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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 28, 1994 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Tyee Yacht Club
3229 Fairview Avenue East

Fun! Information! Refreshments!

- Ken Moser, Puget Soundkeeper: How To Keep Our Lake Clean.
- The Seattle Fire Department: Specific Suggestions for Reducing Houseboat Fire Danger.
- State Leases: Now What?
- This Fall's Tour of Homes.
- The Year in Review.
- Executive Board Election.
- Complimentary Refreshments, featuring recipes from our "Floating Kitchens" cookbook.

Be There!

Leases:

We're Not in This Alone

by Sheri Gotay

It seems to be another one of those "good news/bad news" scenarios... The bad news is that DNR has managed to turn a reasonably simple issue of resolving some unacceptable lease language into a long-term bureaucratic nightmare.

The good news, however, is that the floating homes community is not alone in this fight; in fact, we are in very good company. The Lake Union Association, the Northwest Marine Trade Association, the Association of Independent Moorages, to name just a few, are gearing up for the battles to come over aquatic land leases.

DNR has recently directed a comprehensive review of the Aquatic Lands Management Program. In Phase 1 of the planned review, DNR staff are conducting "scoping meetings" with aquatic land lessees designed to "identify the key legislative, regulatory, policy and administration elements of the program to meet the State's current and future needs" (letter from Pat McElroy, Deputy Manager, DNR, to Peter

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Eglick, FHA attorney, dated 1/25/94). After meeting with all the affected groups the Aquatic Lands Program Review Team will compile the responses and give to an Advisory Committee comprised of two legislators, a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers, and three ordinary citizens. This Committee will then recommend changes to DNR internal policies and procedures, organization structure, as well as statutory changes for implementing these recommendations.

Representatives from FHA (Bill Keasler, Marty Alexander, and Sheri Gotay) participated in a "scoping meeting" in Olympia on Wednesday,

February 23, and met again in March with Ann Morgan, Aquatic Lands Division Manager, at Peter Eglick's office. Progress is going to be slow, but any attempts by DNR to negotiate leases in the meantime have been effectively put on hold. We were assured there are no plans to enact penalties on expired leases until a resolution is reached.

Rest assured this is a top priority issue for the Floating Homes Association, and we will keep the membership informed of activities. If there has been any contact from DNR to dock owners regarding the State Lease, or if you have any questions, please call Sheri at the FHA office, so we can stay abreast of what's happening.

PUBLIC ASKED TO COMMENT ON PUGET SOUND PLAN

The state-federal plan for protecting Puget Sound is due for review and citizens are invited to comment on amendments that have been drafted by the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority. Seven public hearings are scheduled in the Puget Sound region between March 8-10 but none of them are in the inner city not even on the downtown Waterfront. The Bellevue City Hall, 11511 Main Street, Bellevue, is the closest. State law requires the agency to review the Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan every four years and make necessary amendments to ensure the sound is adequately protected. The Plan's 15 program areas address such topics as monitoring of Puget Sound and its resources; research about the Sound; protection of shellfish, habitat and wetlands; proper handling of household hazardous wastes; and prevention of polluted runoff. The Water Quality authority is encouraging interested citizens to review the amendments prior to the hearings. Please call 800-54-SOUND to request either a summarized version of the amendments or a copy of the complete text. Written comments may be sent to the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority at P.O. Box 40900, Olympia, WA 98504-0900. The deadline is 5 p.m. March 21.

What about adequately protecting Lake Union/Portage Bay.

Lake-watcher Dick Wagner of the Center for Wooden Boats and an on-Lake Union resident for 35 years, has a simple plan of action that would make an immediate difference — clean the surface water now. He calls it "BrightWater." Says Wagner: "We are capable of keeping the surface water clean and we've got the people-power. What we need is a few thousand dollars to acquire a light-weight portable boom to monitor and contain the surface debris that accumulates under docks and structures. The faster we pick up the surface clutter, the less of it sinks to the bottom and contributes to the ultimate decay of the Lake." Call him at 282-0985 if you want to get involved in the action.

