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Legislature Limits State Lease Fees



Photo by Jonathan Ezekiel

Jerry Farley, lobbyist with Barbara Vanderkolk and Associates, gave the Olympia report at the annual membership meeting. Representing the Association, Jerry worked with a coalition of aquatic land lessees to pass ESSB 4824, which temporarily limits lease fee increases at 6% per year. Jerry was also one of the first to wear the new houseboat T-shirt which was introduced at the annual meeting.

Association lobbying efforts in Olympia have once again met with success. In an unusual display of cooperation, all factions of the houseboat community joined forces to combat a plan by the Department of Natural Resources to raise fees for leased aquatic lands by as much as 4000%.

Using a new appraisal of the marketability of underwater land, DNR announced last August that all state aquatic land from Lake Washington to Shilshole was to be valued at \$9.00 per square foot, regardless of its location or use. DNR also decided that the state should receive a 10% return on the appraised value as its lease fee, rather than the 6% return it had been collecting.

Besides threatening many houseboaters with huge fee increases or loss of their moorage, the fees also created severe problems for many water-related businesses. And so, this year we joined with our usual nemesis — the Lake Union Association — as well as with representatives of port districts, timber companies, marine-related industries, and water-dependent businesses to fight this DNR ruling. Senator Ray Moore was instrumental in organizing and advising this strange coalition.

This year's situation required finesse, and was mainly handled by professional lobbyist, Jerry Farley. The Association sent president Bill Keasler to explain the houseboater's plight at one committee hearing, and provided facts and figures as needed throughout the session.

Lawmakers Remember Us

The good education job done by our "grass roots lobbyists" last year clearly helped our cause in Olympia this year. Many friends in the legislature understood our situation and were sympathetic. At one point, when efforts to permanently limit the lease fees seemed dead, houseboat lobbyist Jerry Farley was able to set up a meeting between key senators and the coalition lobbyists, which led directly to the final compromise amendment.

The amendment to the Aquatic Lands Act (ESSB 4824) temporarily limits lease increases to no more than 6% per year, regardless of the appraised value of the land. This limit will be in effect while the situation is being studied by a legislative committee composed of three members from each House and a supporting task force composed of representatives of both public and private users of state aquatic lands. The committee and task force will study how to best use the lands, and how to determine a fair lease fee. The study is supposed to be completed by January, 1983, in time for the next legislative session.

You Can Join Task Force

The task force is now being formed, and any Association member interested in participating in these meetings should call the Floating Homes office right away. The following members have offered to join the task force: Larry Ambrose, 3110 Portage Bay Pl.; Bill Keasler, 2201 Fairview; Jerry Powell, 2207 Fairview; Jim Wandesforde, 2035 Fairview; Phil Webber, 2466 Westlake. - C.K.

State Taxes Sale Of Floating Homes

During the last few months 35 to 40 floating home owners have received notices from the State requesting back payment of taxes for the sale of their houseboats. Notices for payment of a 5-6% "use" tax came as a shock to many. Pat Riches, 2420 Westlake, was especially shocked. She bought her houseboat in 1971, eleven years ago!

Most floating home owners were not aware of taxes other than King County Assessments. A committee was quickly formed to study the matter. George Yeannakis directed early efforts, donating his time and expertise. Form letters were written and distributed to floating home owners who had been taxed. The letters were then sent to the Department of Revenue.

Steve Mason has also donated his time and has more recently been spearheading efforts to discuss the tax with the Department of Revenue in Olympia. The State of Washington, until recently, has not been enforcing the "use" tax of 5-6% levied against the transfer of personal property. Real property (houses) is taxed 1% at the time of a sale. Steve has traveled to Olympia to articulate the Floating Homes Association's position to the Department of Revenue. The Association would like to see floating homes taxed like houses on real property and like mobile homes rather than as personal property. This might require an exemption by the legislature similar to that obtained for mobile homes a few years ago.

Because of the form letters sent by taxed houseboaters and Steve Mason's efforts, the Department of Revenue has decided to review the situation and wait for an opinion from the Attorney General. No one is being charged penalties for late tax payment.

