

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: King	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70-7-46-0005	DATE 7/1/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
schooner Wawona

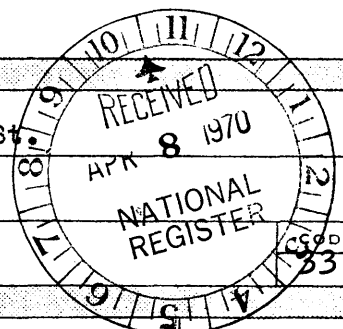
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Seattle Police Harbor Patrol Dock, foot of Densmore St.

CITY OR TOWN:
Seattle, 98103

STATE: **Washington** CODE: **46** COUNTY: **King** CODE: **33**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Save Our Ships (SOS)

STREET AND NUMBER:
1143 Federal Avenue East

CITY OR TOWN: **Seattle, 98102** STATE: **Washington** CODE: **46**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
U. S. Customs House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Seattle

CITY OR TOWN: **Seattle** STATE: **Washington** CODE: **46**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wawona is a three-masted, baldheaded schooner of 468 tons and is of 630,000 feet lumber capacity. She measures 156 ft. x 36 ft. x 12.3 ft deep. Her official number is 81576 and her signal letters K.N.D.S. team

Wawona was constructed of wood and powered by sails alone; an engine for propulsion has never been installed.

Condition of the vessel is "good" for its age. However, as in any wooden ship, decay has taken its toll and particularly the forward section of the vessel above the main deck. This section must be restored before new masts are stepped. The existing masts (shown in photos) were installed after World War II, in 1946, but were removed by Save Our Ships two years ago as a safety measure.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

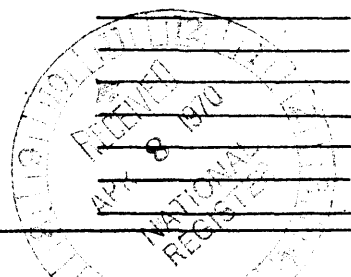
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1897 on

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The three-masted, baldheaded schooner Wawona was built by Hans Bendixsen at Fairhaven, California, on Humboldt Bay in 1897. She was built for the lumber firm of Dolbeer and Carson, Eureka and San Francisco.

Wawona operated routinely in the Pacific Coast lumber trade -- with an occasional trip off shore to the Fiji Islands for copra, until 1914. At that time she was purchased by the Robinson Fisheries Company of Anacortes, Washington.

Until this time her greatest fame, perhaps, lay in the fact that Ralph E. "Matt" Peasley of Cappy Ricks fame had been one of her skippers. Peter B. Kyne, author of "Cappy Ricks" had used Matt Peasley, a real-life windjammer skipper, as one of the leading characters in his book about Gray's Harbor lumbering and shipping.

After 1914, Wawona's reputation grew rapidly for she often was "highliner" of the Bering Sea sailing codfishing fleet. This rugged trade separated the "Men from the Boys" and this fine schooner proved her worth on many occasions. Through the year 1940 she had totalled 6,830,400 codfish caught. This was a world's record for a catch by a single vessel.

Wawona was conscripted during World War II for government use as a barge. She was re-rigged in 1946 and made one last codfishing cruise to the Bering Sea. For nine succeeding years, Wawona sat in port. In 1952, A Capt. Ralph E. Petersen, sought to turn Wawona into a South Seas cruise ship. His purchase and plan ended in lack of funds and lack of seamen. In 1953 William Studdart, cattle rancher from Montana, and his friend and partner star Gary Cooper purchased the schooner for hopeful cattle trade with Russia. The trading failed and the schooner again sat in disrepair. About this time, California started buying up old sailing vessels for their new maritime museum. Other cities saw the desirability of owning historic ships, and began buying all of the last sailing vessels away from Puget Sound home ports. Public clamor rose to save local ships for Puget Sound, but by 1963 only Wawona remained. A fund-raising campaign and loans made possible the purchase of Wawona in 1964 for a maritime museum.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