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If you would like to run for a position on the Floating Homes Association Board, leave your name and phone number with the office at 325-1132.

People are always calling the Floating Homes office to ask if there are any rentals available. Our office manager, Sheri, keeps an informal list of these requests. Leave a message at 325-1132 if you need help in securing a renter.

The annual spring cleanup of Lake Union is scheduled for late April. Joining the Floating Homes Association in this effort are The Commons and the South Lake Union Business Association, so far.



FLOATING KITCHENS

Cooking with Seattle's Houseboaters

Great Reviews for New Floating Homes Cookbook!

The Seattle PI says, "*Floating Kitchens* sails in as one of the most endearing cooking/history books in years. It's a volume both cooks and the cuisine-impaired can curl up with for a good read." You can purchase copies of *Floating Kitchens* at many local outlets -- among them: Pete's and Lake Union Mail right in the neighborhood; University Bookstore and Elliott Bay Bookstore; and several kitchen shops, including The Galley Slave (in Kirkland, but owned by a fellow houseboater); or you may call the FHA office at 325-1132 or use the convenient order form below.

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Waterlog

by Sheri Lockwood

After the recent LA earthquake I pulled out my insurance policy to see what would happen if the Chittenden Locks crumbled and I found my usually floating home on a bad list on the ground. Apparently I'd be on the mud flats without a paddle. (Does anyone know how much time we'd have to pull houses out into the lake aways? Would it drain out in hours... or days ???). It might not hurt to have a plan in mind.)

WELCOME ABOARD:

George Yeannakis, wife Debra Boyer and daughter Thea, have moved from Dox Co-op south to the Log Foundation while their house is being remodeled. Every time I mention in this column some miserable trick Debbie has pulled on me, she retaliates, so I won't tell you about last Apple Cup Day when she and her cohorts covered the entire front of my house with GO COUGAR signs while I was asleep. Since I didn't go outside until late they were up for a long time. I knew Cougar fans were vindictive and sneaky, this just goes to show... Next year the "Cougar fans swim from here" go out at the head of the dock... 2466 WL and Nesika Chuck Cooperative welcomes Frank and Carol Flannigan who moved into their new (from the logs up) houseboat just before Christmas. The dock is enjoying the Flannigans as neighbors and, also, the absence of construction projects on the dock for the first time in many years... 2460 WL welcomes Jim Healy and Loretta Metcalf, immigrants from New Jersey, who moved into the "Sleepless in Seattle" house on February 1. We hope they enjoy a peaceful winter before they become inundated with the summer tour boats, dock walkers, kayakers, etc., all anxious to photograph the ghost of Tom Hanks... New since the last "Log" on 2219 FV are John Phillips and Nancy Wilson who live in #15 and Ron Crockett, who dwells in #3. An official welcome goes also to Robert Clauson who has moved into 2235 FV #10 and Bruce Leon who's floating along on 2235 FV in #5.

ANCHORS AWEIGH

Everyone went to Mexico. Jann and Sid McFarland (2025 FV) went to Mazatlan before Christmas... Maddie Shaw (2770 WL) went to Cozumel and also toured the ruins of Tulum and Cabo... Perhaps the entire Tenas Chuck docks (2331-39 FV) vacationed there. Jeri Callahan started it by deciding to spend 3 1/2 months in Puerto Vallarta.

