

“There’s Only One”
KALAKALA
(World’s First Streamlined Ferry)
“A World Maritime Treasure”

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Today, the Historic Kalakala receives another miracle, and she gives thanks to many. 71 years has past since her first introduction and instantly became world renowned on July 3, 1935. The Kalakala may now endure into another generation, and her awesome and significant history is now honored forever. On January 27, 2006 she was listed on the Washington Heritage Register. Then, again on March 22, 2006 the Kalakala received historic significance by being listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The 1935 M/V KALAKALA, located in Tacoma, Washington, joins other properties which contribute to the rich cultural, architectural, and engineering heritage of Washington State. The Kalakala is historically significant (years, 1935-1962) as a unique, one of a kind, a “concept” vessel. Her architecture was influenced by Boeing model architect Louis Proctor and designed by Helmuth Schmitz in 1935. Her distinctive characteristics of the Art deco period captured the imagination of a World War II and Depression Era weary public. The Kalakala is also significant for her direct association to automobile, and passenger transportation contributions in and around the Puget Sound. The National Register records the tangible reminders of history of the United States and is the official repository for documentation of cultural resources worthy of preservation. The Kalakala still retains several World’s First’s patents within her history, and has been a host to many political dignitaries in the past, such as, on an excursion to Victoria, Canada commemorating the visit of their Britannic Royal Majesties, the King and Queen of England, on Tuesday, May 30, Memorial Day 1939.

With these two historic registrations the Kalakala can revive, under Tacoma Washington’s wings, and will continue to have safe refuge and hope while striving to get out from her distress. Another miracle, “PAINT the KALAKALA BEAUTIFUL”, will give the Kalakala a renewal for truly belonging within the Puget Sound community.

Immediately after the KALAKALA received the historic registrations, Rodrigues Enterprises LLC, transferred ownership of the Kalakala’s exterior superstructure, hull, and all interior structural steel supporting the shell and hull to the Kalakala Alliance Foundation (reference attached restoration drawings-Kalakala Alliance Foundation).

The Kalakala Alliance Foundation, a State 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, is managed by 5 new board of directors and has over 15 new project development committee members assembled to guide the future Kalakala restoration.

The Kalakala Alliance Foundation's mission is to preserve, restore, and maintain the Kalakala's exterior superstructure, hull, and all interior structural steel supporting the shell and hull by means of volunteers and fundraising including for such purposes everything necessary, proper, convenient, or incidental to such purposes not specifically all disallowed by law. Rodrigues Enterprises LLC, d.b.a. Lost Horizons, will form for profit Alliances, own, manage, operate, preserve, renovate, and maintain the Kalakala's 37,000 Square Feet of useable interior designed space (reference attached restoration drawing-Private Business Alliances). Lost Horizons together with the future business Alliances will operate a mixed-use facility, on the water, to include a private membership club, special event center, café, and other synergistic commercial and retail small business enterprises. Lost Horizons will contribute 99% of all it's own future profits, earned on-board the Kalakala, to a Kalakala Endowment Fund. The Kalakala Endowment Fund shall strictly be used towards future Preservation, Restoration, and Maintenance expenditures Co-Managed by Lost Horizons and the Kalakala Alliance Foundation. Lost Horizons will create a Charitable Remainder/Lead Trust allowing only the Kalakala Alliance Foundation ultimately to own 100% of all Kalakala assets upon satisfying all private debt or upon such time the Trust determines feasible.

Lost Horizons is completely satisfied that the Foundation can now succeed in the future, and was assured after seeing the Foundation's 2005 Grant writing efforts towards applying for a \$5.5 million State of Washington Federal Transportation Enhancement Program Grant. Although, no State funds were awarded the first time around the Kalakala will still be eligible for future State and Federal Transportation grants, Save Americas Treasures Grant, and many other grants that may become available. Such as, a Washington Heritage Capital Fund grant application is being submitted by the Kalakala Alliance Foundation prior to it's due date of May 11, 2006. The Foundation should be highly competitive for this State grant. If the Foundation can obtain the mandatory 2:1 cash and in-kind services match it can become successful towards being awarded partial sums, or may be granted the potential maximum in the amount of \$500,000! Then she will go to a shipyard, for the first time in 40 years, and her "PAINT the KALAKALA BEAUTIFUL" miracle will come true!!

Thank you all.

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1) Kalakala Alliance Foundation: PO Box 1475, Tacoma, WA 98402, phone 1-253-277-1547, email:olympicforum2000@usa.net or losthorizonsr@comcast.net. Kalakala Alliance Foundation is a federal 501 (c) (3) non-profit federal ID #91-1695118 (since 1992) and Washington Secretary of State Corporation EIN #601-323-620.

National Registration Document;

http://kalakala.org/home/National_Register_Historic_Places_Form.pdf or <http://www.kalakala.org>. Link at Upper left top corner of main page for downloading a copy of Kalakala National Landmark of Historic Places nomination document. Reference www.kalakala.org Project Drawings: Kalakala Alliance Foundation assets – Restoration design drawing and Lost Horizons and Alliances Restoration design drawing.

2) Michael Houser, DAHP, PO Box 48343, Olympia, WA 98504-8343, (360) 586-3065 or www.dahp.wa.gov. The DAHP maintains a searchable list of National and Washington Heritage Register Properties. The Kalakala is registered in the National Landmarks of Historic Places.

3) The National Register Program at the federal level can be accessed at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/places.htm> or <http://www.nps.gov> or (206)296-8689 fax (206) 205-1719. Address:National Register of Historic Places, National Parks Service, 1839 C St., NW (MS 2280), Washington, DC 20240.

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6) Federal Transportation Enhancement program Kalakala Alliance Foundation applied for October 2005. <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/TA/ProgMgt/Grants/Enhance.htm>
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7) National Save America's Treasures Grant:
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