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The Floating Homes Association's  
*36rd Annual*  
**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, April 23, 1998  
George Pocock Memorial Rowing Center  
3320 Fuhrman Avenue East

*7:00 PM*

Tour of new Lake Union Police Boat with its  
firefighting capability of 3000 gallons a minute.

*7:30 - 9:00 PM*

Issues Around the Lakes/Year in Review

- What is a vessel?
- Housebarges
- The Rowing Club
- Slide area on Portage Bay Place East
- Update on state lease

Executive Board Election

Floating Homes Cookbook & Sweatshirts on Sale  
Meet houseboaters from all the docks

**See You There!**

## Odd Vessels

by Bill Keasler - FHA President

Terry Pettus, the "grand old man" of Seattle houseboats and founding leader of the Floating Homes Association, used to delight in telling the story of how a few houseboaters snookered the cops for a while back in the 1960's.

At the time, moorages were disappearing all over the lake and there was no place for most people to go. A few docks were being extended onto state land. But there was often a period of time when those lucky enough to get a berth on the new moorages were forced adrift until their docks were ready. Since the law then (and now) required a permit to move houseboats from place to place, and since a condition of obtaining a permit was that the houseboat be moved into a legal moorage, those moorage-less floating homes were technically illegal while they were drifting around.

The city government considered floating homes a blight back then and was not shy about moving to nab the miscreants. The city was foiled, however, when creative houseboaters came up with the idea of registering the loose houseboats as "vessels" with the feds, thereby taking the houseboats out of the city's jurisdiction and buying enough time for them to settle into the

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new moorages.

The ploy worked, and its remembrance has been good for a laugh ever since. So, it is with some mixed emotions that the Association finds itself in opposition to those trying to run the same scam today. Unfortunately, things have gotten out of hand.

The problem is that people are using the "vessel" designation as means to defeat the permitting process for developments which have significant impacts on their neighbors.

Last year, John Fluke moved an enormous "boathouse" onto the north Lake Union shoreline, claiming it was a vessel. It was in fact a floating residence. Fluke's pride and arrogance led him to brag about the living quarters in a national magazine. Neither the Corps of Engineers or the city Department of Construction and Land Use appreciated looking like fools, so they managed to cut through the technicalities, officially declared the thing to be what it actually was, and kicked Fluke out.

Several years ago, the city sought to limit the proliferation of "housebarges" on the lake by grandfathering the existing ones and making new ones illegal. Housebarges are essentially barge-like hulls with apartments on top. Housebarge builders responded by attaching the minimum accouterments necessary to qualify for registration as "vessels" with the Coast Guard (motor mounts, running lights, etc.) and new housebarges continued to be built unabated. Finally, when Gove's Cove on Westlake was sold to a developer who advertised that he was converting the site into what amounted to housebarge heaven, his floating home neighbors, horrified by visions of vanishing parking and gallons of gray water being dumped into the lake, protested loudly to the city. The city's reaction was a rash of Violation notices to housebarges all over the lake. These cases are still

unresolved.

Most recently, developer Rome Ventura installed what amounted to nearly 20,000 square feet of commercial space onto a dock at the foot of Allison Street on Fairview without submitting to the permit process. Her two structures, designed to work together as a rowing club, were built at Lake Union Dry Dock, and, once again, superficially sported attachments intended to qualify them as "vessels." Ventura managed to license and document the structures with the Coast Guard, towed them up to the Allison street end from dry dock, and commenced operations as a rowing facility. Soon the impact of 50 rowers descending on the area every afternoon drew the angry attention of her neighbors. The neighbors appealed to the city, and the city slapped Ventura with a Notice of Violation. Ventura appealed to the Hearing Examiner. The Floating Homes Association, a condominium association from a building across the street and the Eastlake Community Council filed a brief in support of the city's position. In mid-March, the Hearing Examiner upheld the Notice of Violation. We are now awaiting Ventura's next move.

Clearly, the Association is being drawn into this issue. Nobody's laughing anymore. The "vessel" scam will figure prominently on the agenda of our Annual Meeting in April.

