. With two others, Doug founded the ensemble theater 18 months ago to produce classical plays. Right now they're doing "Othello." Next is "Mary Stuart," a play about the British queen written by a German playwright. Under age 18 is admitted free to Theater Schmeater and "Othello" is being performed in Volunteer Park for public school students... Also new on 2331 FV are Diane Croal, landscape architect for Mt. Rainier National Park, now focusing on the whole Northwest region, and Aaron Getz who works for Microsoft. New owner on Tenas Chuck (2339 FV) is Kelly McCombs, residential mortgage banker with Norwest Mortgage. Kelly and her daughter, Toby, who attends McClure Middle School on Queen Anne live in Houseboat "J" with their pet rabbit named Sasha. On the same dock, another Microsofter and rock-climber, Chris Bloomfield-Brown, is renting Houseboat "M".

### WET BUT FLOATING

Karl Mayer & Chita Vega (2321 FV) welcomed a 6 1/2 lb. daughter on August 18. "Cecilia Leilani" was two weeks early and is doing fine. A nice little nostalgic bit of history is that Chita's niece, Emily Talbott, was born 10 years ago in the same houseboat and now lives up on Franklin Avenue East.

### KNOTS TIED

Neighbors on Tenas Chuck couldn't help but notice when Lillian Dodd entered the life of Marc Jamison (2331 FV). The flowers bloomed and the barbeque was going every night. The couple met working for Metro Transit. They were married September 12 in the historic little Episcopal Church at Port Gamble, WA. Marc, who is drummer with the Washington Scottish Pipe Band, drummed while others piped at the recession. After a 6-week motoring trip to Nova Scotia and international points en route, Marc & Lillian will return home to Houseboat "C".

### IN PASSING

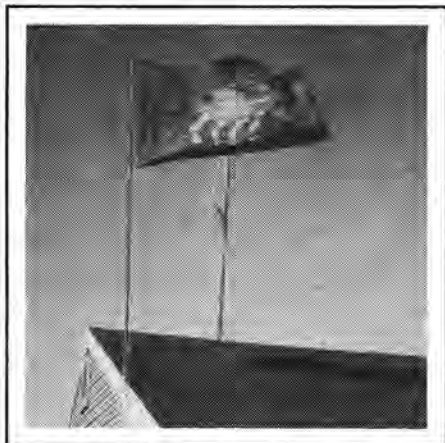
We note with sadness the deaths of Sam Salzenger (2019 FV) and Dr. Gene Mason (2025 FV). Our condolences to the families who have been part of our floating community.

### READY TO COME ABOUT

Many of us have enjoyed the cooking lessons at Karen Evenden's (2460 WL) wonderful kitchen store, The Galley Slave at Chandler's Cove. Alas, Karen has moved her store to Kirkland to take advantage of better market conditions over there. Her new shop is beautiful. If you can conquer your "eastside phobia" stop by and see her at 120 B Park Lane. Cooking classes should start up again soon so call the shop at 828-3155 for more information... Jean Elmer (2351 FV) is getting her new espresso cart at the airport through all the bureaucratic hoops, and hopes to open soon. She was at a loss for what to call her new business when, upon arising to a



pearly Lake Union dawn, spotted a bald eagle snatch a fish off the lake surface and soar away. Thus the name of the new endeavor, "Flying Eagle Espresso"... Iris and John Sutton (2035 FV) offer their marvelous catering services through "Sutton Plates". Call them at 324-1345 or 324-3910 for catering of all sorts; they specialize in creative ethnic cuisine and can provide boating picnics on land or sea. Having attended a sailboat wedding they catered I can recommend them heartily... Iris was one of the prime movers who



**Walking fish flag flies above Donnette houseboat (2331 FVB)**

prompted the 30 charming walking fish sculptures dotting the Eastlake side of the lake. The temporary art installation, put up on July 31, marks the possible walking/biking/running route along the lake. My favorite, across from Pete's Supermarket, was stolen or run down, but

most of the colorful cartoon-like creatures are still inhabiting the route. To help in these efforts (or for great food) call Iris at 324-3910... Jennifer Hansen (2017-2025 FV) graduated in June from U of C at Santa Cruz with a degree in Marine Biology. She and another houseboater, Jennifer Donnette, (2331 FV) have just moved into an apartment together.