Before she returned, Jeri saw more dock people than if she had stayed at home (or at least it seemed). Diane Croal and Cynthia Moffett came down over Christmas, as did Jean Butler. In fact, Jeri put on a Christmas Day brunch. Jan Knutson went to Oaxaca in January... Peter Howard and Zella Jeannete (2219 FV) are spending 10 months on a tour through Mexico ... Mike and Julie Weisbach (2239-41 FV) spent a winter opera weekend in San Francisco (3 operas in 2 days)... Laurie Kinerk (2239-41 FV) spent her October vacation in the headwaters of the Amazon, a week in the Andes and a week in the Galapagos... The McCullochs—Mary, Fred and daughter Jennie (2017 FV), spent 20 days over the Christmas holiday on the island of Madeira. It is a Portuguese Island 360 miles west of Casablanca, Morocco. They celebrated New Year's Eve in London on the way home... Rick Blank and Laurie Balistriero (aboard the Raven) met neighbors Jill Gardner and Richard Yang (aboard the Paspato) in Princess Louisa Sound in September... Houseboatland's roving wine columnist Tom Stockley (2331 FV) went to the Down Under to judge wines at the Sydney International Wine Competition. Afterwards, he visited wineries in the Hunter Valley during early autumn harvest... Seattle Times reporters Sally and John MacDonald recently visited Europe. She reported on D-Day Commemorations and he reported on skiing in the Alps... Angela Paez and Bob Anderson (2231 FV) traveled to Columbia over the holidays. Another Down Under traveler from the same dock, Florence Yerxa, visited Victoria (the southern state of Australia) and then toured the scenic Snowy River region (presumably in search of the "Man from Snowy River")... This reporter spent 10 days in November visiting Wrotsclaw (was Breslau) and Krakow, Poland. Darlene and Mac Madenwald (2235 FV) went skiing at Sisters over the New Year's holiday... From Roanoke Reef comes the news that former docksters Larry and Maxine Baily are taking time away from their around the world cruise to visit Seattle in mid March. They have been gone since a year ago October and are now in the Falklands aboard their 41 foot sailboat "Shingebiss II"... Leslie Rubicam (formerly of 2025 FV) came back from Florida and visited with friends... Jean Bakken (2239-41 FV) is very happy to be back after five years on the East Coast. Patricia Fay (2239-41 FV) just returned after 6 1/2 months on location in California and Texas as a location manager for the Fox film "Bad Girls"... Tom Hazlett (former 2025 FV) met the girl of his dreams at his high school reunion and picked and moved to Phoenix.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Gardener supremo, Bob Lilly (2331 FV) won a bronze medal at the big and prestigious Northwest Flower and Garden Show in February. He designed the Arboretum Foundation's Exhibit—a walk through a winter forest—which showed off the Arboretum's great collection of trees

and woody plants... Astronomy Professor Don Brownlee (3110-26 PBPI) was named by the National Academy of Sciences as the 1994 winner of the J. Lawrence Smith Medal. The honor comes with a \$20,000 award. NAS cited Don's life work: investigation into meteoric bodies. The medal and an illuminated scroll will be presented in April. Gigi Glendenning (formerly 2239-41 FV) one of the famous five renters from the end of Fairview Moorings has crossed the street—and started a new business. After working with 6 other licensed massage therapists and specializing in deep tissue and injury treatment, she has moved her clients to the red house across the street from the dock... Neighbors on 2207 FV are happy that Merlin Proctor is back from the hospital and doing well... Dox Co-op neighbors are glad Parky (RoseMarie) Parker is back. She was hospitalized on her vacation in Hawaii and seems to be doing OK. Her housemate, Shirley Lashua just had minor surgery on her knee... Fairview Moorings (2239-41) had their first progressive potluck dinner to celebrate their second year as a condominium, just before Thanksgiving: Appetizers at Jean Bakken's, main course at Bob Fulton and Pat Whelan's, and dessert at Julie and Mike Weisbach's... John MacDonald's (2235 FV) tennis team won the United States Tennis Association Regional competition in Portland and went on to play in the finals in Tucson. Accompanying John to Tucson were his wife Sally and dock neighbors Barb and Dave LeFebvre... Friends at 2420 WL are very sad to bid farewell to Mike & Becky Foley. The move is prompted by a job offer for Becky that included a stupendous salary enhancement. The fact the job is in Hawaii didn't hurt either. The same friends are glad that Ron Krause (2420 WL) is back on the dock. He had left on a long tugboat trip to Guam but broke his finger and had to come home... Out of tens of thousands of Boeing employees, Carol Kane (2420 WL) was one of a handful nominated for the William Allen Award, given for outstanding volunteerism. Carol was honored for her work with the literacy program at the King County Jail... Lesley Hazleton (2420 WL) has just signed a contract with Doubleday to write a book titled — are you ready? "The Woman's Book of Cars: A Complete Guide To Thinking, Talking, Understanding, Selecting, Negotiating, Leasing, Maintaining, Fixing, Driving and Living With Your 4-Wheeled Vehicle". Whew!!! Sounds more like a community college course... Doug Hunt (2331 FV) got a nice write-up in the Feb. 20 Sunday Times as part of an article on alternative theater in Seattle. With his three partners, he founded Theater Schmeater at 1500 Summit Ave. on Capitol Hill to produce classical plays... Angela Paez (2331 FV) will enter the UW Medical School next fall.