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### *Greetings from the floating home community in Idaho.*

*There are currently on Idaho's lakes approximately 200 floating homes. Most of these are located within marinas owned by parties other than the owners of the floating homes. According to Lew Wilson, president of the Idaho Floating Homes Association, the group has been busy negotiating submerged land fees and proposed legislation. Legislative Bill #669 is now in the Idaho Senate. On a more social note, the Idaho FHA sponsored its first tour and attracted 500. Eleven floating homes within three marinas in Bayview were on the tour. Bayview is located halfway between Coeur d'Alene and Sandpoint off Highway 95.*

# Dodging Bullets in Olympia

by Bill Keasler, FHA President

It felt like the entire state heaved a sigh of relief when the legislature adjourned on March 12. The Floating Homes Association was no exception. We were tracking two issues, the preemption of local landlord-tenant laws and the state aquatic lands revenue review. Luckily, we sustained no serious damage on either.

## SHB 1043: Preempting Local Landlord-tenant Laws

Eerie echoes of 1981, when a group of moorage owners ran a bill which would have preempted rent control ordinances statewide. Of course, there was only one, the Equity Ordinance. This time, we were not to be the primary target, but merely a casualty of war. The legislature actually passed SHB 1043 and sent it to Gov. Locke. Section 2 reads, in part:

...Local laws not in existence as of January 1, 1999, that are inconsistent with, more or less restrictive than, or exceed or fall below the requirements of state law shall not be enacted regardless of the nature of the code, charter, or home rule status of the city, town, county, or other municipality. Local laws in existence as of January 1, 1999, shall not be amended to create inconsistencies with this section...

This language would have, at the very least, prevented Seattle from amending the Equity Ordinance in the future. Fortunately, Sen. Pat Thibadeau (D-43) and Sen. Jeanne Kohl (D-36), at the urging of the Association's lobbyist, Mike Ryherd, managed to attach an amendment to Section 3 of the bill:

...(4) Section 2 of this act does not apply to local ordinances dealing with landlord-tenant relations for houseboats, floating homes, or floating home docks.

Whew! We are still uneasy about the bill's potential for mischief however, so, in spite of the amendment, we have asked Gov. Locke to veto it. (Sens. Thibadeau and Kohl actually voted against the bill as a whole even after they amended it.) As of this writing, we still do not know what the Governor is going to do, but veto or not, we're probably OK.

## State Leased Lands

It was fairly quiet on the state beach front this year.

A coalition of marina operators went for a temporary break from escalating lease fees for themselves until the state revises its method for calculating them. They claimed hardship based on fee increases of hundreds of percent and lease costs overwhelming their profit margins.

The actual question of how to determine lease fees has been "under study" since last year and is again this year. Presumably, there will be more meetings to thrash the issue this summer and once again, we are assured, we will be "at the table."

Many thanks to Mike Ryherd and our legislative delegation for a job well done.

## COMING DATES

**Wednesday, April 22, 4-8 p.m.** — Eastlake Option Fair, Seattle Police Officer's Guild, 2517 Eastlake Ave. E.

**Thursday, April 23, 7:30 - 9 p.m.** — Annual membership meeting of the Floating Homes Association

**Saturday, April 25, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** — Eastlake Option Fair, Hart Crowser, 1910 Fairview Ave E.

**Saturday, May 2** — Opening Day of Boating Season

**Friday-Sunday, July 3-5** — 22nd annual Lake Union Wooden Boat Festival at the south end of Lake Union.

**Week of July 11-19** — National Clean Boating Campaign — Northwest campaign coordinated by the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance. If you want to tie-in, call Pat Pearson at 206-286-1309, email: pskeeper@halcyon.com Annual membership meeting of the Floating Homes Association



## Waterlog

by Sheri Lockwood

I'm glad we still have readers! By now you've all survived 1998's two Friday the 13ths, (the last featuring a full moon and a lunar eclipse) the Ides of March, St Patrick's Day (... you call this survival. . .?) and best of all we don't have to worry anymore about the big Year 2028 asteroid destroying the earth. But just think if the asteroid DID hit we wouldn't need that expensive stringer job just to barely stay afloat a few more years; we wouldn't need to wonder how long a cedar log can last -- and we could splurge on great vacations and max out the cards -- no need to worry about old age. It something to think about, but we'd still have snow and geese, leaky windows and bulb-munching raccoons. Home Sweet Home.

### WELCOME ABOARD MATIES

Roanoke Reef welcomes their new neighbor, Alene Moris. Kim and Todd are new neighbors at the Dox Foundation and Shelby Street has a new kayaking neighbor, Maura. Flo Villa has an exceptionally new neighbor: they welcomed Jill and Richard Ying's baby daughter Mollie Chiyo Ying, born October 30th in Vancouver B.C.