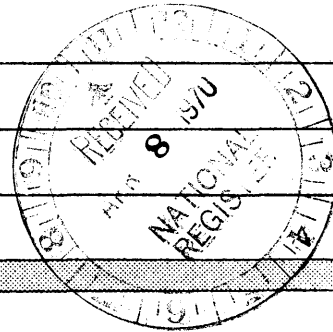
Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society records and documents.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Gordon P. Jones, member

ORGANIZATION: Save Our Ships DATE: July, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
1143 Federal Avenue East

CITY OR TOWN: Seattle, 98102 STATE: Washington CODE: 46

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Charles H. Odegaard
Title: Director
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission
Date: January 28, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Annex Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 1 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

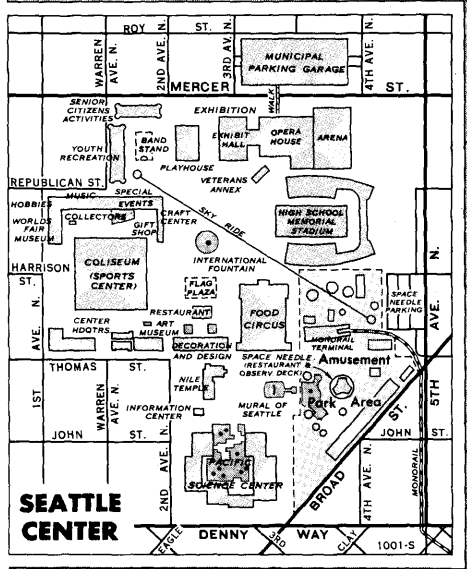
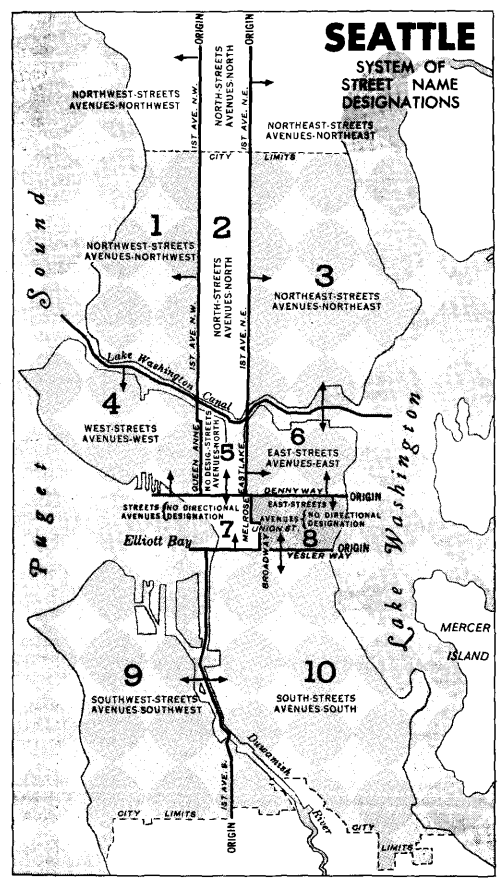
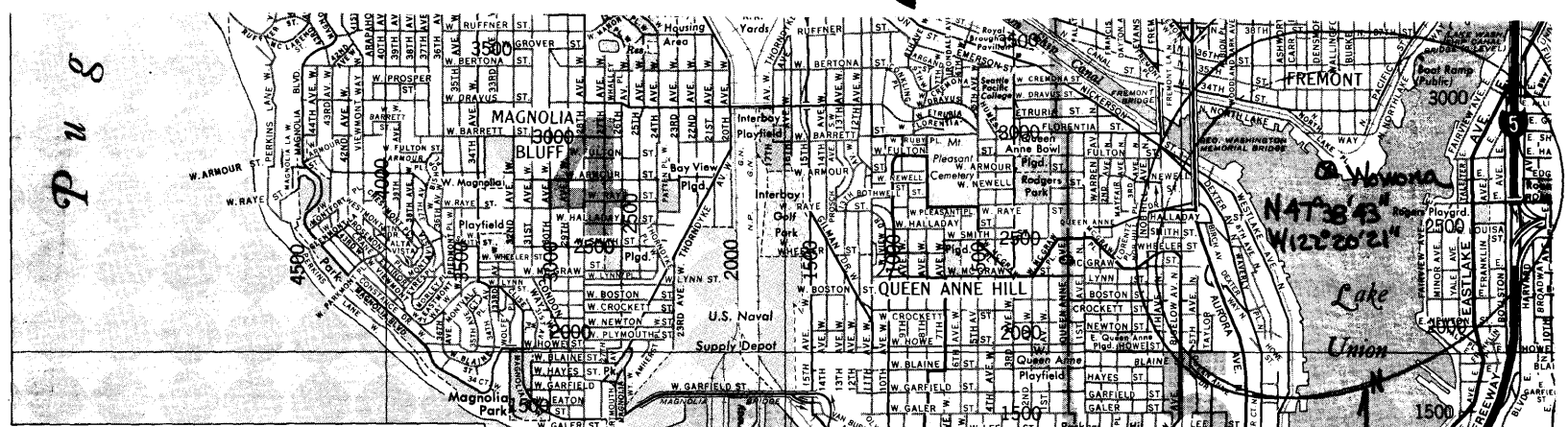
William O'Sullivan
Keeper of The National Register