A Sales Tax Action Alliance committee has been formed. Anyone who received a tax notice should contact the Floating Homes Association at 325-1132. The committee phone line will be put into action with any news. If you want to be called, put your name on the list by calling the Floating Homes Association.

In the meantime, if you do receive a tax notice, contact Barbara Nelson at the Floating Homes Association office. She will send you the forms for an extension under the current appeal that has been filed. Your Floating Homes Association is working for you.
- J.E.



Photo by Jonathan Ezekiel

Terry Pettus tells an amusing story of the Association's earlier days at the 20th anniversary annual meeting. Terry also introduced past presidents of the Association and about 15 charter members who came to help celebrate.

New Executive Committee

At the annual membership meeting, a new Executive Committee was elected to oversee the operation and direction of the Association for the next year. The committee meets every other Wednesday evening, except during the summer when it tries to cut back to once a month. During a crisis the committee may meet weekly.

Any member of the Association is welcome to attend an Executive Committee meeting by calling the office prior to the meeting. This will assure you a seat in the crowded Association office, and a place on the agenda if you wish to bring an issue before the Executive Committee.

Members of the 1982-83 Executive Committee are Bill Keasler, president; Ann LeVasseur, vice-president; Mary Gey, recording secretary; Roger Johnson, treasurer. Barbara Nelson, Sandra Oellien, Ellen Hansen, Mike Roberts, and Rob Anglin are trustees. Denise Etchison, Barbara Johnson, Jann McFarland, and Phil Webber are members-at-large.

Wooden Boat Show July 3-4-5

Fourth of July weekend is once again the time set for the Wooden Boat Show to be held at the Naval Reserve Base at the south end of Lake Union from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission is still free, so drop in and enjoy the carnival atmosphere and the easy-going camaraderie of participants and visitors.

In addition to viewing many fine boats, visitors will see a toy boat-building workshop, rowing and sailing races, films, chantey singers, an auction of boat gear, and many displays and demonstrations. A 10-foot lapstrake rowing skiff (perfect for Lake Union!) will be built, then raffled to a lucky ticket buyer.



Photo by Sheri Lockwood

Allison Brownlee and her mom and dad, Don and Paula Brownlee, enjoy the Association's special 20th year "birthday" cake at the annual meeting.



Photo by Stan Clark

Michael Douglas' houseboat is eased into its new moorage at 2321 Fairview. The move was made after Douglas, faced with the prospect of raising a \$20,000 cash bond to protect his home from eviction, agreed to give up his moorage at 2201 Fairview.

Evictions Challenge Equity Ordinance

Mike Douglas felt the power of a moorage owner's whim one gorgeous day last spring. Douglas' houseboat was involuntarily moved from its moorage site of eleven years at 2201 Fairview to one a block away at 2321 Fairview.

Moorage owner Frank Granat, who controls both moorages, had announced in the fall of 1980 that he could make more money from two rental houses he had at 2321 Fairview if they were moored at 2201. The 2201 Fairview moorage faces the Boston Street waterway and fifty feet of open water. The 2321 moorage directly abuts the Union Harbor Condominium's cement parking platform.

Ignoring the provision in the Equity Ordinance which allows a moorage owner to move someone's houseboat *only* if he is going to use the site for his *personal residence or other non-commercial use*, Granat served Douglas and his neighbors, Bill and Caryl Keasler, notices of unlawful detainer (eviction notices). At the same time he offered Douglas and the Keaslers the moorages to be vacated by his rentals.

Feeling that the language of the law was clear on this point, Douglas and the Keaslers went to court to stop him. However, Superior Court Judge Stephen M. Reilly, in a summary judgment hearing last July, threw out the ordinance as it applied to this case, apparently moved by Granat's argument that no property would be destroyed by the swap. Astonishingly, at this same hearing, the judge also signed an order drafted by Granat's counsel allowing Granat to evict his tenants **WITHOUT PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE MOORAGE SITE**. Subsequent hearings even cast doubt on the legality of the moorages Granat was offering because of certain provisions of the Shorelines Master Program.

