



The glory days of Howard Hughes' Flying Penthouse.



Her final days as a plane, as the Flying Penthouse begins a conversion to the houseboat Londonaire.

The three lives of Cosmic Muffin

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Several years and owners later, damage from a hurricane grounded the plane, and her tail and wings were cut off. Kenneth London converted her into a motoryacht. She was launched as *Londonaire* in July 1974.

Dave Drimmer purchased *Londonaire* as a houseboat in 1981. He reconstructed the hull using WEST SYSTEM® epoxy, remodeled the interior, and renamed her *Cosmic Muffin*. She is now a historic/educational attraction that is available for charter and corporate sponsorship in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She has been featured in several magazines, newspapers and television articles including CNN Headline News, Extreme Homes (Home & Garden Channel) and People Magazine.

Cosmic Muffin's unusual history and many more photos of the plane/boat can be found at www.planeboats.com. ■



The *Londonaire* is now *Cosmic Muffin*. The hull was rebuilt using WEST SYSTEM epoxy.



The interior as it looked when Hughes entertained the celebrities of the day and the remodeled interior as it looks today.



Cosmic Muffin awaits passengers at her berth in Fort Lauderdale.