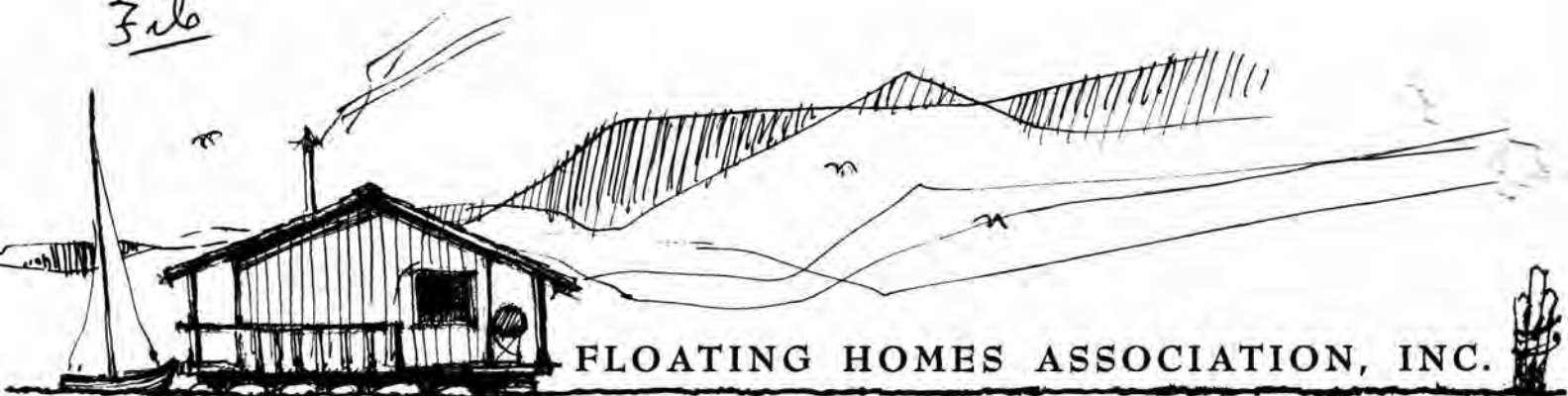


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## NEWS LETTER

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**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE WANTS MOORAGE MEETINGS:** In order to tailor the "Clean-up, Paint-up, Fix-up" campaign to fit the specific needs of specific areas, the Beautification Committee is available for moorage meetings, Bob Eyre, chairman, announces. The Committee has three special programs it can present singly or in combination. The subjects are: (1) General Beautification (2) Painting, Roofing and General Construction and (3) Plantings, Flowers and Garden Materials. For information and dates contact: Bob Eyre, EA 2-1040; Mrs. Jo Windus, EA 4-9017 or John Ciemny, SU 3-3112.

The Committee has made arrangements with a number of firms which will give Association members discounts of up to 20 per cent on presentation of their Membership Certificate. Participating firms are: Miller Paint Co., 1936 - 7th; Boysen Paint Co., 2226 Elliott; Jerry Lewis Paint Co., Fairview N. & Yale N.; Daniel Boone Paint Co., 1401 Dexter and Daly's Inc. (stains and wood preservatives), 1121 N. 36th. The American Tar Co. of 1702 N. Northlake Place, has developed an aluminum roof coating in five colors; silver, blue, gold, copper and brown. In cooperation with the company the Beautification Committee is applying this special "paint" to a houseboat roof to gain experience in its use and will make its findings available on request. The American Tar Company will offer a substantial discount on this material to Association members.

The Association has also made arrangements with the City Engineering Dept. for a more effective "clean-up" use of the drift boat "Pelican Pete", formerly operated by the Harbor Police. "Pelican Pete" is now available to pick up all manner of unsightly and dangerous floating debris. Mr. Carl Wheeler of the City Engineering Dept. is in charge. He can be reached at AT 2-0950 between 8-9 a.m. and at JU 3-2770 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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**NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED:** Our brand new Membership Certificates (Mrs. Anne Skjelbred designed the Burgee) are now being distributed by mail and through moorage representatives. If you haven't received yours it probably means your dues fell due in March, April or May. If you haven't paid it isn't your fault because you should have been notified. If there is any question contact your moorage representative and/or Mrs. Muriel Eklund (evenings) at EA 2-4596.