In August, things went from bad to worse for the homeowners. Superior Court Judge Robert M. Dixon refused to hear any of their defense at trial because he was bound by Reilly's decision. Then at a later appeal bond hearing, he ruled that the defendants were required to each post a \$20,000 cash bond to protect Granat against a potential loss of rental income during the course of an appeal. Attempts during the fall and winter to reduce the bond to a more reasonable level proved fruitless.

Douglas, feeling the crushing weight of this series of adverse decisions and not knowing how to raise \$20,000 on short notice, threw in the towel and accepted Granat's offer of a moorage at 2321 Fairview.

Granat chose a calm, sunny day in April to make the move. He hired a fleet of tugboats and a crew of workers and descended on

the two docks. As a crowd of neighbors looked on, Douglas' houseboat at 2201 and four houseboats from the south side of 2321 were cut loose and towed out to the middle of Lake Union. The swap was accomplished, and by late afternoon everybody was reconnected.

Mike Douglas spent that evening reflecting on the power of monopolies and looking at the bottom of a cement parking platform. He says he's going to sell.

Two Evictions on Portage Bay

The Association is also heavily involved in two other eviction cases on Portage Bay. Both involve docks with only a single, isolated homeowner. Both defendants fared considerably better than Douglas and the Keaslers in the hands of the Superior Court bench. Both are now on appeal.

Juliette Sauvage, who lives at 3002 Fuhrman, convinced a jury last spring that moorage owner James Lee was trying to evict her as retaliation for protesting past rental increases. Lee has since appealed, and the case is now beginning what will no doubt be an extended journey through the higher courts.

Jan Allen's moorage owner, Ken Kennedy, also lost in Superior Court when Judge Horton Smith ruled that Allen was not actually renting real property from Kennedy but rather navigable waters, and that therefore, the unlawful detainer statute, which Kennedy was attempting to use to evict Allen, did not apply. The unlawful detainer statute sets up specific procedures which must be followed for a landlord to evict a tenant from his property.

This "reparian rights" decision, so-called because of the ancient Roman common law on which it is based, would have broad implications for the floating homes community if it is upheld. According to Association attorney Larry Ransom, moorage owners could probably still evict houseboats from their docks, but the process would become much more difficult and uncertain.

Kennedy is attempting to appeal directly to the State Supreme Court. If the court accepts the case, he'll be on familiar ground. Several years ago he tried to evict the same houseboat when it was owned by Linda McGuire. That case resulted in a Supreme Court decision which ultimately moved the city council to amend the Equity Ordinance to provide a mechanism for moorage owners to evict a houseboat from a site the moorage owner claims for his personal residence — on the condition that an alternate site or compensation up to the fair market value of the houseboat is provided. Whether the current case will be heard at the Supreme Court level or in the Court of Appeals should be known in a few months.

1982 HOUSEBOAT TOUR

The second annual houseboat tour was a great success. Like last year's tour, this event sold out in advance. And, once again, the day was lovely and sunny. This year's tour netted \$4300 for the Association legal fund.

Seven hundred people took the tour. They were divided into five tour groups with each group leaving Ivar's Salmon House for a half-hour narrated boat cruise around Lake Union. Wine and hors d'oeuvres were served during the cruise. The guests disembarked at the Hungry Turtle. From there they began the walking tour of seven houseboats in the Fairview community. These houseboats were chosen especially for their distinctive and different styles so as to give a spectrum of houseboat living.

Yellow balloons guided the guests to the various houses. The first was Pete Walker's houseboat at 2731 Fairview. This house was rescued from dead storage in 1968 and has since been lovingly restored by Pete. An unusual feature of this houseboat is the natural gas that's piped in for heating and cooking. Next on the tour was Linda and Ken Davidson's home. From inside this Hamlin Pier house, tour guests had a delightful view of the surrounding marina, and, beyond that Gas Works Park. And from the roof deck, one can see the city skyline with the whole panorama of the lake.

