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M/V LOTUS - SUMMER 2020 NEWS

TOURS NOW AVAILABLE

With suitable precautions and limited numbers, M/V Lotus is now open for tours most Saturdays and Sundays at Lake Union Park in Seattle, Washington.

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Summer Re-opening for Tours

We have slowly reopened the MV Lotus for tours, and are following State of Washington guidelines and CDC recommendations in all our activities. We were open July 3 and 4 for the 4th of July weekend and it worked out well. The boat was thoroughly cleaned the day before, and high-use areas were

Saturdays and some Sundays for tours during the summer, so if you are at Lake Union Park, be sure to stop in.

Weddings, Events, Lodging, and Sunday Tea

We are again open for events and overnight lodging and you may call for reservations. Only one party at a time will be booked for events and overnight stays.

Events - We had one small wedding event on the Lotus in early July! You can book us for weddings or other special occasions, in accordance with current Washington state requirements... please be in contact with Dan, our reservation steward, for details.

Overnight Stays - Any of our four staterooms plus the master stateroom are open for overnight guests.

Sunday Tea - Our next Sunday tea will be **August 9th**... with limited availability due to distancing restrictions, you had better call and reserve your place early! It's lovely on the open-air upper deck and we will seat unrelated parties of 5 or less with plenty of distance between parties. We will have seatings at 12 noon and 2 pm. Reservations are required and the full tea is \$37 per person. Contact us at info@mvlotus.org or call us at 425.243.9641.

If You Can't Come By In Person, Check Out Our Quick Video Tour

If you have never visited the Lotus, do view the wonderful short [video on our website](#). It will give you the history and a tour of this amazing craft, which turned 111 years old this last May! The video is front and center on our webpage, so you can't miss it. It features our Executive Director and Board President, Christian Gruye, and Lead Docent and Reservation Steward, Dan Helman.

In Memoriam, Brion Toss, May 11, 1951 - June 6, 2020

It's with great sadness that we tell you of the loss of one of the most important members of the *Lotus* family, Christian Gruye's husband, Brion Toss. If you are part of the nautical community, chances are you have already heard this news,



worldwide.

You can read about this remarkable man, good friend, and loving husband at [48 North's memorial article](#), or you can read more remembrances or leave your own at the [Brion Toss Life Memories page on Facebook](#).

Donations to the MV Lotus Foundation

Like all non-profit organizations, the MV *Lotus* has struggled to meet our obligations during this time of Covid-19 shutdowns. We participated in the local GiveBig campaign, and send out a Thank-You to all those who donated. We raised over \$600, which met our goal and will help us keep up with insurance, moorage, and utilities payments. But the bills keep coming, and we need to donations to continue as well! We have a Donation link on our website and would greatly appreciate any donations to our 501(c)(3) organization (tax-deductible for you!) you might care to give.

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