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ONLY IN HOUSEBOAT LAND

by Sheri Lockwood

Besides contemplating the earthquake issue, I've learned of many other strange and wild occurrences that could leave an insurance agent shaking his/her head.

Item 1: Car Careens Down Staircase. Last summer, a woman took her car down the pedestrian staircase behind the Red Robin Restaurant on Eastlake. We don't know exactly why she took this route but she escaped the 20-foot plunge unscathed. Her car, however, took out the stair rails, hit the bottom on Fuhrman Street, plowed across the street, knocked out a mailbox and finally hit a tree which fortunately stopped it before going into the lake.

Item 2: Stolen Ship Crashes Into Houseboat. At 4:30 one morning in December, someone stole a 80-foot UW research vessel — the "Clifford Barnes." He started the engines but didn't turn on the auxiliary power which controls steering so the ship went straight across Portage Bay and smashed into Joyce Duran's houseboat. Duran awoke to find a monster ship against her deck. The joyrider ran away but was later arrested.

Item 3: Houseboats Flooded From Land. Just before Christmas, Shelby Street houseboaters saw an expanding bubble of asphalt explode into a geyser as a water main below the surface ruptured. To make matters worse, 1000 cubic feet of dirt, recently installed by the Metro sewer runoff project, slid away with the deluge, swept down the street and cascaded like a muddy waterfall into the budding streetend "park". The incident left silt and gravel deposited, like mini-Mississippi deltas, filling flowerbeds, weakening fences and eroding bulkheads.

Item 4: Dognapping Via Raccoon. PBPL dockster Rich Hebert heard scratching at the door. He opened it and a raccoon rushed inside. Rich's tiny terrier "Winnie" had a small dog friend visiting and rushed to defend friends and premises. The raccoon took exception, snatched up poor Winnie and ran out the door. A tug-of-war ensued with Winnie pulled between Rich and the raccoon. Rich finally prevailed. The visiting dog ran away in the confusion but was returned by a concerned neighbor. Winnie was rushed to the hospital for stitches but is OK. Guess we need peepholes at ankle level now.

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Waterlog continued...

SHELBY STREET END

Despite the flood that struck Shelby Street (see sidebar story), the postage stamp-sized park is progressing and will be dedicated this spring. The site was the home of Indian John and his wife, Madeline. In 1906, when she died, he hosted what is considered the last potlatch in Seattle. Over 100 attended. Because he was a canoe builder, the theme for this modern day historical preservation project is canoes. Contact person is Colleen Hogan-Taylor, 726-2791. Or, Seattle City Engineering Department, Ms. Pamela Miller, 910 Municipal Bldg., Seattle, WA 98104-1879.