Two contemporary houseboats were featured on the tour. Jim Jessup, Seattle architect, designed Yvonne and David Jones' striking multi-leveled home on Hamlin Pier. Among the many interesting characteristics of this modern houseboat are the teak floors, constructed from planking salvaged from the World War II cruiser, the *Pittsburg*. The other contemporary houseboat on the tour belongs to Donna Hainer. An atmosphere of openness and light reigns in this house which focuses on a two story solarium. Plants thrive both inside and outside the house, providing decoration and privacy.

At first appearance, it is not obvious that Julie and Mike Zylstra's house at 2241 Fairview E. is actually three logger shacks lashed together on one float. These shacks, called wanigans, were towed from one logging camp to another back in the late 1800's. People on the tour were quite amused by another unusual aspect of the Zylstra's home — the bathtub is a livestock watering tank! A regular bathtub would not fit, so the Zylstra's improvised.

The sixth house on the tour was Gail Hannah's home, a real houseboat "classic" which is owned by Horace Bradt. Of particular interest to tour guests was a 25-foot corkscrew willow growing from the cedar logs. Last on the tour was another grandfather on the lake, Sandy Oellien's home. Thought to be built around the turn of the century, the house once served as a bunk house on a barge traveling several times to Alaska. And this house has one asset most land lubbers take for granted — a full size laundry room!

The response to the tour was most positive. Many guests thanked hosts for an enjoyable, "fascinating" afternoon as they got off the boat at Ivar's. One woman declared this to be "the best organized tour I've ever been on. And I've been on a lot of tours!"

The tour could not have occurred without the people who contributed their time, effort and enthusiasm. The thing that made this event special was the involvement of so many people from all areas of the houseboat community. And while the list is long, we want to include the names of all the people who made the tour possible. Many thanks to all of you! If by some oversight your name as been omitted, please accept our apologies.

Special thanks go to the houseboat owners for sharing their homes, and to the following moorage owners for their cooperation: Jim Wandesforde, Jim and Larry Nelsen, Dave Rosenquist, Charles Flanagan, Flo Villa, and Bill and Zee Lamberton. - C.C.T.

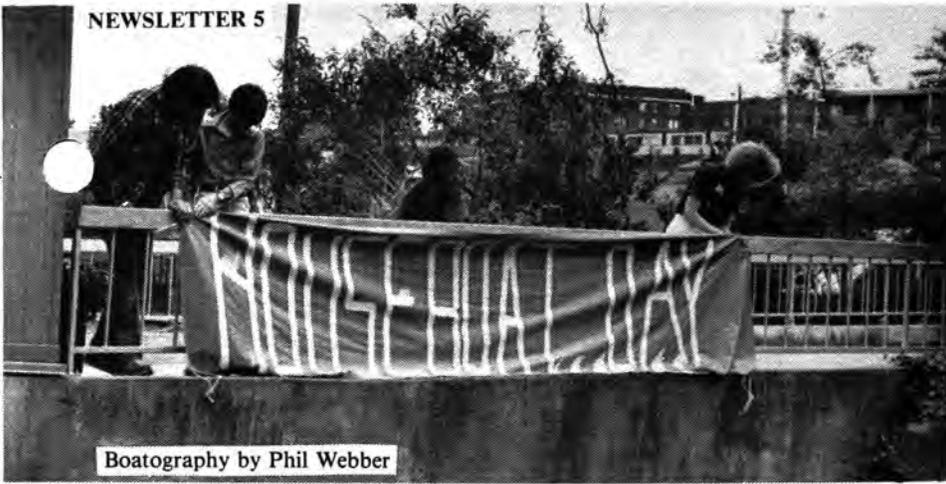


Photo by Jonathan Ezekiel



Bottom row photos by Jonathan Ezekiel





Boatography by Phil Webber

TOUR WORKERS

Coordinators of the 1982 tour were Linda Knight, Jann McFarland and Sandy Oellien. Kendall designed the ticket. Alice Vise - in charge of tickets, and crew: Martha Rubicam, Jean Riley, Sheri Lockwood, Barbara Nelson. Betty Campestrini - in charge of food and wine, and her crew: Genie Aronszajn, Debi Campestrini, Sarah Brown, Linda Hale, Sid Thomas. Helen Mitchell and Kate Thayer - publicity. Anita Klapper, Phil Webber, Jonathan Ezekiel, and Sid McFarland - photography. Rick and Jenny Becker - fliers and posters. Mark Voss and Martha Rubicam - radio interview.