#### **ANCHORS AWEIGH**

Kelly Meagher recently returned from a trip to Sante Fe with her mom. While there, she visited former Log Foundation dockster Ned Nesbitt... Chris Knight (2017 FV) returned to Vassar College in New York after spending the summer at home... 2035 FV's Sally George and Herbie Bean got back from their year-long sojourn in France... Robert Lundberg and Barb Walkover and daughter Lily (2235 FV), sailing in Desolation Sound, ran into houseboat neighbor Janet Hardman in Squirrel Cove while buying cinnamon rolls... Tom and Susan Susor (1409 Boat St.) left a message for me saying they had dock news, but I didn't catch them before they made off for Australia... Bob and Polly Lane (Roanoke Reef) are back from three months in Alaska aboard their boat "Quadra". They went as far as Glacier Bay where they were joined by Tenas Chuck houseboat friends Tom and Peggy Stockley. They also met dock neighbors Jack and Marian Sullivan in Juneau... Paul Kraabel (2351 FV) will be teaching a course in local government in Hungary... Barb and Dave LeFebvre (2235 FV) have returned from a visit to

friends in Denmark... Jack and Carol Hilton (2219 FV) visited Turkey... Sheri Lockwood (2235 FV) went fly-fishing in Montana (thunder, lightning, meteor showers, hot springs, owls and bears in the campground), ate at the Road Kill Cafe and caught lots of fish... Dawn Vyvyan (2017-25 FV) went on a week long trail ride in Colorado. When they made camp each night they set up a portable dance floor for the evening festivities. She met a woman from El Paso who knew two houseboaters in Seattle, and for one more "small world" entry, the people she knew were Jann and Sid McFarland who live two houseboats from Dawn on the same dock... (If anyone else has tales of meeting or hearing of other houseboaters in unlikely spots or from unlikely sources call me (322-4536) I'd like to pass these stories along. (I meet houseboaters everywhere I go; its starting to give me the willies)... Michael Schick and Katherine Hanson (2920 Fuhrman), have returned from six months in Munich where they attended the first candle light demonstration against Violence Towards Foreigners. They also visited with Seattle friends in Istanbul... Donna Hainer has moved ashore, but luckily she is still in the Eastlake neighborhood. She just returned from ballooning in France... Jim and Carol Goebel of Mallard Cove have been boating in the San Juans... George Yeannakis (2235 FV) brought home two 25 lb. salmon from a short fishing trip to Vancouver Island.

#### **FLORA AND FAUNA**

Many people have reported bald eagle sightings over Lake Union this summer. I almost wrecked my car when one flew up over me from the lake as I was trying to merge onto I-5 from the Boylston onramp. I couldn't believe my eyes and wasn't watching the road... We have a resident bullfrog who croaks at all hours in the 2200 block of Fairview... It's a toss-up between container gardeners who say this has been a horrible year to others who swear it's been fantastic. Since my flower boxes are full of mostly "ornamental" dead grass, I couldn't say. You decide.

#### **SPLICE THE MAIN BRACE**

The 24th Annual Log Foundation (2017-24 FV) Bastille Day Luau, July 17, was "one of the best yet". 250 attended (their invitation stated this was a chance to party with Lake Union's finest flotsam and jetsam). This year's theme was "Pigless in Seattle," and mud wallowing was optional and dependent upon the weather... The Fourth of July celebration on 2460 WL was also one of their best. Rachel Emery was entertaining guests from Switzerland and wanted to show them a typical family 4th. So she and Marty Alexander (2460 WL) decorated Rachel's motorized party platform with banners and flags, cranked up the boombox with good old John Phillip Sousa at max volume, loaded everyone on board, and paraded around the neighborhood "singing" along on their kazoos. They were cheered by everyone they passed and

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even received a "trophy" for "best float". They are sure that the city of Geneva has not been the same since those kids arrived home with their pockets stuffed full of 4th of July kazoos... Sheri Lockwood's (2235 FV) 4th of July celebration featured the "First Annual Slime City Handicap" slug races, prominently featured in Seattle Times Jean Godden's column, along with the Ivar's and Cellular One fireworks, as the place to be on 7/4. No one was admitted without a racing slug, and all slugs were put to stud out in the wilds after the races. Slugicide was a subject not to be mentioned...