### ANCHORS AWEIGH AND Q&A

Rick Blank and Laurie Balistreri of Flo-Villa and Jack and Carol Hilton of the Dox Co-op visited Florida in March to absorb some warmth and get a jump on spring. . . . Peter and Brigette Erickson of the Log Foundation recently returned from a three week trip to visit relatives in the Philippines. . . . 2764 Westlake has a new houseboater Deb Greene; she barely got moved into her dream houseboat and left for her Puerto Vallarta vacation the next day. . . . She says "I noticed a 'box' on the dock with three lights (one red, two clear), for the sewer? Does your dock have one? What does it do and what does it mean when the red light comes on temporarily? Scary looking contraption." . . . I didn't know what to tell her, as my dock doesn't have any flashing lights -- her neighbors wouldn't be playing tricks on her, would they? If you have an idea I can pass along to Deb, you can call me at 322-4536. . . . Our East Coast docksters at Sea Village Marina in New Jersey would like to know if any Seattle houseboaters have installed pellet stoves and what we think of them. They use Zoneline heat and air conditioning which are like hotel units -- do we know of any alternatives that work on the water?? You can email them at "svm@bellatlantic.net". Susan Jenkins (Dox Co-op) just returned home from Denver where US West taught her to design web-pages and network, and now she's off with her partner Lee for skiing at Sweitzer. . . . Tim Easton and

Andrea Weiland (Log Foundation) took a month long trek to South America. They traveled to several countries including Venezuela. . . . Ellen and Steve Hansen of the Log Foundation spent two weeks in the Caribbean that included a family visit. (Their neighbor Jann has a very good question -- why don't the rest of us have family in exotic places. . . .??). . . . Robert and Surain afSandeberg will be trading visits with his brother in Sweden. Richard's brother sailed, skied and drank wine during his visit here; they will turn the tables on their visit to Sweden in March.

### TALES OF YORE

This is a lovely story forwarded to me by Mike Schick on Furhman. I haven't changed a word. . . it couldn't be improved.

"I was just reading the Waterlog and decided to accept your invitation to send you email (dillo@raincity.com). . . . My wife and I had a surprise visit by Tom and Dartha Hopkins who, in 1969, were living in the houseboat at 2920B Fuhrman when I moved to Seattle in that year. They sold the houseboat to Marge Ewing from whom I bought in 1970. Marge was an interesting woman. Besides being married to a celebrated oceanographer, she lived in Paris for several years and translated a couple of books written by her friend, Henry Miller, into French. Dartha tells me that Marge could not stand Anais Nin. Marge also translated Lawrence Durrell's 'The Black Box' into French. As I said, an interesting woman.

"It was very pleasant to reminisce with Tom and Dartha about the 'old' houseboat. (The 'new' one is that which now floats here, having been thoroughly remodeled in 1981.) For example, as the old one lacked insulation, the toilet would freeze up in the winter. Tom was pleased to find that I still had the set of 'instructions for the use of the houseboat' which he had supplied to Marge, and which I had obtained from her. (They included instructions to prevent the ducks from entering, as they would eat the nap off the carpet, advice which we still follow.) There is a strong sense of continuity here on Portage Bay." . . . I have to agree, but no one could have said it better. Thanks so much Mike, Tom, Dartha and Marge. Ask your dock "old-timers" -- it's just we've lived here a long time, age has NOTHING to do with it -- about your dock, you might be surprised by the tales they can tell. . . .

### SPLICE THE MAIN BRACE

The Dox Co-op, disappointed that the Kayak Carollers weren't active for the 1997 Christmas tour of houseboats, decided they could do it themselves. Those who could brave the cold and wind, who could latch onto a boat of some sort and who would purchase and wear a Santa hat, launched into the spirit of the season and serenaded the rest of the docksters (whether they liked it or not) who chose to stay home. Maybe they should have drunk some wine or grog before they started. This was NOT Bing Crosby's "White Christmas". Everyone was singing at a different tempo and no one seemed to know the words, although song sheets were provided. It seemed hilarious from the caroller side, the carollée side may have been a tad grim. . . . The Oeastlake Oenophiles, the wine group formed by some Flo-Villians and associates about a year ago, met on February 20th at Kay and Theresa Jones' houseboat at Mallard Cove. Wines were meticulously selected to enhance wonderful cuisines. The wines were great and plenty. . . perhaps too much for some who