Date: MAY 27 1970

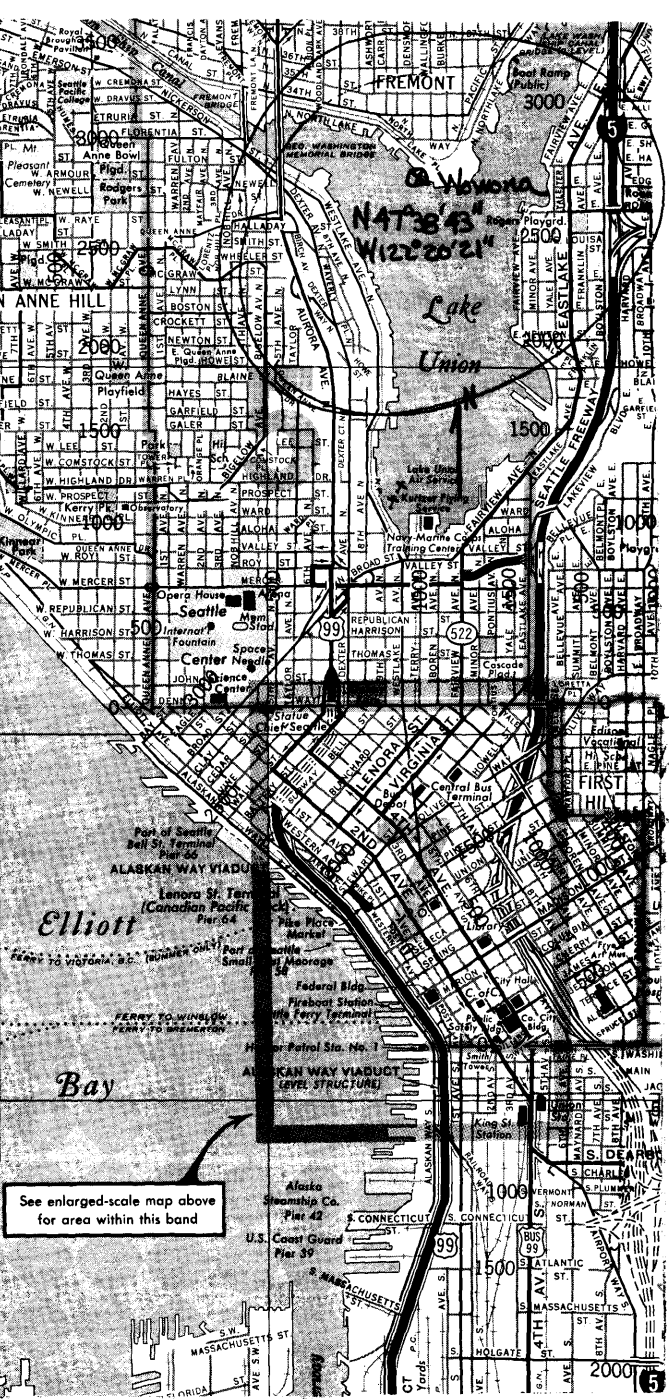
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For ready reference, this map carries house numbers at intervals of five hundred numbers. The city is divided into TEN sections and num...