

Seattle to Be at Nautical Best for Fair



STAR-CLASS BOATS SAILING ON LAKE WASHINGTON

By **BUD LIVESLEY**
Seattle, the boating capital of the world, will be at its nautical best for World's Fair visitors.

In keeping with the journey-into-the-future theme of the Century 21 exposition, thundering, 150-mile-an-hour unlimited hydroplanes will climax a gala Seafair week August 5 with the Gold Cup Race, speedboat racing's most coveted trophy.

INTERWOVEN among the speedboats and the graceful sailboats will be thousands of cruisers of every size and description pointing bows toward beckoning harbors of Puget Sound and the famed San Juan Islands.

There is no greater expanse of protected-cruising waters in the world, from the state capital in Olympia to the south to enchanting Victoria—a bit of England—

across the Canadian border to the north.

There are almost as many islands in the San Juans as the types of boats they attract.

BUT FAIRGOERS need not leave the Seattle city limits to appreciate that the boating title is not idle boasting.

Two events, in particular, should convince even the most skeptic landlubber.

The Seattle Yacht Club's Opening Day parade, which annually kicks off the pleasure-boating season, is scheduled May 5.

The three-hour parade empties jam-packed Portage Bay of its burden of more than 1,000 craft through the narrow Montlake Cut onto Lake Washington.

THEN, OVER the July 4 holiday, Seattle will be host

to the annual Pacific International Yachting Association's regatta at its \$8,500,000 Shilshole Bay Marina in Ballard.

The week-long sailing competition attracts hundreds of sailors from yacht clubs throughout Puget Sound and British Columbia waters.

It's the sailing show of the season.

But the parade of adventuresome yachtsmen virtually never ceases in summer. As many as 1,000 pleasure craft on a single day pass through the Ballard Locks, escapeway from landlocked fresh waters to the expanse of salty Puget Sound.

THE MIDWEEK mecca for sailboats is Lake Washington.

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in the Strait of Juan de Fuca June 23.

The course is south to the mouth of the Columbia River and return to Port Angeles. An alternate finish line may take the fleet to Elliott Bay in the shadows of the city's skyline.

THERE ARE tentative plans for a pre-Norpac race from San Francisco to Neah Bay, if California skippers accept the challenge.

The Pacific area, International 110-class championship will be decided here July 7-8. The Pacific area includes Australia and Hawaii.

Lightning sailors take over July 21-25 in a West Coast championship regatta.

SNIPE sailors blow into town August 6-14 to settle the national title.

But, whether it is sailing for a trophy or cruising for

pleasure, in the summer Seattle virtually is an island in a sea of fun-loving sailors steeped in nautical tradition.

There's a boat in the world of tomorrow for one of every seven Seattle families.

MANY FLY fishermen here tie their own steelhead flies—usually of deer-hair. The bodies are dressed in combinations of yellow, red or orange. Patterns such as Bucktail Coachman, Skykomish Sunrise, Brad's Brat and Yellow Hammer are all

Steelhead Sportiest River Fish

The Pacific Coast steelhead is ranked by Western anglers as the sportiest of the river fish.

Steelhead, actually sea-run trout that return to fresh water to spawn, may be taken the year-round in this state.

Steelhead fishing usually is a winter sport, from December through March. But some steelhead can be caught from June into October.

The summer fish are not as large as the winter ones—but they are more active.

Steelhead are trim torpedoes, taking off in lightning-fast runs, and ripping the line off a reel with dashes of extraordinary speed.

For "summer-run" steelhead, a six-to-eight-foot glass rod with a light tip and a casting reel with eight or ten-pound tests monofilament line are customary for the bait fishermen. He may use small clusters of roe, spoons or small bobbers.

A sporty way to take summer-runs, however, is with a fly rod eight to nine feet long and a reel that can hold 100 yards of backing beside the sinking fly line.

Leaders six to nine feet long, tapered down to four to eight-pound test, will do in most rivers. There are dozens of fly patterns developed in the Pacific Northwest that are effective.



STEELHEAD LANDED

good takers.

The north fork of the Stillaguamish River which has a fine run of summer fish, may be fished only with flies during the summer. Its best months are July and Au-

gust. It may be discolored after a rain but is in shape much of that period.

A person who fishes for "summer-runs" must carry a punch card. It is free and may be obtained with the fishing license. This card permits the taking of 30 steelhead a year. A punch is made on the card for every steelhead caught.

SUMMER-RUN rivers or streams are:

Asotin Creek, Big White Salmon, Bogachiel, Calawa, Canyon Creek, Columbia, Columbia River Sloughs, Dosewallips, Drano Lake, Duckabush, Dungeness, Grand Ronde, Kalama, Hoh, Klickitat, Lewis and its East Fork, Little White Salmon, Mill Creek and Naches.

Queets, Quillayute, Quinalt, Skagit, Skokomish, Skykomish, Snake, Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Sol Duc, Stillaguamish and its South and North Forks, Tolt, Tucannon, Touchet, Walla Walla, Washougal, Wind and Yakima.