missed the step from the dock . . . eh, Dan? (Hey -- don't worry -- be easy -- we all make mistakes that our neighbors will remind us of forever. . . ) George Yeannakis of Dox Co-op will be reveling in the celebration of one of his BIG birthdays by playing basketball and breaking crab-legs with his family and friends in March. . . . In addition, he's initiated the acquisition of a portable basketball hoop for the Dox Co-op parking lot -- (does this person have a basketball Jones or what?) Roanoke Reefers will have an SOS (Safety Or Social) party on their Dock in April. This big do will feature a visit and safety demonstration by the new Harbor Patrol Boat #4 (YAY!) and socializing with neighbors and friends. (The rest of us get our chance to look at the boat at 7:00 pm the night of the FHA Annual Meeting on April 23rd.) . . . Shelby Street dock is looking very San Franciscan these days -- they could almost be emulating the famous Victorian "Painted Ladies" favored by postcard-mailing SF visitors. Colorful houseboats now include a marine blue with white trim, a salmon pink with blue and white trim and a yellow with green trim. I have to admit -- our dock is pretty darn beige.

### FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Susie Jenkins (Dox Co-op) just missed the last edition with word that she had finished her first Danskin Triathalon. She finished in one hour and 45 minutes (the winner finished in 1 hour and 1 minute.) Susie came in 55 out of 84 for her age group of 45-49. (I live next door and I can tell you, triathletes know how to par-tay too). . . Susie's partner Lee Redden is one of the wonderful people from DOT who explode snow -- so it avalanches, but not on us. The Seattle Times featured a picture of Lee doing exactly that in a photo feature entitled "Avalanche Makers At Work" on January 8th. . . Shelby Street docksters are very sad that Eric and Laurie Smith have decided to move off the dock for a few years until the babies can get better sea legs. Laurie had her arms full with baby Max when 2 year old Gemma slid into the lake. Heroic neighbor Eric Hogeboom was showering and heard the commotion. He hopped from the shower to the lake to help rescue a startled Gemma. Shelbyites hope that Eric, Laurie, Rachel, Gemma and Max come back soon. . . Caroline Kuknyo from Tenas Chuck Dock became a Grandmama to Samantha Rose who was born March 2nd. She got the word and caught a plane to be there for the birthing in Arizona. . . Jeri Callahan (Tenas Chuck) came back from her winter in Mexico a different way this time. She and her friend, Ed Lewis, drove a van home for friends who suffered ill health while in Puerto Vallarta. Jeri and Ed took 10 days seeing "parts of Mexico we have never seen." Highlight was Alamos, a northern Mexico colonial silver town that is being beautifully restored. . . Flo-Villians are very happy to have Merlyn Proctor back on the dock again after several weeks in Providence Hospital, and Robert afSandeberg spent most of December in the hospital. His wife Surain says "he got a new heart valve for Christmas -- and the best news is that he likes wine again!!" The infection had badly affected certain taste buds. . . . We're all happy to hear that Robert and Surain are able to laugh about their 1997 Christmas now. . . Speaking of the heart, Mike Handron (Tenas Chuck) got a new one on February 5. Diagnosed at an early age by his physician father, Mike had an open heart valve job in 1984. Doctors at the time said it would "carry you into the next century." But on Dec. 12, 1997, Mike went into University Hospital as the #1

regional priority in his blood type for a transplant. He got a wake-up call at 2 a.m. Feb. 5th. The message from his nurse: "Your new heart's on the way." Eleven days later he was back on his houseboat happily surrounded by his wife, Deanne, and kids Jonny, Matt & Caitie. Spring and sunshine will make us all feel better.

### FLORA AND FAUNA

In the Feb. snow a family of otters were playing and sliding on Bob Burk and Blair Robbins (Log Foundation) raft. The otter "kids" got so excited that they knocked Bob and Blair's deck chairs in the lake. . . . For almost 2 months everyone has been enjoying the fragrance of the daphne plant in front of the Yeannakis-Boyer (Debbie-Down-the-Docks) household on Dox Co-op. Shirley Lashua confessed to Bev Mattson that she also took a little snip of it to her house -- and how wonderful it smelled. Debbie now says she charges 10 cents a snip and has been keeping track. She says she is going to buy a daphne for the parking lot landscaping -- probably with whatever Shirley owes her. . . . This note from Carol Hilton of Dox Co-op. She found some primroses in their 4" pots on her porch with a note saying, "Carol, help, Merle (her neighbor) tried to kill us." Carol says, "Don't you just hate it when plants leave home and then go whining to the neighbors about plant abuse?" Carol and Jack took them in for emergency treatment -- and the prognosis is uncertain as of now. I for one hope ALL plants don't run off squealing to the neighbors -- my cat is bad enough. . . (Shamus turned 20 years old on St. Patrick's Day and that is why he howls on the dock in bewilderment and is crotchety most of the time). This is not pet abuse -- I know how he feels.

