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Pacific Fishermen, Inc. Shipyard Assists Refurbishment of VIRGINIA V



During the extensive refurbishment at Lake Union Drydock, Pacific Fishermen Shipyard helped out by donating a portion of their labor and providing the experienced old time caulker and a supply of oakum and pitch required to seal the planks and render the vessel watertight. Pacific Fishermen was also instrumental in arranging the donation of the solid brass windows for the main cargo deck from Cruise West, which were found in the shipyard's loft from the refurbished SPIRIT OF 98.

The Steamer VIRGINIA V is a 125-foot steam-powered passenger vessel, built in 1921 at Maplewood, Pierce County, Washington and was launched on March 9, 1922. She originally provided passenger and freight service between Seattle and Tacoma for small communities along Colvos Passage as many other privately owned vessels of Puget Sound's "Mosquito Fleet", the precursor to the Washington State Ferry system

VIRGINIA V is the sole steam-powered survivor of the "Mosquito Fleet", and is one of only two operating steam-powered, wooden-hull passenger ships surviving in the United States today. VIRGINIA V was recognized as a National Historic Landmark on October 5, 1992.

Pacific Fishermen shipyard was founded in 1946 on the site of the old Ballard Marine Ways, famous for wooden halibut schooners, and Navy minesweepers later named CALYPSO by Jacques Cousteau and WILD GOOSE by John Wayne. The shipyard consists of three haul out facilities and docks on the freshwater side of the ship canal locks. A 90' x 150 ton marine railway, 160' x 600 ton marine railway and the original Rowe 145' x 600 ton screw lift dock with 140' end track rails provide for extended out of the water repairs on dry land. All three facilities are equipped for hull cleaning, high pressure washing and sandblasting with full environmental containment and on-site shipyard run-off wastewater reprocessing.

Extensive heavy steel fabrication, sandblasting, piping, wood joinery, oakum caulking and full service machine shop give the vessel owner access to a one-stop repair and maintenance facility. The capability is available for the rapid start of off-site work using a City of Seattle roving pre-approved fire permit for onboard welding and hot work. Contact General Manager Doug Dixon or Ship Superintendent Tom Harbin to obtain a repair estimate or schedule dry-docking.