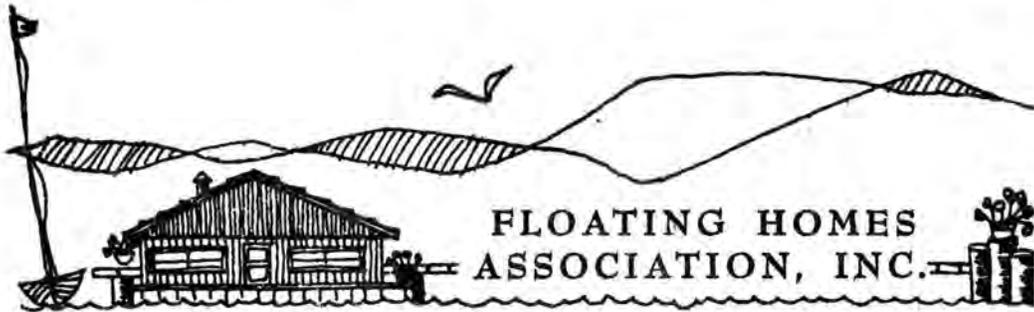
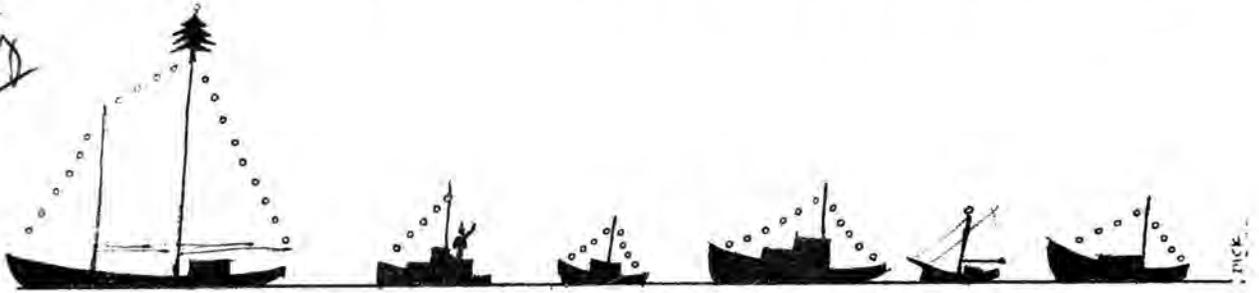


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FOR OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRUISE SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 20TH, SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

Those fortunate folks, snugly aboard the MV SIGHTSEER, will be right in the middle and a part of, the season's most spectacular marine holiday event —

GREATER SEATTLE'S

CHRISTMAS FLEET CRUISE

With the 101-foot sailing craft "Adventuress" as the flag ship (followed by Chet Gibson's "Santa Claus Ship") a flotilla of more than 100 lighted and decorated water craft will leave Portage Bay for a colorful sweep around Lake Washington.

The MV SIGHTSEER will join the fleet from its moorings at the Leschi dock (adjacent to the Hindquarters restaurant) foot of Yesler St. Before returning to port we will join other craft for a swing around Lake Union and Portage Bay.

TICKETS: \$3.50 adults; \$1.50 children (6 to 12). Youngsters under six no charge. To be safe buy your tickets in advance. Number limited.

REFRESHMENTS: Nothing to buy aboard. Tickets include such goodies as Mulled Cider, Hot Coffee, soft drinks and mixers and ice for those who fetch something with them.

LIVE MUSIC: Some talented folks from the Seattle Folklore Society and John and Sally Ashford, with Yuletide songs from manylands.

SAILING TIME: Be prompt. The MV SIGHTSEER will be lighted and warm and waiting for you as early as 6:30 p.m. Sailing time is 7:00 p.m.

MARK THE DATE: Sunday, December 20th for an event the likes of which you have never seen.

FOR INFORMATION as to the availability of tickets phone the Floating Homes Association afternoons and evenings at EA 9-1517 or EA 5-1132.

CRUISING SCHEDULES FOR "CHRISTMAS SHIP" & "SANTA CLAUSE SHIP"

Schedules for Seattle's two famous holiday cruise ships have been announced with Commander Chet Gibson's HILMA III beginning its 28th consecutive year on Wednesday, December 16th with a slow cruise around Lake Union and Portage Bay. At 8:30, the "SANTA CLAUSE SHIP" will be the feature attraction at the Queen City Yacht Club's annual Christmas party. The HILMA III, is the city's first SANTA CLAUS SHIP and its holiday cruises are sponsored by Flotilla 21 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

On the nights of December 17, 18 and 19, the SANTA CLAUSE SHIP will cruise the shorelines of Lake Washington. On Sunday, December 20th (see above) the SANTA CLAUSE SHIP will participate in Greater Seattle's Christmas Fleet Cruise. Monday, December 21, it will stage its regular party at the Government Locks (Candy canes for the youngsters) and cruise through the Shilshole Marina. The season will end on Tuesday the 22nd with another slow cruise around Lake Union and Portage Bay. The Seattle Yacht Club will be the home port for the HILMA III.

Again this year the Seattle Park Department's "CHRISTMAS SHIP" will operate from its berth at the Seattle Elk's Club at 2002 Westlake Avenue on Lake Union. There will be five nightly cruises with organ music and choirs. At the places listed below in the schedule the "CHRISTMAS SHIP" will hover off-shore where there will be bonfires and community singing of Christmas Carols. The schedule:

Friday, December 18: Through Portage Bay to Mathews Beach, Denny Park and Kirkland. Slow cruise past Lake City to Sheridan Beach and also at Cozy Cove.