Jim Bain, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, reports that there are now active members on the Board of Directors as representatives of 24 moorages. They are: Fairview E.: Mrs. Richard Reed, 2017; Warren Batterson, 2019-21; Mrs. Jo Windus, 2025; Howard Larson, 2027-31; Edward Russell, 2035-37; Delbert Eklund, 2203; Betty Smith, 2207; Rosella Bailey, 2217; George Moore, 2319; L. P. Staman, 2727 and Richard O. Mason, 3125. Westlake N.: Bruce Gordon, 2460; Gail Thomas, 2770 and Esther Garhart, 2814. East Shelby: Robert Hazelton, 1212 and Norman Reese, 1213. Portage Bay Place E.: Jim Bain, 3129; Ben Harrison, 3138 and Charles Valentine, 3250. Others: Dan Brackett, 2818 Boyer; Margaret Munro, 612-16 West Ewing; J. W. Morrison, 2918 Fuhrman; David Brown, 933 N. Northlake Way and Kenneth Kennedy, 3621 15th N. E. If your moorage is not represented wh; don't you do something about it? The next meeting of the Board will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 at the Montlake Field House. On all organizational matters contact Jim Bain (evenings) EA 3-6869.

The Board of Directors meeting April 9 set a quota of 100 new members by June 1. The Organizing Committee urges that special attention be paid to owners and/or occupants of rented houseboats. Both categories are eligible, both benefit from the Association and should be asked to join. New members since April 9, nine - with 91 to go.

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**ASSOCIATION FRAISED FOR PIER SIGN PROJECT:** Our project to street number all pier ends (requested by the Harbor Police) got away to a good start. Signs have been furnished to most moorages and are available to all without charge. The project has drawn praise from Lieut. L. V. Watson of the Harbor Police. Sign requests should go to Mrs. Eklund, EA 2-3596.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CO-OP MOORAGE? Well wishers have suggested that the Association take a long and careful look at the possibility of co-operatively owned moorages. We are preparing to do just that. Howard Larson of 2027 Fairview E., EA 2-1216, is chairman of a special committee for that purpose. All persons who would be interested in such an investment should contact him. The state's new law permitting "condominium housing" applies to houseboat moorages and opens up some interesting possibilities.

Some members have also raised the possibility of a municipal houseboat moorage. These persons will be particularly interested in a letter to the Association from Raymond I. Moore, deputy city clerk of Miami, Florida. He writes in part: "The City Hall of Miami is located on the premises of the city-owned and operated Dinner Key Marina, which provides a large docking space for all sorts of private vessels, including houseboats."

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MOORAGES COMING UP FOR 12 HOMELESS FLOATING HOMES: If construction proceeds on schedule mid-May will see 12 more displaced houseboats in new moorages at 233-39 Fairview E. This badly run-down property was recently acquired by Dahl-Hendricksen Inc., who are renovating and enlarging. The Association has been working with the new owners and obtained a variance from the City Council, from the 40-foot open waterway requirement. The owners want only Association members as tenants. All the new moorages have been taken. Preference was given to owner-occupied boats. The owners have wrecked three of the six houseboats they acquired with the property but will sell the others to those who will (1) fix them up and (2) live in them. Those interested contact Gordon Dahl, MA 3-2101 (days); EA 5-9103 (Evenings.)

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HOUSEBOAT NEWS FROM AMSTERDAM: A friend touring Europe writes from Amsterdam: "There are about 1,000 houseboats here. Cannot be rented but must be owner-occupied and are quite expensive to buy - cheapest \$5,000 and up to \$10,000. Very nice looking--no walks as they tie up to the edge of the canal."

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ASSOCIATION ASKS AMENDMENTS TO GARBAGE FEE ORDINANCE: The Association has asked the City Council for amendments to the Garbage Collection Ordinance (No. 90379) to give houseboat moorages the same services and rates as are given all other multiple-dwelling units. Houseboats are now charged at the \$1.25 single family dwelling rate although garbage cans are in a single pick-up area the same as apartment houses which pay \$0.90. Of even more importance is an amendment to make houseboat moorages eligible for the "dumpster" (single, large container) service desired by the larger moorages.

Under the present ordinance if the moorage owner contracts for this more desirable service the tenants are still billed \$1.25 monthly for the non-existent garbage cans. This means that to get the same service available to others, houseboat moorages must pay twice. Everybody admits that this is unfair but even under the best of conditions it takes time to amend a City Ordinance. Today we face a particularly difficult job as the entire matter of garbage collection fees is up for study and things may drag on for months.

In the hope that we can speed it up the Association is sponsoring a petition campaign. We need the signatures of all persons who oppose this kind of discrimination whether they live on houseboats or not. The petitions will be out soon. We hope every member will pitch in.

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