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Local Maritime Industry Conspires to Save Christmas

Christmas came early to Market Street in Ballard as Santa's Helpers Warren Aakervik of Ballard Oil, Farrel Thomas of Western Pioneer and Doug Dixon of Pacific Fishermen shipyard conspired to distribute Christmas snowflakes throughout the Ballard Business District. The snowflakes were almost left out of this year's decorating plan for want of the funds to rent manlifts and labor costs to hang them from the lamp posts. Pacific Fishermen shipyard was heavy into repairs of yachts and fishing boats, but found the goodwill and time to donate the manlifts along with labor from Ballard Oil and Western Pioneer.



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 (cell 206-718-0253) or Shipyard Superintendent Tom Harbin (cell 206-730-0569) to obtain a repair estimate or schedule dry-docking.

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