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Visitor Record Expected At Snoqualmie

From all indications, a record crop of tourists is expected in the Snoqualmie National Forest this year, especially with the Seattle World's Fair as a nearby attraction.

About 1,250,000 persons used the forest's recreational facilities last year, L. O. Barrett, forest supervisor, reported.

That total was a new record, up nearly 250,000 visitors from previous years, Barrett said.

The visitors included campers, picnickers, sportsmen, skiers and sight-seers.

Tacoma Proud Of Progress, Rich History

Tacoma, once known as "The City of Destiny," has a rich and varied history and you still find an occasional Tacoman who refers straight-faced to Mount Rainier as Mount Tacoma.

The picturesque city, hard by Commencement Bay, has some of the steepest hills to be found anywhere, a population of about 150,000 persons who "wouldn't live anywhere else in the world," a progressive, city-manager form of government and one of the most beautiful parks in the country at Point Defiance.

Tacoma still is basking in the glory of being tabbed several years ago as an All America city by Look magazine. The honor was not won easily.

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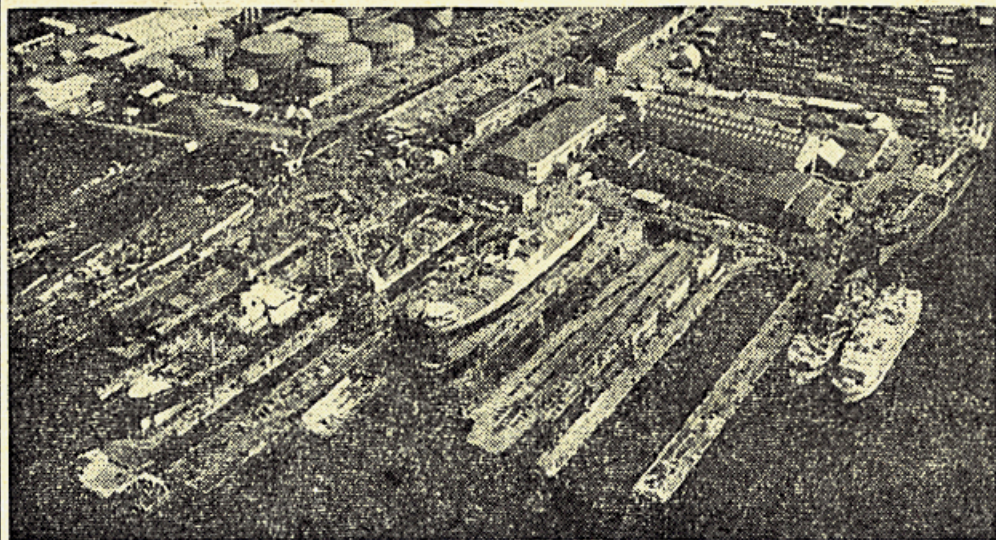
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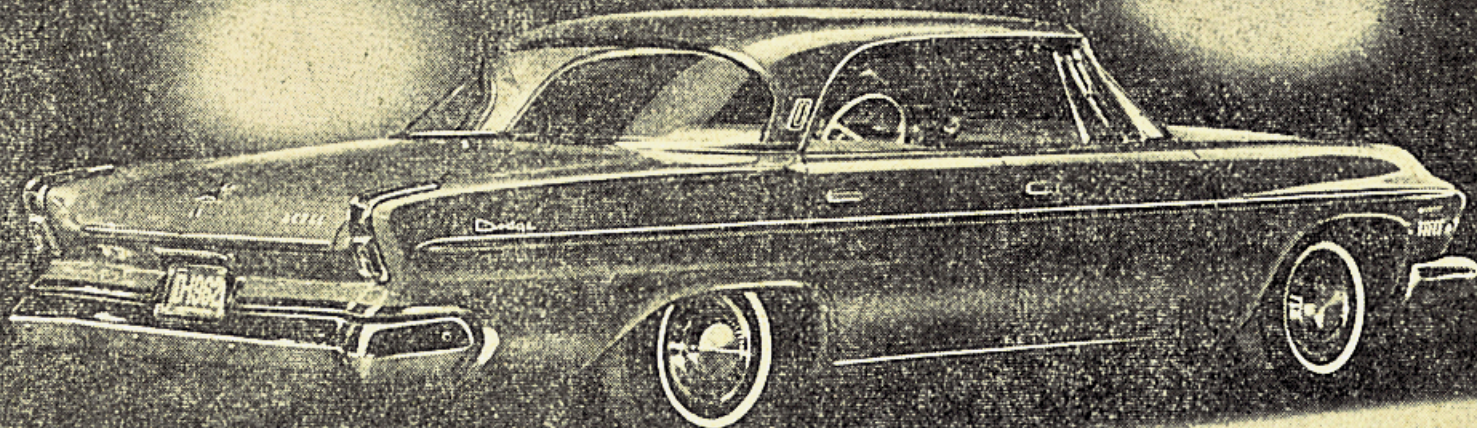
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