Middle row: Boatography by Phil Webber



MORE TOUR WORKERS

Tom Susor - coordinator of hosts and hostesses: Jeff Acorn, Larry Ambrose, Rick and Jenny Becker, Mary and Jim Carlson, Judith Cederblom, Silvia Dier, Lucy Dodd, Clay Eaton, Edith Fairhall, Mary Gey, Bob Hagopian, Neil Hartman, Tom and Mark Haslett, Ed and Karen Hayes, Elizabeth Johnson, Connie Jump, Bill Keasler, Jim Knight, Bill and Annette Korbonits, Ann LeVasseur, Sheri and Keith Lockwood, Lois Loontjens, Celia Matson, Greg and Cathy Maxwell, Jerry Moos, Paulette Payseno, Shirley Thomas, Sandy and Brian Fenn.

Bob Schroeder - boat narrator. Ruth Coffin - boat hostess. Brenda Dannenberg and Phil Webber - T-shirt table. Linda Daniel, Ann Lansdon, Tim Nolan, Randy Washburne, Jay Hansen and Lanny Hanock - boats at Ivars. Manager of Hunger Turtle - Al Peterman. Gate owner - Lester Hoover. Parking provider - Lucille Flanagan.





Waterlog

by Sheri Lockwood

Well, the sun has come out and a corresponding upsurge in activities on the docks has been noted. What a smile provoking experience to see all those houseboat T-shirted folks guiding 700 houseboat fans around for the tour. It was **almost** as much fun for the community as for our guests . . . it's only taken a few weeks to rest up enough for the post-tour party.

SAILING TRIPS: One amongst our number came in seventh in the Annual Swiftsure overnight sailboat race from Victoria out the straits. That would be **Keith Magnuson**, 2031 Fairview, aboard the "Midnight Special". Also entered in the Swiftsure was the 2420 Westlake crew aboard the "Circe", they were **Bob Bartleson**, **Nancy Cox**, **Betty Campestrini** and **Betty Kendall** . . . **Paul LaBerge**, 2201 Fairview, spent 19 days in April and May sailing to Hawaii aboard the "Muave", a 38 foot fiberglass Gary Mull design racing boat and **Betty Campestrini** spent 2 weeks on a sail up to Alaska.

OTHER TRIPS: **Gwendolyn Phillips**, resident herbalist on 2235 Fairview is spending the summer in Italy repairing and restoring a Mediterranean cruise boat . . . **Sue Mucklestone**, 2822 Boyer, (the envy of us all) is in China sailing up the Yangtze River . . .

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS: We have new neighbors, **Peggy Hackney** and **Linda Hull** on 2351 Fairview, and **Missy Simmons** at 1213 Shelby . . . **Jay Gelzer** is a houseboater again, she's the new roommate of **Sandy Oellien** on 2035 she used to live at 2031 Fairview. **Phil Webber** the P.I. photographer who is the newest resident on 2464 Westlake is beautifying his new home. His neighbors can't seem to say enough about how lucky they are to have him. "He's friendly, outgoing, and considerate" and they love the nice touches he's added to his house and their neighborhood. Thanks Phil! . . . **Dr. Charlie Hale's** daughter, **Sarah**, has moved down from Alaska with her Scotty dog Mac and will be attending Bush School Welcome Sarah and Mac!