FLORA AND FAUNA

We have swans on the lake. Some reports say they are wild mute swans others say they are migrating Whistling or Trumpeter swans. I haven't seen them yet but should caution that while they are very beautiful be careful about making them too tame. They become extremely aggressive and even dangerous for pets and children during breeding time. But, they are so pretty. Yvonne Nylund of Portage Bay was showing them off to guests, when the swans started hissing at the cats and the cats hissed back which brought out Brownlee's English sheepdog to comment on the proceedings. The guest commented that we do seem to have interesting wildlife here on the docks... I don't know if other dock have had as bad a yellow jacket problem in the summer as we on Fairview have had, but if you have, help is available. Frank Fitzpatrick of the Puget Sound Beekeeper's Association will come and get rid of them for you. All you have to do is locate the nest. Watch where they go when the evening starts to cool down. They nest in mud, foliage, shingles, roofing, etc. Yellow jackets die during the winter except for the queen. In the spring she starts laying eggs for new queens which become new colonies by the summer. They don't need much provocation to sting. If you just want a tried and true yellow jacket trap, suspend a string with an old (the older the better) piece of meat on it over a bucket with water and detergent in it. The wasp will eat until it is full and drop off into the water. If you have questions, or you need a nest removed the number to call is Frank Fitzpatrick: Home 244-1291 and Work 662-0269.

WET BUT STILL FLOATING:

Roanoke Reef welcomes a new little baby dockster. She is Haley Lauren McDuff. She was born 1/14/94, was 8 lbs 11 oz, and 20 3/4 inches long. Her mom and dad, David and Sarah McDuff say that she is the most beautiful baby in the world.

THANKS

Kudos to Langston Tabor and son Biko for expediting the electrical connection to the Floating Homes Association office as part of the adjacent Tenas Chuck upgrade.

COOKBOOK TIDBITS

When Susan Phinney of the Seattle P.I. came to Tenas Chuck to do her story on the houseboat cookbook, it became a dock project. Not only was the photo shot down its picturesque channel, everything from tablecloths to kitchens was borrowed from nearby residents. Eric Swenson (2339 FV) had perhaps the most definitive task — luring ducks into camera range with breadcrumbs... Peg Boley, artist and fellow houseboater responsible for many of the fabulous illustrations in the new cookbook, is, for the moment, a landlubber. She and her husband, Buzz, are living in West Seattle (within sight of water) but Peg wants to stay involved with our community and is definitely available to do custom drawings of your houseboat or lake life for notecards, etc.. Call her at 932-7780.

If anyone knows how low the lake would drop if the Locks were leveled and how long it would take, I would like to let everyone else know. Call me at 322-4536 about this or any other news you have. Hang in there folks, spring is coming!

IN MEMORIUM

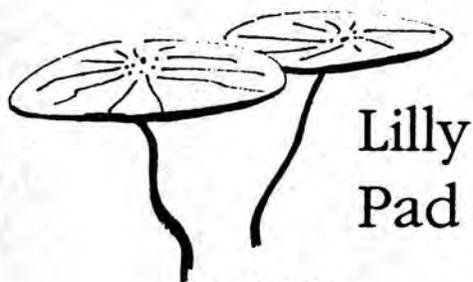
Clara Kennedy (3200 PBPE), one of the original founders of Houseboat Harbor Inc., the second cooperative formed on the lakes, Flo Villa being the first.

Rick Pratt (1214 East Hamlin)

Larry Coachman, better known as "Coach", who sold houseboats some years ago and once lived on 2818 1/2 Boyer.

Mary Sipe (2339 FV) long-time resident of Tenas Chuck — an artistic person who loved the floating life in all its aspects: Cats, sailboating, gardening.

Longtime dock owner William Gordon Jeffery (2031 FV)



Lilly Pad

by Bob Lilly

up a home & territory. They will also attempt to eat most anything and thereby cause the most damage — particularly grass and grass-like plants. A bunch of bamboo slats around the edge of a container will help. Here on 2331/2339, one homeowner uses an upsidedown bowl. You can also chase them off whenever you have the opportunity - I find this works and is very satisfying.