### GUN BOATS:

The Shelby Street docksters are prepared for "incoming". There are now -- three -- count 'em -- three water cannons to protect against expected goose maneuvers in the spring, summer, fall and winter. So this would be a site to avoid during May Opening Day and Fourth of July. There's another one on Log Foundation somewhere and sureshot water balloonists somewhere around Little Lynn Street Park. . . . Be careful out there. . .

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We pull all this gossip together just about every three months -- we would LOVE to hear about your neighbors, parties, pets, flora and fauna, weather, vacations, new jobs, and what you like about your home and environs. You can call me: Sheri Lockwood, 322-4536 or send me email (dillo@raincity.com), or leave word at the Floating Homes Association office, 325-1132. Or visit my web page at "<http://www.raincity.com/sheri>", where you can link up to some houseboaters in other climes. So long for now -- someone said only Seattlites can hear the words "sun break" and know what it really means. They are right, I think I just saw one. Id better find my shades. 'Til next time -- keep those stringers dry. . .

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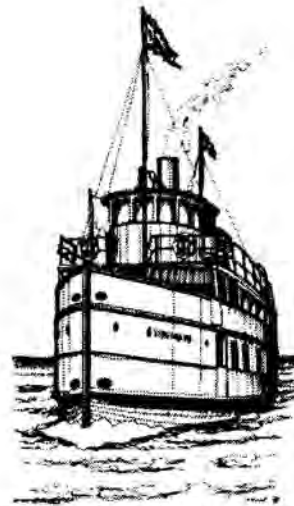
# Peg's Log

by Peg Stockley, Editor

If the questions coming into the FHA office are any indication, the outside folks are most interested in how to rent a houseboat. Mostly the people who ask are hoping that they can pick one up for \$1000 or less which is still possible but that's when I pursue the conversation a little further. If they are hung up on square footage, require a reserved parking space or long for a panorama view, I do a friendly reality check for them. There are increasing questions about clarification of the differences between floating homes, house barges, boathouses, vessels, etc.. One travel agent from Minnesota wanted to rent a houseboat for her clients to "go cruising". And, the local and national media continue their fascination with the houseboat way of life — a shot of a houseboater who works at home, a photo of an old-time houseboat, a photo of an interesting remodel, an old-timer, a newcomer, etc..

Our houseboat community sits on two lakes but it also borders on several upland neighborhoods and we occasionally share common issues. Fairview houseboaters are part of Eastlake; Westlake houseboaters are part of an informal Westlake mixed use neighborhood that even includes the slope of Queen Anne; Lee's Moorings relates to Fremont, Boat Street to the University, and Portage Bay to Roanoke Park. Because of this, as a floating homes community we need to be represented in the activism of as many of these neighborhoods as we can. If you have interest and energy to get involved with us, please call the FHA office, 325-1132.

The winter issue of *The Skeeter News*, Journal of the Steamer Virginia V Foundation, Inc., has encouraging info about the restoration of the Virginia at its present moorage at Lake Union Drydock. At year's end, the Foundation reached the halfway mark in its fundraising. Goal is to get the Virginia steaming again by mid-summer 1999. Contri-



Steamer Virginia V

butions should be made payable to the "Steamer Virginia V Foundation" and marked for "Restoration Fund." Mail to the Steamer Virginia V Foundation at PO Box 24805, Seattle, WA 98124-0805. Also, a group of volunteers meet the first Saturday of the month to work on various cleanup and demolition tasks on the vessel. If you would

like to participate, call Jim Roper at 206-726-7688.

If you live in certain parts of the Portage Bay houseboat community, you are living with the "wall" project. If you don't, you may have noticed the congestion on the hillside between Fuhrman Ave. E. down to the water. Responding to drastic landslides, the City is building a retaining wall. It's a Local Improvement District District (LID) project.

Just for fun (if you're into theater), the Village Theatre in Issaquah is currently performing the "Bootlegger". Book, music and lyrics are by Seattle resident Bruce Monroe. This loosely historical musical about the roaring days of Prohibition-era Seattle should remind houseboat historians of our colorful past. If you get a chance, the play runs Wednesdays-Sundays through April 26. Call 206-292-ARTS.

