

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Washington	
COUNTY: Snohomish	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
APR 14 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON: (Schooner) "Equator" ↓

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 14th Street Yacht Basin CONG. DISTRICT # 2

CITY OR TOWN: Everett Honorable Lloyd Meeds

STATE: Washington	CODE: 53	COUNTY: Snohomish	CODE: 061
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Not Used <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Equator Incorporated

STREET AND NUMBER: 4730 Glenhaven Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Everett STATE: Washington, 98201 CODE: 53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Condition Survey - "Equator" by Captain A.F. Raynaud, Marine Surveyor, Seattle, Washington

DATE OF SURVEY: Feb. 21, 1968 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Methven Corporation

STREET AND NUMBER: 1020 - 14th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Everett STATE: Washington CODE: 53

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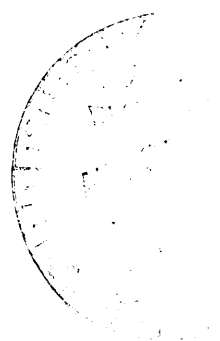
7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This historic vessel was abandoned on the Snohomish River jetty at Everett in 1958 among other ship and barge hulks. The deck house and all machinery, the propeller, shaft and fittings had been removed, and only the bare hull of the vessel remained. Before and after the vessel had been removed from the breakwater and put into drydock a survey was made of the accessible areas of the hull and the condition of these areas appeared to be reasonably sound. During the course of years many changes were made to the hull structure. The stem is now plumb, and this may have been in the original design, as many small schooners were built in that manner. The stern is certainly not the original, and this should be cut back to a point where the stern can be rebuilt to conform to the original design. The big factors in restoring the "Equator" would be the rebuilding of the stern, redecking, caulking and rerigging. The vessel was undoubtedly a two-masted, gaff-rigged schooner, with possibly one or two top masts, and carrying three head sails forward. Crew quarters were forward and consisted of the minimum comforts. The after quarters probably consisted of three or four small state rooms, a small salon or dining room, store room, and possibly a toilet room. The carrying of cargo was this vessels main function.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1888 until present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Designed and built by Matthew Turner in Benecia, California in 1888, the Equator began her career as a South Seas copra trader. In 1889, the Equator was one of few vessels to survive a mighty hurricane off Samoa. In mid 1889, the famed author Robert Louis Stevenson chartered the Equator in Hawaii for extended South Pacific cruising. The author of such books as "Treasure Island" learned much about the sea from the Equator, her crew and from native Pacific kings he met during the South Seas ramblings. His ultimate home site in Samoa was reached from the Equator.

The schooner, after Stevenson left, continued ^{her} ~~his~~ South Pacific sailing until 1897 when a steam engine was installed for the beginning of an Alaskan fish packing career.

In 1915, purchased by Carey-Davis Co., the Equator lost her bowsprit, was enlarged and then put into service as a wire drag vessel for the Coast and Geodetic Survey organization. She again cheated death when nearly swamped in Deception Pass enroute to Alaska. Coal bunker covers had been left open but a heroic young University of Washington student - crewman, R. F. Jones, dived beneath the floating coal to slide the steel covers into place.

With a gasoline engine installed in the 1920's, the Equator once more avoided death. She went aground on the Quillayute Bar in 1923 but an enterprising skipper filled her hold with empty oil drums and floated her free.

In 1941, the Equator received a diesel engine and renewed a Puget Sound tow-boat career. Her long life of maritime usefulness came to an end in 1958 when she was abandoned on the Snohomish River jetty.

Now owned by a non-profit, state-registered organization, Equator, Inc., the historic ship is on the ways at an Everett boat shop. It is the goal of this group to restore the Equator to as near its original condition as possible so that a genuine tie with the maritime past can be retained for present and future generations.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The letters of Robert Louis Stevenson
 The U. S. National Archives
 Survey Report by Captain A. F. Raynaud
 Marine Surveyor, Seattle, Washington

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Eldon Schalka, M.D., President

ORGANIZATION: Equator Incorporated DATE: Nov. 24, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 4730 Glenhaven Drive

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Charles H. Odegaard</u> Charles H. Odegaard</p> <p>Title <u>Director - Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission</u></p> <p>Date <u>August 27, 1971</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>4/14/72</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William M. Stewart</u> Keeper of the National Register</p> <p>Date <u>APR 14 1972</u></p>
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