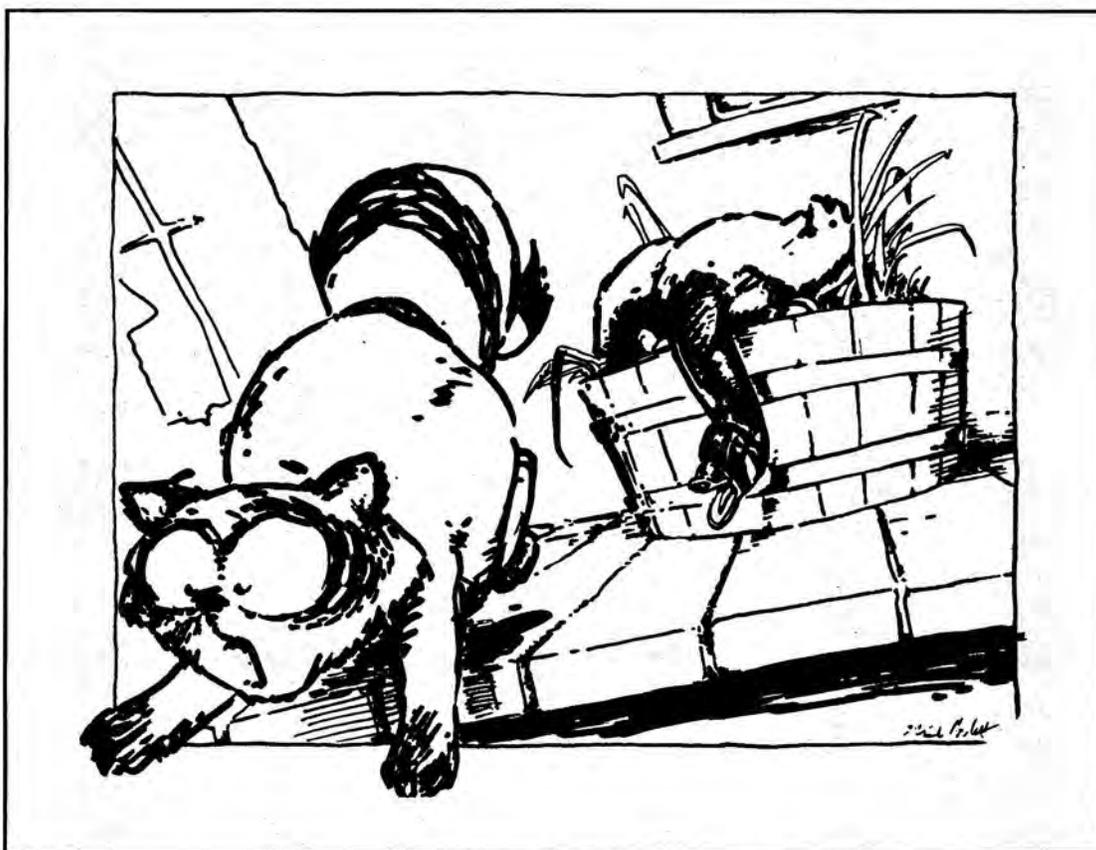
Bulbs will be coming up so watch for slugs. You can put out primroses but keep them out of the rain. There will also be pots of bulbs you can squeeze into your planters. We can still have very cold weather so I don't recommend planting much right now. Bulbs, primroses and pansies are OK as these can take cold weather and usually are capable of being frozen a couple of times. Rain or hail can be a worse problem.

Spring will be with us soon! Clean your pots. Wash your deck underneath them and remove any dead plants left from winter. Cultivate a bit and put in new soil if necessary. Don't forget to put covers over the soil. Not only is it "goose season" but there are the cats.

(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 geese have got mine!

It's nesting time on Lake Union so watch your pots for activity. Canadian Geese can be very destructive as they set



It's nesting time... or had you noticed?

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