Darlene and Mac Madenwald (2235 FV) had an open house for dock neighbors and all the craftspersons who worked on the remodel of their house, so everyone could view the finished product. Their colorful and funny invitation mentions how they discovered their "dream house" was held together by a wing and a prayer and the window frames, sans proper structural beams!! And the electrical spider webs between the walls were, well, shall we say, ah (electrical squiggles that my font package doesn't have) creative..."

Hazel Nigh, (2017-25 FV) the "Queen Mother" of the Log Foundation, celebrated her 85th birthday recently with a party held on the dock by her neighbors and friends. There was a display of photos of Hazel all the way back to 1928 when she was 20. Hazel's houseboat originally was moored opposite the old steam electric plant on Fairview. She paid the owner \$2100 for it in 1948. (The seller neglected to tell her that he had received an eviction notice). She then found moorage at Cadranell's Landing where she moored for three years. Then her house crossed Lake Union twice and back before she finally settled at 2219 Fairview in 1955. Happy Birthday Hazel!... The annual Boyer/Yeannakis Fishing Derby was held August 1. The waterbasketball shot-matching game called "Horse" on land was called "Tuna" in the water and has now been shortened to "Cod". Debbie Boyer's famous two-footed shot again went in and wiped out the competition. Her team also won the waterbasketball game, but that's only because there isn't a ref and no one brave enough to call

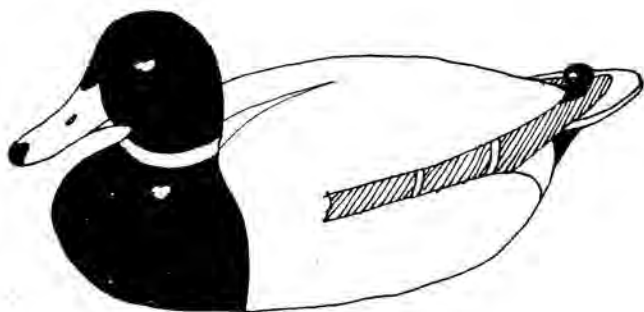
fouls. (No, my team didn't win). And, being a Cougar Alum, Debbie couldn't wait to console me (a U.W. Alum), as she has through all those miserable Apple Cups, on the future of the UW Husky football team. Gee, with friends like her... When Scott Maier (2037 FV) hosted the stag party for his former neighbor, John Rogers, he partied in style. He put his dining room table, with seating for 7, on his 20x10-foot raft and had dock/work friend Phil Webber pull them around Lake Union in his little boat the "Stink Pot". They crashed out through the neighboring houseboats and cruised for about 45 minutes dining on barbecued shrimp, sushi mushrooms and champagne. They then took John to dinner at Kayaks on the lake. "We didn't want to be slouches" Scott says.

### BAD NEWS

On 2035 FV a tenant had tires and rims stolen from their car which was parked on the street... A drunk mowed through the flock of Canadian geese and their nearly grown offspring that hang out on Eastlake killing some and injuring many of them... Sam Catalano (Mallard Cove) left his house to meet friends across the lake where he saw police boats he thought were rushing to catch speeders. As he returned home and got to his parking lot he saw fire trucks with hoses and didn't like the direction the hoses were lying. He found the lower deck of his house was on fire. The explosion rocked neighboring houses and destroyed one corner of his house. Our sympathies are with him.

### FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Ann Helmholtz (2770 WL) and 25 friends won 1st Place in the Novelty Section of the SeaFair Greenwood Parade. Ann directs the Literacy Action Center and their entry was entitled "Expose Yourself to Learning". They wore black trenchcoats and flashed parade watchers with the message "READ WRITE ENJOY BOOKS". Each had a two-foot-tall letter from the message under their coats... 2920 Furhman's Michael Schick and Katherine Hanson lost a park bench and stained glass windscreen in the Inauguration Day storm. They were both pulled out of the drink recently, after three months under water. The stained glass was almost in one piece and in remarkably good shape. It's been restored and is back in place... Glenn and Bev Mattson's (2235 FV) son Kregg married Barbara Grissom aboard their houseboat on August 1. The reception was held at the Tyee Yacht Club. The gazebo at the head of the dock was beautiful and appreciated by everyone on the dock... Mary Gey McCulloch (2017 FV) received a \$100 gift certificate from Wells-Medina Nursery in the second annual "Greater Seattle" Magazine amateur gardening contest in the container gardening category. The magazine featured two lovely photos of Mary's garden in the December 1992 issue... Kim Johannessen (2770 WL) was on the faculty for the annual Land Use Institute Conference put on by ALI-ABA (the American Law Institute/American Bar Association). She spoke on environmental issues during the August 18-20 Conference at the



Seattle Stouffer-Madison Hotel... The July Dox Co-op Garage Sale got rained out on the second day, but participants had fun pawning their junk off on their neighbors... Floating home owners living at 1213 E Shelby St on Portage Bay purchased their dock from Mary & Bob Bosbyshell of Atlanta, Georgia. Bob Forman is the first president of the new cooperative... The irrepressible "Pearl Mesta" of Texas Chuck, Jan Knutson, turned 50 in the month of September and celebrated it to the hilt. There was the official bash at the General Petroleum Museum on Capitol Hill on September 5 and there were those balmy September night swims with neighbors. Jan, by the way, hosted a reception on her houseboat in July for Dr. Erdesha Ida Mae Holland, playwright of "From the Mississippi Delta" which played at the Intiman Theater... A champion in our midst: Steve Greaves (3110 PBPE) won the national championship antique professional

outboard hydroplane racing competition in Illinois this summer. This is like vintage car buffs only the nautical vintage version... John and Joyce McAllister, who live in Kent, own a "duck." Not a mallard, you understand, but an amphibian vehicle that gets three miles to the gallon and creates quite a splash on the scene as it did the August day it pulled into the Texas Chuck parking lot. For the McAllisters, it's a hobby and they also share it for charitable causes.



The Quackless "Duck"

Don't forget to call (or write 2235 Fairview, 98102) with stories of meeting houseboat neighbors in unlikely places. Or even if the places aren't unlikely, but you can't seem to escape them. Maybe there's some kind of psychic energy that pulls us together, maybe we all like the same things and places, maybe we're all pod people... spooky isn't it... what a summer of rain can do to your mind...?

## KAYAKING CAROLERS SEEK AUDIENCES

Residents of floating homes in Lake Union proper are invited to provide an audience for the 7th annual Christmas Caroling by Kayak benefit for the Seattle Children's Home, sponsored by the NW Outdoor Center on Lake Union. Here's how it works: 40 kayakers pay \$15 each to go caroling on Dec. 12, 13, 14 & 15. \$10 of the \$15 is donated to the Children's Home. Last year, over \$1800 was raised. Kayaks, instruction and songsheets are provided by NWOC. The caroling is led by free lance bass vocalist Norman Smith with music accompaniment. Three solid stops per night with access for 25-30 kayaks and a few people who will listen to carols for 15-20 minutes are needed. No money is required from the floating home residents, but the kayakers don't refuse hot toddies or cookies. If you're interested, please call Bill Stewart 281-9694. See you in December!



**Houseboat people along Fairview are encouraged to share their ideas about a possible trail along the east side of Lake Union—the route of the "Walking Fish". Comment sheets are available at Pete's Super Market, over the charcoal. For information call Dan Clarkson, chair, Eastlake Parks and Trails, 720-0300.**

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