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MERRY CHRISTMAS

HOUSEBOAT COLONY TO MARK HOLIDAY WITH CRUISE AND DECORATIONS: An urgent request that all houseboat and moorage decorations be in place by Tuesday, December 21st, the night of our Association's Second Annual Christmas Cruise, was made this week by the Holiday Decorating Committee. This year the program has the support of the newly organized LAKE UNION ASSOCIATION, made up of all shoreland property owners. Heavy emphasis is being placed on over-the-water lighting and pier-end decorations.

Mrs. Muriel (Steve) Eklund, Ken and Clara Kennedy, who are heading the Committee this year, report an early and enthusiastic response. Some piers and quite a few houseboats had on their holiday gear early in December as did our office at 2329 Fairview East. To launch the campaign the Committee sent letters to 115 members asking that they call moorage meetings and otherwise take the lead in getting the show on the road in their respective areas. This was followed up with an illustrated leaflet outlining six decorating ideas.

The Christmas Cruise, aboard the MS SIGHTSEER, will be Tuesday, December 21st, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. (or thereabouts). The embarkation point will be the RIVIERA LAKE-SHORE DINING. This popular waterfront restaurant is located at 2501 Fairview Avenue East at the foot of Roanoke Street. There is plenty of free parking and can be conveniently reached by any Transit bus serving the University District. Roy and Virginia Meyers, owners, are cooperating to make the evening something really special by reducing the price of the specialty of the house - A FULL COURSE PRIME RIB DINNER - from \$4.25 to \$3.50. Dinner reservations are necessary and should be made not later than Saturday, December 18th, by phone EA 5-5744. PAUL WEST will be entertaining in the Monaco Room - the Riviera's cocktail lounge.

The Cruise will give us a rare opportunity to see the shorelands of Lake Union, Portage Bay and the Ship Canal in their holiday garb. Among other things we will pay a call on the CHRISTMAS SHIP when it returns to port via the Ballard Locks along about 9:30 p.m. Hot coffee and soft drinks will be available aboard ship. The SIGHTSEER has comfortable glass-enclosed decks, but those who plan to go topside to the open observation deck should dress warmly. Tickets are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children under 16 who must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available by mail (no phone orders, please) from the Association office and you should get yours early as they are limited to 200 and a sell-out is indicated.

The Lake Union Association has joined us in asking the Christmas Ship Committee to give us a longer look this year by slowing down on its swing through Lake Union. The announced schedule indicates that this request will be granted. Here is the complete schedule for the Christmas Ship this year:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH: West through the Ballard Locks, slow cruise to the Shilshole Boat Harbor, north to Carkeek Park, return through the locks for a slow cruise around the Lake Union waterfront.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH: Through Portage Bay into Lake Washington, south to Stan Sayres Memorial Park, slow cruise to Seward Park, south to Rainier Beach, cruise along the shoreline, cross lake to Mercer Island, and slow cruise along west shore of Mercer Island.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH: In Lake Washington to Laurelhurst Community Club north to Matthews Beach and Denny Park, program at Kirkland, slow cruise past Cozy Cove.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST: Slow cruise to Ballard Locks, program at locks south to Lowman Beach, program at Alki Point, slow cruise in Elliott Bay past central waterfront, program at Pier 91.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND: Musical cruise along Lake Union shoreline, cruise in Portage Bay into Lake Washington for programs at Madison Park, Madrona Beach and Leschi Park, cross Lake Washington for program in Meydenbauer Bay, cruise past Dabney Point, Medina.

This year, as in the past, we can also expect the usual generous treatment from the HILMA III, the sprightly, illuminated SANTA CLAUS CRUISER which has been a joy for the past 23 holiday seasons thanks to owner Chet Gibson. The HILMA III will accompany the CHRISTMAS SHIP one evening and then will conduct its own musical tours independently.

Last, but by no means least, those making the CHRISTMAS CRUISE can do some last minute shopping for themselves or friends. As a special feature the Association will offer 100 well-constructed flower boxes purchased from the Handicappers in Kirkland. While they last, they will be sold for only \$1.25 each -- a real bargain. Robert Brown, executive committee member, is in charge of this project.

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HOUSEBOAT PLUMBING THEME OF IMPORTANT MOORAGE MEETINGS: In order that our members can benefit by an orderly and economic modification of their plumbing systems in preparation for the forthcoming sewer hookup, the Executive Committee has proposed a series of MOORAGE MEETINGS to start soon after January 1. These meetings will be devoted to outlining in detail the plumbing systems to be required of all houseboats by the Seattle-King County Health Department.

The Executive Committee believes that this series of small meetings are necessary so that members can get specific information about their own plumbing arrangements as there is little uniformity among houseboats. Vice-President KENNETH KENNEDY, a plumber, will speak on and illustrate the general requirements and answer questions. Mr. Kennedy is serving on a special Committee with representatives of the Health Department in working out modifications of existing plumbing which will meet health and safety standards.

This is a most ambitious and important educational campaign. It will succeed to the degree that we get the cooperation of the membership. These meetings must be called and organized by the members at the respective moorages. The Executive Committee can help, but it cannot do the whole job. The office will furnish mimeographed meeting notices with blanks to fill in the time and place. Those calling the meeting should see that these are distributed to every houseboat owner whether or not they are members.

So don't wait for others to get your moorage meeting under way. Contact your Moorage Representative. If you don't have one, the meeting will be a good time to choose one. In the meantime, contact the office for an open date and a supply of meeting notices. **THIS IS IMPORTANT. WHEN THE HOLIDAY DECORATIONS COME DOWN, LET'S GET THESE MEETINGS UNDER WAY.**

NEWS NOTES FROM HERE & THERE: New Decals will soon be available for distribution. Design remains the same but color will be Bright Orange....Next NEWS LETTER (January 1966) will have information on houseboat tax forms (due in February) and information on flotation. Both requested by members. What suggestions do you have?.....There are 15,000 dwelling vacancies in Seattle (apartments, etc.), Floating Homes vacancy rate a fat ZERO.

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