WILD LIFE: The geese are laying eggs on the dock of 1214 Hamlin . . . and "Joe", the muscovy duck who has become a three year dock pet was chagrined to find that he has to share his favorite perch with a Canadian goose and her goslings . . . **Elizabeth Johnson** and the children (**Jeff** and **Casey Anderson** and **Ryan**, **Colleen**, **John** and **Keith McMahon**) of 2600 Fairview have been rescuing mother ducks, ducklings and eggs from marauding raccoons and muskrats. The two baby ducks they saved are still faring well after three weeks . . . must be all that TLC . . . The **Coast Guard** and helpers deserve a special thank you for their speedy response to June 3rd's oil spill. It was messy for a few days but at least it was contained quickly . . . The Dock Rummage Sale on **2219-2235 Fairview** has been set for July 10 and 11. Drop by and watch them trade junk from household to household.

OTHER NEWS: **Jim and Linda Knight**, 2025 Fairview, will be hosting the **Floating Home Tour** workers party June 13 . . . The Floating Home office at 2329 Fairview Ave. E. is usually open from 10:30-12:30 daily and the beautiful new houseboat **T-shirts** are available there. Try calling first at 325-1132 . . . **Sherry Loghry** and **Mike Roberts** were married on their dock at 2031 Fairview,



Boatography by Phil Webber
Brenda Dannenberg waits for the next T-shirt sale on the day of the houseboat tour. Profits on the new houseboat T-shirts reached \$1450 by the end of May.

May 16th with other festivities afterward at the market . . . Congratulations! . . . **Tony and Ginny Johnson**, 3226 Portage Bay, (Now **Sarito** and **Svadesh**) surprised neighbors and friends with a visit to their houseboat in late May. It's hard for them to find time away from their work with the Raj Neesh Purim a the Big Muddy Ranch in Antelope, Oregon . . . the folks on 3226 also celebrated at a birthday party for **Mike Savin**, June 4th . . . **Sarah Jarvis** on Portage Bay would like to sell her 14 foot Sea Lark, it has a main sail and a jib, it's in good condition, \$850.00. Interested? Call Sarah at 322-8827 . . . The folks at 1213 **Shelby** are catching 12-inch trout with Velveeta cheese . . . Three people on the Shelby dock have gotten their new stringers done by **Art Holder**, (323-8453), and they highly recommend his work . . . **Lucy Leonhardt** says her stringers are so high she's afraid she's going to get a nosebleed . . . The meeting of little one year-old **William Elmer** with the famed pediatrician Dr. Spock was mentioned in The Seattle Times recently. William's mom, **Jean Elmer**, 2351 Fairview, says they got on just great . . . "but then, Dr. Spock has a way with kids . . ." . . . **2019 Fairview** is gearing up for summer parties and windsurfing . . . They are so much fun to watch . . . **Martha Rubicam**, 2025 Fairview, and **Beth Means**, 2731 Fairview are decked out and selling flowers at their new flower stand on Madison by the Arboretum . . . best wishes to **Chris Knight**, 2025 Fairview, who is home after spending several weeks in the hospital . . . **Ann LeVassuer** is working on the campaign of **Mike Lowry** for U.S. Representative. If you would like to help she would be grateful to hear from you at 323-0517 . . . **Stan Smith**, photographer on 2219 Fairview, will be featured in an upcoming fall issue of "American Photographer." Recently one of his photographs at the Traver-Sutton Gallery, was sold to the Museum of Modern Art in N.Y. **John** and **Iris Sutton**, gallery owners, are also new houseboat owners . . . **Terry Pettus**, featured in mid-May on Channel 4's PM Northwest has renewed his notary license as a convenience for other houseboaters. If you need something notarized give him a call at 329-2647. He says he will also be available weekends and evenings. Terry can't praise enough the lessons he received in correct breathing from the Wa. Lung Ass'n. and Cabrini Hospital. The 6 weeks of breathing lessons are free and Terry is already walking a mile and a half a day. He says they call the students S.O.B.s, — that stands for "short of breath". He is feeling so good he has accepted their request for him to do talks on the subject. Either Terry or the Lung Association can provide you with more information. Just goes to show that you can't keep a good man down . . . **Kate Thayer**, 2031 Fairview, has good references and is looking for houseboats to housesit. Her number is 324-8632 . . . That's all folks . . . and if you have any news please call me at 322-4536.

