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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED (and strongly urged)  
TO ATTEND

## THE ANNUAL FHA MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND PARTY

When: Saturday, February 12  
 4:30 – 5:30: Registration (Pick up dinner and door prize tickets)  
 5:00 – 5:30: Re-cap of Reconfiguration plans and history  
 5:30: Annual Membership Meeting  
 7:00 (+/-): Party/Dinner/ The Goodman-Schuster Quartet plays jazz

Where: The Bay Model  
 Details: Each FHA membership household gets two free dinner tickets.  
 There is a charge of \$10.00 for each guest/extra ticket.  
 Kids under 16 are free.

## October Tour - Another Success

By Paul Winward

Over 600 paid attendees turned out on October 3rd to enjoy the 20th Annual Floating Homes Tour that provided access to 15 homes over five docks. Our visitors were welcomed by close to 160 volunteers in the FHA's largest community event of the year. And, they left us with many compliments about our floating lifestyle.

A special feature of this year's tour was a continuous program of music and a speaker on the Kappas Green, plus ten local artists who also displayed their works for our many guests to peruse and purchase.

The Keepers, The Goodman/Schuster Quintet, and the Blue Grass Contraption generously performed for our visitors, under the watchful eye of Dan Goodman of Yellow Ferry Harbor, who coordinated the sound system for the day.

The speaker was KSFO's Happy Gardener, Bob Tanem, who spoke about a

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South 40 residents "watching the tide roll away." Be sure you watch for our photo story on the winter high tides in the next Floating Times.

PHOTO: FLO HOYLMAN

## ON WALDO POND . . .

By Stan Barbarich

Well, we all got a good taste of Ma Nature's ill humor, didn't we. Of course I don't have to describe the flooding problems we all have recently experienced in the Waldo and Kappas parking lots.

But, for the benefit of the newer residents, and those who kept an arm's length from the WPH redevelopment planning process, it behooves me to address the plans for solving the flooding problems in the WPH parking areas.

One of the reasons the residents wanted to submit an alternative configuration plan (the "Community Development Plan") to the ones the harbor proposed, was to ensure that a number of matters that were bringing ongoing problems to the residents would be adequately resolved. Not the least of these matters was the need to resolve the flooding of the parking lots.

In the approved plan, which incorporated the CDP, the harbor will be required to fill the parking lots to a level that will resolve that problem, and not only just after construction, but with enough fill to keep the lots above the high tide line after the

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OCTOBER TOUR  
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subject that is very near and dear to many of us, container planting.

The tour netted about \$15,000. Of this amount, the FHA Board will donate \$2,750 to the Friends of the Marin City Library, which supplied volunteers and other important resources for the tour. Another \$250 has been earmarked for the Marine Mammal Center, and \$500 to the Center for Attitudinal Healing. The remainder of the proceeds will be used to fund upcoming FHA activities such as Community Emergency Response Training, and our annual FHA membership meeting and party on February 12.

One of the goals of the tour is to generate positive publicity for floating homes, particularly with permit applications approved for Waldo Point Harbor, but still pending for Kappas and Yellow Ferry. This year we were pleased to see feature articles in the Chronicle, I-J, and San Leandro Times, along with listings in North Bay Bohemian, plus numerous other Websites and publications. It's clear that our community is a major scenic attraction on the Sausalito waterfront.

Many of this year's attendees came on bus tours from as far away as Sacramento. Most individual (non-bus) attendees heard about the tour in newspapers, magazines, and via community event websites, including our own FHA website. Some were repeat visitors. Most visitors, however, came from Marin and other Bay Area counties.

Our Tour Director, Katherine Boschetto, who also led our Tour last year, did another great job of directing the Tour Committee this year. She has expressed her sincere thanks to committee members Justin Barton, Katy Bridges, Larry Clinton, Rachelle Dorris, Malia Dailey, Julie Durbin, Dan Goodman, Flo Hoylman, Doug Lawrence, Jim Lubalin, Debby Ludwig, Suki Sennett, Lewis Shireman, Elaine West, and Paul Winward. Special thanks to all the homeowners who generously opened their homes to our visi-

tors, and thanks to all the volunteers: docents, ramp monitors, bus tour guides, the set-up and clean-up teams, registration staff, and dock monitors. All of the volunteers' hard work made this Tour another successful one!

