

# New Look At USA For House Boat Crews

Lots of persons are going to get a new perspective on the U.S.A. this year. And it doesn't have a thing to do with politics. They're going to see America from some vantage point along the country's 25,000 miles of inland waterways from aboard their houseboats—or their rented houseboats.

**THIS VACATION** trend to take to the water in a leisurely way

is growing, especially among families who want to team up to get some new kind of fun and share expenses. Since outright ownership can involve around \$10,000 for a 35-foot houseboat, you'd probably want to settle for a rental first time out. Here's a look at some figures well in advance.

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ONE WEEK'S rent for a 35-

foot boat can be figured at from \$295 to \$375, depending on type of power, outboard or inboard. The price can include dishes, pots and pans, etc., but probably not linens. Gasoline and food would be extra, but the rental includes insurance coverage.

So, say, a two-weeks' cruise on a houseboat accommodating six people—maybe two couples and two children or a family with four kids—could run about \$900 to \$1,000. If these figures look big at first glance, how much did your last cross-country car trip cost? The National Association of Engine and Boat Manufacturers, Inc., has gathered these statistics: boat rent for two weeks, \$500 to \$550. Gas about \$110. Food with extra refreshments, from about \$125 to \$150. And marina fees, if any, may run about \$50 to \$75, depending on how many stops are made. Marina fees on a daily basis range from \$1 to, at some of the rivers in the Northeast, as high as \$4.50.

**VETERAN INLAND** voyagers report that marina services are getting more deluxe all the time. Not only refueling, but often restaurant facilities, laundry, laundromat, garbage collection, mail service, are dockside conveniences.

Of course, you'll need to know more than the costs of houseboating. You have to know how to handle the boat safely. And you'll have to demonstrate your ability before anybody will rent to you. Basically, they say, the safe handling of a houseboat requires knowledge comparable to that required for handling a traditional cruiser. The public can ask for and get free instruction in boat handling, through courses offered by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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**WHILE YOU DON'T** have to be an old hand at water travel in order to plan for a houseboating vacation, there are regulations to abide by and some serious preparation to be made. You'll need a certain amount of knowledge of weather and water conditions, as well as boat handling.



**ELEMENTARY TEACHERS** from Hayes School, Livonia, and Perrinville School, Nankin Mills, are among those recently completing a two-week workshop in curriculum development at the Wayne County Intermediate School District's ASSIST Center. Among the seven Hayes teachers attending the workshop are: (from left) Dr. Harold Wells, Workshop Director; Bernard Grenda, Mrs. Barbara

Nelson, Jan Willett, Mrs. Marilyn Schertzler and Mrs. Nonie Manchester.

The workshop was devoted to the writing of UNIPACS which is a self-contained unit of teacher-learning materials designed to teach a single concept. It is designed for individual and independent use in a continuous progress school program.

## Burroughs Computer Aids Dutch

Burroughs Corporation announced it has received a \$4 million order for a large-scale dual processor B6500 computer system from N.V. Bankgirocentrale, the central clearing authority for Holland's 70 private commercial banks.

The order is the latest in a series of computer orders totaling about \$100 million which Burroughs has received from major overseas banks during the past 15 months.

The B6500 will be installed in December, 1969 in Amsterdam where N.V. Bankgirocentrale is building new offices to serve member banks.

The system will clear all money transfers among the more than 3 1/2 million accounts serviced by N.V. Bankgirocentrale member banks. Burroughs random access disk files with a capacity of 800 million digits of information will contain individual account data.

The third generation B6500 will be one of the most powerful CLP systems ever installed in Holland. It will be capable

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