T-Shirts A Big Hit

The first Seattle houseboat T-shirts made their debut at the annual meeting and were an immediate hit. The first delivery of 100 sold out immediately. The second shipment of 300 arrived just in time for the Houseboat Day Tour and were more than half gone by the end of the day.

A big thanks goes to Bob and Lynette McPake, 2025 Fairview, for designing the T-shirt. The shirts are dark blue, with outlines of houseboats in a subtle rainbow of color. "HOUSEBOATS" lettered in bold white contrasts with the colorful script message: "Bringing a little color to Seattle." Mike Roberts deserves credit for following through on the project for the Association.

If you haven't gotten your T-shirt yet, call the Floating Homes office and place your order now. The best time to pick up a shirt is 10:30 - 12:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, when Barbara Nelson keeps regular office hours. It would be best to call in advance, particularly if you want several shirts. There is only room enough in our office to keep a few shirts of each size. If these hours are impossible for you, call, and something can be worked out.

T-shirts come in men's (\$8.00), women's (French cut - \$10.00), and children's (\$6.00) and sizes small, medium, large and X-large. - C.K.

STORAGE SPACE NEEDED

Wanted: Space to store Floating Homes Association belongings. We are being crowded out of our little office by books, T-shirts, and "left-overs" from events. If anyone has the use of dry storage fairly near by, call the office.

TWO WATCHES FOUND

Found: Two watches were found on the day of the Houseboat Tour. They can be claimed at the office.

OFFICE NEEDS A FIX-UP

Work Party: Saturday, July 31. The Floating Homes office needs maintenance. Help and materials (lumber for rebuilding the deck, nails, plumbing) are needed. Call the office if you can pitch in.

CLIP AND MAIL



MORE HOUSEBOAT INHABITANTS

By Connie Jump

CARPENTER ANTS are the bane of the older houseboats, unwelcome guests and cohabitants in many of our boats. They can be recognized as large shiny black ants . . . wings are only present in the spring (if you find ants with wings in the summer and early fall, you are probably dealing with moisture ants, which are not a hazard to your house, just to your peace of mind!).

Carpenter ants build their elaborate nests in moist and rotting woods, although they occasionally break with tradition and settle into the space between walls, in piles of dry firewood, or in the hollow areas in doorjamb. Fresh cedar is apparently a particularly delectable treat to them, too! The nests are built by burrowing through the wood, and the first evidence of carpenter ants in our houses may be a fresh pile of sawdust, the residue of the burrowing process. The burrows cause weakened wood, which can be a real problem if the wood in question happens to be holding up your house or roof!

Carpenter ants do not eat the wood, and look to insects, aphids and nectar and organic food debris for their food. In some cases, the ants may have their nest outside and just drop into your kitchen to explore the menu, so careful observation of the little critters' habits is important to locating the nest. If there are large numbers of large black ants in your house, check damp areas . . . plumbing joints, door jambs, window sills, under-structure of the boat, eaves of the roof and beams, the underside of the decks. Chemical treatment is generally necessary, and there are two pesticides recommended: **Chlordane** which is most effective, but difficult to find for home use with a carpenter ant label, and **Diazinon**, effective but with a far shorter life. You may find you will want to call a pest control firm if you determine that you definitely have carpenter ants in your boat. For more information, telephone Dial Extension, 344 7984 and ask for tape #381, or write to them at 312 Smith Tower, Seattle, WA 98104, and ask for **Carpenter Ants, EM.4040.**

Auction Scheduled for October

The next big event planned by the Association is the October fund-raising auction. This is a new venture for us and we need lots of help and support. Right now, people are needed to make or solicit donations of goods or services (house painter, gourmet chef, lessons of all kinds), that can be auctioned off. Please fill out this form or call the office (325-1132) or Ellen Hansen (329-6033 evenings) if you can help.