Thanks also go out to numerous local businesses and organizations who helped to sponsor the tour or provided other assistance: Bank of Marin,



*The 2004 Tour Committee hard at work. Left to right: Julie Durban, Debby Ludwig, Katherine Boschetto, Justin Barton, Rachelle Dorris, and Paul Winward. PHOTO: LARRY CLINTON*

Rachelle Dorris, Frank Allen Realtors, Laurel Avenue Associates Realtors, Howard Myers of Peg Copple & Associates, and Sausalito Moving and Storage.

### Next Year's Tour?

The date has not been set for next year's tour. If we don't get volunteers for each Tour Committee position by the end of the Annual Meeting February 12, there will be no tour in 2005, so be sure to make it to the meeting and party to help us all determine the future of the Tour.

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inevitable settling of the fill that is to be added.

### SO, WHEN WILL THIS BE COMPLETED?

I don't think anyone can definitively answer that question today. This is not a simple matter of bringing in hundreds of truckloads of fill and then just paving over it.

The grading plan has to deal with some complicated interacting problems, not the least of which includes how to fill the Issaquah lots without causing the continuous flooding of Gate 6 Road and the Kappas lots. So, as much as the

harbor would like to see this problem go away tomorrow, just as all we residents would, there is going to have to be a fairly extensive planning and engineering effort carried out before building permits can be issued and fill started.

Also, of course, the parking lots are just a part of the overall, very comprehensive reconfiguration plan, and this part, like all the rest, is subject to the whims, regulations and delays of a number of entities, including PG&E.

### DO WE HAVE TO SUE WALDO POINT FOR QUIET ENJOYMENT OF PREMISES?

Most emphatically, NO. In fact, such legal action would most likely just result in slowing the entire process down, while the harbor devoted its resources to answering such suits.

Which brings us to the good news, albeit out of chronological order. The WPH reconfiguration plan referred to above, which incorporated the Community Development Plan that resulted from years of work by the residents, has finally cleared its last regulatory hurdle, and can move ahead to become reality. On October 19, final approval was given by the BCDC Design Review Board.

There were a couple of last minute struggles, including the need to accommodate the bicycle lobby's plan to have a Class 1 Bike "expressway" that would run through Sausalito and Northward. We needed to convince everyone that it was not going to be acceptable to have a bike lane running through the middle of the Main Dock parking lot. But logic and reason prevailed, and a better solution was devised and approved at the last minute, eliminating the need to have further study, planning and hearings. AT LAST Waldo Point has all the approvals it needs to get building permits, which it is now in the process of doing. As mentioned above, this will take a fairly long time, as the various agencies and utility companies must be involved. At least another year (maybe more) will be required to get permits granted and construction to begin.

Your representatives are continuing to follow the process, and are staying in touch with the harbor and its consultants, and you can be sure that we are encouraging them to continue to move ahead. In fact they are providing us with ongoing progress reports, the first of which was provided by both Ted Rose and WPH consultant Scott Hochstrasser at the recent Harbor Equity annual meeting.

Expect more info in each issue of the *Floating Times*.

And, on a more fun note, mark your calendars for the FHA Annual Meeting and Party. Check out the details elsewhere in this issue (I've gone on far too long and our faithful editor is getting out the hook). See you all there!

# Zincs and Your Concrete Barge

By Dan Goodman

**Question:** What happens when a metal with a high electrical potential, such as steel, comes in contact with an area of lower electrical potential through an electrolyte solution?

**Answer:** Corrosion.

Most of our houseboats sit on barges constructed of concrete reinforced by steel rebar. The rebar is the skeleton that holds the barge together. When the steel deteriorates, the integrity of the barge is threatened. And that leads to repair at least, and barge replacement at worst.

Over time, it's necessary to shore up the concrete in our barges by applying cementitious epoxies – such as Zypex® and other agents to compensate for the weakened cement structure. But the steel skeleton may continue to corrode because of electrolytic deterioration.