Saturday, December 19: Slow cruise through Lake Union and Portage Bay to Madison Park and Madrona Beach. There will be slow cruises past Leschi Park to the Floating Bridge and from Dabney Point to Evergreen Point.

Sunday, December 20: Through the Ship Canal for a program at the Government Locks and thence to Alki Beach and Lowman Beach.

Monday, December 21: Through Ship Canal to Golden Gardens Park and Carkeek Park.

Tuesday, December 22: Through Lake Union and Portage Bay to Sayres Park, Seward Park and Rainier Beach with a cruise along the West Mercer Island shoreline. All the "Christmas Ship" cruises start at 6:00 p.m.

CONSULTANT FIRM RETAINED TO DRAFT PLAN FOR LAKE UNION

Retention of the architectural and planning firm of Joyce, Copeland and Vaughn to draft a comprehensive plan for the future of Lake Union has been announced by the Seattle Department of Community Development. The project is to be completed in five months with the expectation that in April the official Lake Union Advisory Commission will be prepared to make its recommendations.

"The general purpose of this project is to assure Lake Union's continuance as a major functional, economic and visual resource of the city," the Department said. "Goals of preservation and development will be identified and articulated with the aid of the Lake Union Advisory Commission and with interested citizens within the area and throughout the city.

"A preliminary study of the lake and its immediate environs will be made with consultant aid. The objectives of the study are:

"FIRST: To develop a program of action by the City to improve the quality of the lake surroundings.

"SECOND: To provide the necessary information and guidelines for a general neighborhood renewal plan.

"THIRD: To formulate standards and controls for overwater and water-side construction."

It was also announced that a team of municipal officials has been set up to "maintain a close working relationship with the consultant and also work with and provide service to the Lake Union Advisory Commission. It will solicit participation, in appropriate areas, by citizen groups, providing liason between said participants and the Department of Community Development."

Robert Hintz, Assistant Director of Planning, will be the project coordinator. Other members are: Frank Ray, Park and Recreation Department with William Daniels of the Urban Design Planners as alternate; Jim Hornell, Program Division; W.E.P. Smith, Engineering Dept. with J. J. Coover as alternate and Tom Gay, Program Administration Division.

"The work of this team," the Department of Community Development said, "has a very high priority. Answers to a number of problems are urgently needed at the earliest possible date, in the light of current pressures and priorities. In importance the Lake Union area ranks with the University District and the Central Business District in the need for planning study and action program."

The consultants will also be asked to "identify special problems and possible rehabilitation of urban renewal areas; prepare prototype developments for selected areas around the Lake, including general cost estimates; consider various sources of Federal funds, including those available through the General Neighborhood Renewal Program for achieving balanced growth and development of Lake Union and assist in preparation of aid applications."

Two of the recent "pressures" which has placed the Lake high on the municipal agenda are: the refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the "Lake Chelan Case" which casts a cloud of illegality over fills and structures over navigable waters and the recent new regulations of the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers who have jurisdiction to the water's edge and who have announced that it will issue permits only for uses requiring the water. This new authority was given the Corps by Congress in the Environmental Act of 1969. Under it the U.S. District Attorney has filed suit in federal court to halt the construction of an over-the-water apartment house at Fairview and Roanoke Sts.

CLARA KENNEDY RESIGNS POST AS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

The Executive Committee of the Association has announced that it has accepted with regret the resignation of President Clara Kennedy, effective on January 1. Mrs. Kennedy said that additional duties as an employee of the Seattle King County Health Department has made it necessary for her to curtail some of her activities. She is also a member of the official Lake Union Advisory Commission and is co-chairman of the Lake Union Community Survey Committee.

Vice President John Southern of 2207 Fairview E. will serve as president until the annual business meeting and election of officers next spring. The Executive Committee expressed its deep appreciation for the many contributions Mrs. Kennedy has made to the work of the Association. In addition to almost two full terms as president she served four years as recording secretary and member of the Executive Committee.

EVERY NAME ON THE SHORELANDS INITIATIVE 43 IS IMPORTANT

Initiative 43, the comprehensive shorelands protective act sponsored by the Washington Environmental Council has been unanimously endorsed by the Executive Committee. At least one member at every moorage has petitions and those who have not yet signed are urged to do so. The deadline for turning in petitions to our office is Saturday, December 26. For petitions and/or information about this important initiative contact the office or the Washington Environmental Council, 119 South Main Street. MA 3-1483.

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OUR STATE IS FORTUNATE IN HAVING ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COUNTRY. It is, of course, the WASHINGTON ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL Our Association has an organizational membership. But individuals can and should join. Its publication REPORTS, is invaluable. For information contact the Council at 119 South Main Street, Seattle 98104. MA 3-1489. Filling another need as to what's going on in all sectors of the environmental front is the 40TH STREET ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS, 1401 N. E. 40th. Its NEWS LETTER is most informative on week to week activities. Editor is Christine Foulks, Phone 543-8700.

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COPIES OF OUR PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL are still available. It asks that the shorelands of Lake Union and Portage Bay be protected until a long range property use plan is drafted and enacted. All members have received copies. Several hundred have been filed with the City Council. If you know of any meeting or affair where they should be distributed contact the office.

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DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE who should receive a copy of this NEWS LETTER? If so inform the office. We will mail.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS? If so, please let us know. It is the only way we have of keeping our mailing list up to date.

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