We have some newcomer packets in the office which are available to all docks if needed. Most docks have their own version. It's important that new people moving into our community know about the idiosyncrocies of living afloat. Especially, the environmental matters. Or how to peacefully co-exist with the wildlife and garden accordingly. (See the Lily Pad elsewhere in this issue.)

## EASTLAKE OPTIONS FAIRS APRIL 22 & 25

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The Eastlake Tomorrow neighborhood planning process, in which FHA is a partner, is holding two drop-in fairs to get your thoughts on directions for the neighborhood. Refreshments are being donated by local businesses. There will be exhibits on open space, transportation, community design, gateways, the business district, diversity and affordable housing. Volunteers will be standing by to answer your questions. This is important! The next public comment opportunity will be on a draft neighborhood plan. If you cannot attend, fill out the questionnaire at the back of the tabloid that is distributed in April; extras will be available at the FHA office and at Lake Union Mail, 117 E Louisa St. For information, call 322-5463 or cleman@oo.net. Also check the Eastlake Tomorrow web site at <http://www.oo.net/et>.



*Bob Lilly has lived on his houseboat on the Tenas Chuck Moorage for 27 years. A horticulturist, he is one of the designers of the Bellevue Botanical Border, and designed his own garden at this year's NW Flower and Garden Show.*

### "Gardening with Geese"

Spring has arrived on Lake Union with narcissus and crocus in bloom and new shoots on the trees. I have seen squirrels eating the buds on Viburnums and crows pulling labels out of pots but nothing beats a goose or a duck trying every day to eat the inedible. Put cages over your pots, stakes in your planters so they can't nest, and chase them off the docks whenever you see those beady eyes and tulip-flattening feet.

March and early April is the time for doing fall clean up that didn't get done. So here's a check list for pots, planters, baskets and tubs:

- 1) Clean up old foliage, remove dead leaves and look for slugs hiding between the soil and the edge of your pots.
- 2) Lift up pots and clean out the soil and worm-castings that have fallen on the deck over winter.
- 3) Look underneath pots for slugs (their favorite place) and throw them in the lake. A sinking slug will drown but not in shallow water.
- 4) Scrub the algae off your clay pots - it's not necessary but does look a bit better.
- 5) Buy some new pots - wood is best as it is lightweight - clay second, particularly for plants that like good drainage - plastic is only OK for looks, but it is the lightest.
- 6) Find a good soil - lightweight (peat) with air and drainage from pumice or perlite.
- 7) Pot up a few pansies or some already grown bulbs and plan your summer color.
- 8) Prune dead and broken branches off trees and shrubs.
- 9) Decide on what to give a larger pot but remember this is a slippery slope - following this rule could eventually sink your house.
- 10) Get a fertilizer (Rapid Grow is good). Try to feed every 2 weeks. I am looking for a good organic liquid which may be better for the lake.
- 11) Clean your saucers if you use them in summer (no plant pot should be in a saucer over the winter.)

### Uncle Bob's Top Ten (best plants for houseboats and their pots.)

- Hollywood Juniper evergreen and dark green, long-lived in large pot.
- Hostas - for shade - large bold leaves in many color varieties.
- Geraniums for summer color. They love our extra reflected light from the water. Plant out May 1st or so. Can winter over in a mild winter like this one.
- Lilies in deep pots - Asiatics for hot colors - Orientals for fragrance (can get 8' tall!)
- Narcissus - the one bulb the fowl won't eat.
- Ivy - lots of colored and variegated types will eventually completely fill any pot and they are evergreen.
- Marguerites - the best of the daisies - compact white and lace leaf (gray foliage) are best.
- Pines - any type is OK, but they are long-lived and need a large pot.
- Forsythia - a good spring blooming shrub but needs to be out of the wind or will have that wind-blown look. This was Alfa McClung's favorite (she was a beloved and long-time houseboater at 2331-N on Tenas Chuck.)
- Dusty Miller - in pots has about a three-year life but has the best grey foliage (particularly in moonlight). Yellow flowers in the second year if you don't prune it and nothing eats it!

And, one last note: Fill your pots with soil and use just a few bits of arched clay pot shards over the drainage holes, or window screen, you need all the soil volume for the best plants and water retention.



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Help preserve and protect Seattle's colorful houseboat colony.  
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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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