So what exactly is going on? According to Jerry Smith of the Southern Cathodic Protection Company:

“Steel is a man made substance produced from iron ore. The energy added in the refining process is unstable, and when given a suitable environment, it will release the unstable energy and return to its natural state of iron ore. When immersed in an electrolyte, such as contaminated concrete, soil or water, metals produce a current which causes ions to leave their surface. The area of metal where current is discharged and corrosion occurs is called ‘anodic.’

Corrosion of steel in concrete occurs when the passive state of the steel is altered. When your [barge] was constructed and poured with ‘new’ concrete, the pH of the concrete was approximately 12-13. The high pH offers a protective environment for the passive steel, but there are two mechanisms that can change the passive state: chlorides (salt contaminants) and carbonation.”

Since our barges sit in salt water most of the time, the salt produces a continual layer of moisture on the steel. Once the salt comes in contact with the rebar, corrosion begins.

“Early warning signs of concrete failure are obvious. There are hair-like cracks in the surfaces and rust spots bleeding from the concrete. As the corrosion becomes more aggressive and the concrete disbands from the steel, hollow sounds can be detected on the surfaces,” says Smith.



*Zinc anode with bracket and bonding wire*

So what can be done to slow down, or eliminate steel corrosion? Many of the newer barges are constructed with the rebar encased in plastic shrink-wrap. But on most of the older barges, the steel is traditionally built with surfaces exposed to the surrounding concrete. Therefore, if a means to attract the destructive electrolytic activity away from the steel to a sacrificial element can be applied, it's possible the goal can be fulfilled.

The first recorded use of sacrificial anodes dates back to 1824 when Sir Humphrey Davey had zinc plates installed on the copper sheathed hulls of British naval vessels. Since that time zinc anodes have been used on boats to prevent electrolysis from attacking bronze propellers, shafts, struts, and through hulls. Zinc is a less ‘noble’ metal, which if put in contact with more noble metals, acts as a sacrifi-

cial element drawing corrosive electrical charges away from essential hardware.

But there is another enemy of waterborne metal – stray current, which adds to the natural electrolytic action between dissimilar metals. Since our floating homes are entities with AC electricity and modern conveniences, it's possible electricity can stray from the lines through saltwater furthering the attack on the rebar in our barges.

Ted Eitelbuss of Issaquah Dock has been involved with barge maintenance and repair for many years. Recently he began adding robust zinc blocks with bonding wire to several barges in the Floating Home Community. Using two zinc assemblies mounted to opposite corners on the barge, Ted routes the copper wires through the barge walls and welds them directly to the rebar.

“I'm very excited about the use of these assemblies for protecting our concrete barges,” Eitelbuss says.

Maritime history and science appear to confirm, that if corrosive electrolysis can be diverted to a sacrificial zinc anode, the steel rebar is likely protected from attack, and advancing deterioration.

Acknowledgement: *Understanding Corrosion and taking Steps to Prevent It*, By Jerry Smith – Southern Cathodic Protection Company.

## CERT - COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING CLASSES

CERT training benefits not only you and your family but your community as well. Learn about emergency preparedness, disaster first-aid and triage, fire prevention and suppression techniques, light search and rescue, and how to handle utilities in emergencies. Four advanced classes will be given in 2005 for certified trainees.

Visit [www.southernmarinfire.org](http://www.southernmarinfire.org) to find out more about the CERT program and the latest class information.

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Saturdays 9 AM to 2 PM  
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Commodore Dock	Richard Kiiski	# 3	332-0223	1
East Pier	Ron Moreland	# 25	332-2429	5
Gate 6 _ dock	Joan Lisetor	# 27	332-7340	4
Issaquah	Jon Sibaila,	# 11	331-1344	3
Liberty Dock	Nancy/Steve Frisch	# 39	332-4545	5
Main Dock	Tony Williams	# 27	332-6296	4
Yellow Ferry	Dan Goodman	# 22	332-0678	3
So. Forty Dock	Ryan Phelan	# 13	331-7743	2
West Pier	Lance Belville	# 23	289-0862	7
Mayes Harbor	No CERTs on dock			

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# A West Sumatra Adventure

By John Ryan & Mary Lou Jepsen

This August, Issaquah Dock residents Mary Lou Jepsen and John Ryan had the adventure of a lifetime in remote West Sumatra, when a casual hike on the slopes inside Mt. Maninjau, a dormant volcano, went terribly wrong. Their driver took them to the wrong location, and confidently pointed out 'the way'... the wrong way. Some hours into the hike, John took a 30-foot fall and split his hand open, and suffered slight concussion. He was eventually rescued from the densely-forested mountain slope, after spending the night, alone, without food or water, having lost perhaps a pint of blood ... in the jungle, in an area where leeches, poisonous centipedes and spiders and snakes, and other things, some with very sharp teeth, abound. Tigers are the top of the local food chain. And there may be more, undiscovered mammals there!