I can help solicit donations from friends and businesses.

I would like to help with other aspects of the auction.

I can donate

Items: _____

I would like to have this item picked up.

Services: _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Send to: Floating Homes Association 2329 Fairview East, Seattle, WA 98102

13th Month Members Make Monthly Payments

Many 13th Month Club members are finding it convenient to make monthly payments to fulfill their pledges. Association members were offered several payment options this year: a single payment, monthly payments, or a charge to VISA or MasterCard. If none of these suit you, you can name your own plan! If you have mislaid your 13th Month pledge card, call the office and we'll send you one. Donations in April and May have brought this year's total to \$7,558.

During April and May, the following members joined the 13th MONTH CLUB: Tim Nolan, Mike Roberts and Sherre Loughy, David Sullivan and Kate Thayer, Sharon Greenberg, Deborah Carle, Tom Gorman, Keith and Sheri Lockwood, Greg and Carol Smith, Bill and Annette Korbonits, Kendall, Ed and Karen Hays, Tom Haslett, Lois Loontjens, Jann and Sid McFarland, Art Hemenway, Elizabeth Jackson and Theodora Ninesteel, Shirley Lashua, James Mason, August Piper and Joan Zegre, Glenn Chinn and Mayumi Tsutakawa, Carol Galanos.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS: Connie Jump, Norton and June Fauchald, Mahlon Taft and Janet Sears, Bill and Bauhje Lamerton, Clay and Kristina Eaton, Owen Haselton, Gary and Linda Oman, Robert and Joanne Harris.



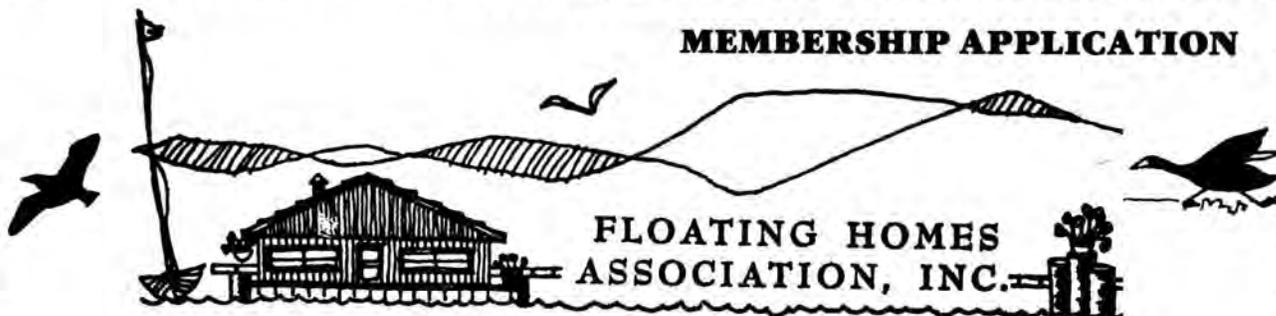
Photo by Caryl Keasler

Ann Powell, 2207 Fairview, and her daughter Celeste look on as a Coast Guardsman takes diesel oil samples from Lake Union. Pads of absorbent material lie on the water where they were scattered by a clean-up crew. The source of the 150-200 gallon spill was never determined. Although a fuel storage tank on a houseboat was first suspected, the oil tests and the huge amount of oil proved this to be untrue. To report oil spills during working hours call Coast Guard Marine Safety at 442-1853. For 24-hour service call 442-1856.

NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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325-1132

- Make checks payable to the Floating Homes Association.
- Dues payment covers all adults in the household.
- If more than one membership card needed list names below
- Dues payments cover the 12 months from date of joining.

- \$24.00 Regular Household Dues
- \$16.00 Retired Household Dues

(New members will receive a complimentary copy of Howard Drokens illustrated history (\$4.95) "Seattle's Unsinkable Houseboats."

Name _____ Address _____ Zip _____

Name(s) _____ Moorage No. _____ Phone _____

"To protect Seattle's old and colorful Houseboat Colony."