To effect the rescue, Mary Lou had to trek out of the jungle alone ... a task that involved shimmying down one 50-foot cliff, and slog-ging through vine-entangled, flat-land jungle ... and down a river with jungle growth – think poisonous spiders! – just feet above the water, and wary of the teeth of the watching five-foot monitor lizards – half-size cousins of Komodo dragons.

*The hike from the area where John fell took Mary Lou several grueling hours. It was after 6 pm (this on the equator, where the days are 12 hours long, and twilight is short!) when Mary Lou arrived at the edge of the forest, at a dam where the river was blocked, and its waters fanned out to feed a system of rice terraces. It was 7 pm when she arrived at the tiny village on the shores of the lake inside the volcano's huge (20 miles across) crater. Another hour, and she had met some villagers, and convinced them of the urgency of John's predicament – using her modest command of Bahasa Indonesia, their slight comprehension of English, signs, and drawings. At first, they cannot believe her: he cannot be there, ... there's no trail! Exhausted, cold and hungry she led a team of ~20 people; boys and young men from the village; barefoot (try that in leech-infested wetlands!) or wearing cheap flip-flops back onto the mountain slopes ... but they couldn't find John and returned for the night.*

For John: he found a little rocky nook over the 50-foot cliff that Mary Lou had descended, and prepared to make it his 'bed-room' for the night. As night fell, it was accompanied by a massive ruckus in the trees directly over him; large, red monkeys (langurs perhaps?). The forest was alive: large hawks, giant bats, over-sized squirrels. A couple of rats scurried along a branch, silhouetted against the sky's dark blue. Frogs and toads croaked their chorus. Although he



Mary Lou Jepsen and John Ryan

was alone in the forest, he could occasionally hear the muezzin calling from the mosque in the village below.

It was not actually a very dark night (until 4:00 am) because there was a nearly-full moon. The hours passed slowly in the jungle. At one point, John saw a pair of eyes glinting, looking at him ... about 20 feet away, golden, and perhaps 2 or 3 feet off the ground. A tiger? A tarsier – or a slow loris? Or something even more mysterious? Seeing the eyes, John used his camera's flash to ward off the animal. After the flash there were no eyes.

And, all night long, there was no sleep either – John set the clock in his mobile phone (no reception, of course!) to beep every hour, so that he stayed alert – and each hour he re-dressed the wounds; Mary Lou was in a more bucolic setting – a charming room directly by the waters of the lake. But she couldn't sleep either – she was worried.

In the morning, Mary Lou worked hard to get rescue crews on the job: the Maninjau police, the police from the large nearby town of Bukittinggi, and a score of young men and boys set out in different groups; using machetes to hack their way into the jungle, with Mary Lou once more on the mountain.

John, separately, set off after sunrise to crawl, climb or slither his way out of his position. For several hours, he climbed up the steep slopes alone – except for the red monkeys, who played noisily, but paid no attention to him. Shortly before 11 am, finally, a group of young men, led by their dogs, found John.

They brought both water and a hot ginseng-honey herbal tea, 'jamu', so John was able to start the process of regaining energy!

Even with a crowd of boys hacking a new path through the vines and rubber trees in the jungle, it was treacherous going; it took an hour for them to get John off the slopes and down to the road, with John's arms wrapped around the shoulders of two young men, and they working hard to keep John upright. As he passed through the rice terraces, families and farmers lined the path ... this was a BIG local event. Since there was no walky-talky, the notification of the completion of the rescue to the other groups scouring the mountain slope was simple: a policeman fired two shots into the air!

A rattletrap van served as the region's ambulance, and John was taken to the tiny clinic in the village of Maninjau where a muslim nurse (possibly a nun) cleaned the nasty wounds. In one of the odder moments of their tale, after Mary Lou and the remainder of the rescue teams came off the mountain slope, John and Mary Lou took the rescue teams out for lunch, a meal 'Padang-style' for 30 costing the grand total of \$50. (Padang-style means that the foods are all pre-cooked; mainly rather dry, quite spicy. Each table may have two or three dishes per person set out ... but you only pay for what is actually taken.)

## **Last words:**

Late in October, the world's newspapers had front-page stories on the discovery, in a cave on the Indonesian Island of Flores, of the skulls and other remains of what seem to be 13,000 year old minipeople, a new species of hominid. Astounding! There may yet be more to this: Sumatra has a legend, documented first for the west via Marco Polo, 'tis said, and continuing through recent years, of an indigenous population of minipeople in the forests: Orang Pendek (which means, short man). Now, about those eyes...

# Water you doing here?

By the Dinghy Dame

He calls himself Largo...Hmmm, a town in west Florida or slow in a broad, dignified style, according to Webster. I rather think the latter.

He was asleep on the couch with the door open when I spotted him. He lazily rubbed his eyes and pushed his hair back before he and his dog Duice welcomed me in. Then he strolled across the room, picked up his cello, pulled out a chair, and entranced me with a marvelous rendition of Bolero. Muriel Kifer told me he had agreed to an interview, but it was almost as if he had forgotten about it.

Largo has an impish grin, and many layers to unfold. He was living on Issaquah when I met him, but is now ensconced on Arques where he recently purchased a home...a home with a big open space where he will have concerts for select audiences.

When I began asking him questions, he laconically handed me a program from a recent performance at the Falkirk Cultural Center.

This is what they had to say about him: "Largo attended the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and played in the Rochester Philharmonic. He became the youngest member of the Cleveland Orchestra under George Szell. Ten years later, he joined the San Francisco Symphony under Josef Kripps and Sejii Ozawa. He resigned after ten years there and some years later decided to pursue a career as a solo cellist."

Largo has a ten acre ranch in Bend, Oregon where he has horses and cattle. He used to play guitar in the coffee houses there. Now he summers here and winters at his place in Palm Springs. He is a self-described "eclectic sort of person" and feels that he has the "best of both worlds."

Now.... how he got here. Largo grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania and played guitar and double bass as a child. Scranton is a mining community and so the first group of young musicians he put together there he named the "Musical Minors." They played mostly polkas and waltzes in that Hungarian, Polish and Bulgarian community. His trio of bass, violin and accordion would play at traditional weddings, which often was an 8-hour affair. They started out at the bride's home in the morning and then played at lunch and then at the wedding. Folks



Largo

PHOTO: DONNA LUNSFORD

would put coins in the F holes of his bass and at the end of the day they had to roll the bass for change and often found buttons, stones, etc. But, as youngsters, they were happy with the \$8 or so apiece that they took home.

Later on, Largo put another band together and they called themselves The Millionaires ("Or The Million Airmen," he interjected). That group went to New York City and performed monthly concerts on the Jan Murray Show. Pretty impressive for high schoolers. (Actually he didn't mention if they were high or not.)

When Largo (who does indeed have a last name...LaRusso) went from Rochester to Cleveland, he saw the world. The orchestra toured Russia, Japan, and most of Europe before touring the United States. When he arrived in San Francisco he "fell in love with the city... the environment, the water...all that." So he joined the San Francisco Symphony. He lived in Fairfax for two years before buying a sailboat at Clipper back in the '80s. During this time he bought, refurbished and sold Victorians in the city. He also owned a motel. (I guess he felt a need to tell me how he survived on a musician's salary.)

When Largo wasn't with the symphony he spent three seasons in the U.S. Virgin Islands and three years with a company in St. Thomas. He sailed for the British in Tortola and even sailed across the Atlantic in a 65-foot motor sailer with a crew of 4, delivering a boat. He continued to play guitar and entertain on board.

Largo LaRusso is an aficionado of

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## Liberty Dock

By Dottie Leroux

On the quiet morning of August 23, around 11 a.m., I spied a VERY large black fin zigzagging its way across the lagoon in front of my houseboat on Liberty Dock. I ran to my deck and watched in amazement as the "fin" suddenly surfaced and released a rather feeble head of steam. As I squealed with excitement, my mild-mannered neighbor, Don Bennet, calmly looked up from his float and intoned, "It's a baby whale". The diminutive leviathan basked and dove (it was high-tide) and took center stage for the better part of a half-hour. I finally tore myself away to grab my camera. This photo is the best of the batch. We figured it was easily 12 to 14 feet long including its splayed tail, which it raised for one brief cameo appearance.

I had just made a visit to the humpbacks at the Farallones the week before, and noted that the smallish behemoth had all the characteristics of the humpback clan. It didn't stay long enough to arouse concern, though I'm sure it was mystified to find itself in an enclosure with no means of escape. Happily, it eventually found the portal to freedom, and with a couple more blows made its way to open water. Did she bring a message? Was it an omen? Or was it simply coincidence that it happened to be my birthday?

*Editor's Note: Some local experts agree that the photo is probably of a Bottlenose Dolphin (Tursiops truncatus to the marine biologists, Flipper to the rest of us).*





## Kappas

By Larry Clinton

In November and December, Kappas residents held a series of dock meetings to get acquainted with the new leases being offered by Kappas Marina.

Gate 6-1/2 chose to couple the meeting with their annual holiday potluck progressive dinner party. After the meeting and cocktails at the home of Larry and Jane Clinton, 29 Gate 6-1/2, participants proceeded across the dock to Roy Grekin's for dinner, and then on to Susy Dupuis' for dessert.

## New Kappas Leases

By Ron Moreland

In November a new, long term lease was offered by Kappas Marina to homeowners. Similar to what has been available to homeowners at WPH and Yellow Ferry for some time, the new Kappas lease has an initial 10 year term, with an option by the homeowner to extend it for an additional 10 years. During each 10 year term the rents are limited to increases in the consumer price index, taxes and certain other costs to operate the marina. At the time the 10 year option is exercised, the maximum rents may be increased is 25%. Homeowners with existing leases will be allowed to convert them to the new lease. In addition, homeowners will be allowed to continue renting their berth on a month-to-month rental agreement.

The Kappas Homeowners Association held dock meetings on all three Kappas piers in November and December to explain the new lease and answer questions from homeowners. If you have any questions concerning the lease, contact Ken Watsey (Kappas Harbormaster) at 332-5510 or Ron Moreland (KHA President) at 332-2429.

## WATER YOU DOING HERE?

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Marilyn Monroe and collects her memorabilia. He likes biographies, rides horses, river rafts, snow skis, and has a run- about for his adventures in this stage of his life with us on the water.

Largo says our lifestyle is a "very dynamic way of life." He has always been

## Main Dock

By Rusty Hendley

On the night of October 4th, at low tide, Wolf Island, 27 Main Dock, was transferred onto its new barge. Here is a picture of the day before when it was jacked up almost 6 feet off the old barge. The transfer went smoothly and Tony, Rusty and Delta Williams thank all our neighbors for their patience with our process and hope it wasn't too disruptive.



Harriet Moss, Jill Stephens and Richard Jukes enjoying dessert on the Yellow Ferry.

PHOTO: LYNN GIGY



Barb Tatum, Mimi Tellis and Isabella Kirkland at the Yellow Ferry party buffet table.

PHOTO: LYNN GIGY

## Yellow Ferry

Yellow Ferry had its first indoor holiday party. Ably organized by Harriet Moss, Shannon Hartnett, and Donna McConnell, the party progressed from Kat McIver's boat, to Jill Stephens' for pot-luck dinner, and wound-up with dessert at Mimi Tellis' Yellow Ferry. We all had such a good time, we plan to do it again. (Issaquah may be on to something here.)

## Issaquah



Mark Williams, Issaquah Dock Rep and host of Christmas Dock party, with Leni Miller, owner of venue. Note "Issaquah Dock" ice carving in background.

attracted to water, the fog, tides, birds.... Says he, "I'm not one for being static. I like to see change." He is as electric as he is eclectic!

Most folks I've queried say that once here, they want to stay forever. When I asked Largo if he felt that way, he reflected, then said, "Forever is more of a feeling. Forever is a long time."

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