

Problem

- Many seasteaders are Silicon Valley engineers with no nautical experience
- How do you build it incrementally?
- How do you build a community?

Burning Man









Ephemerisle

Founded: 2009 by The Seasteading Institute

Leads: James Hogan, John Rinaldi, Patri Friedman



What

- Entirely water-based - must arrive by boat or air
- Location: Sacramento River Delta, near Stockton, CA
- Minimum viable seastead: rented houseboats rafted up together

2009



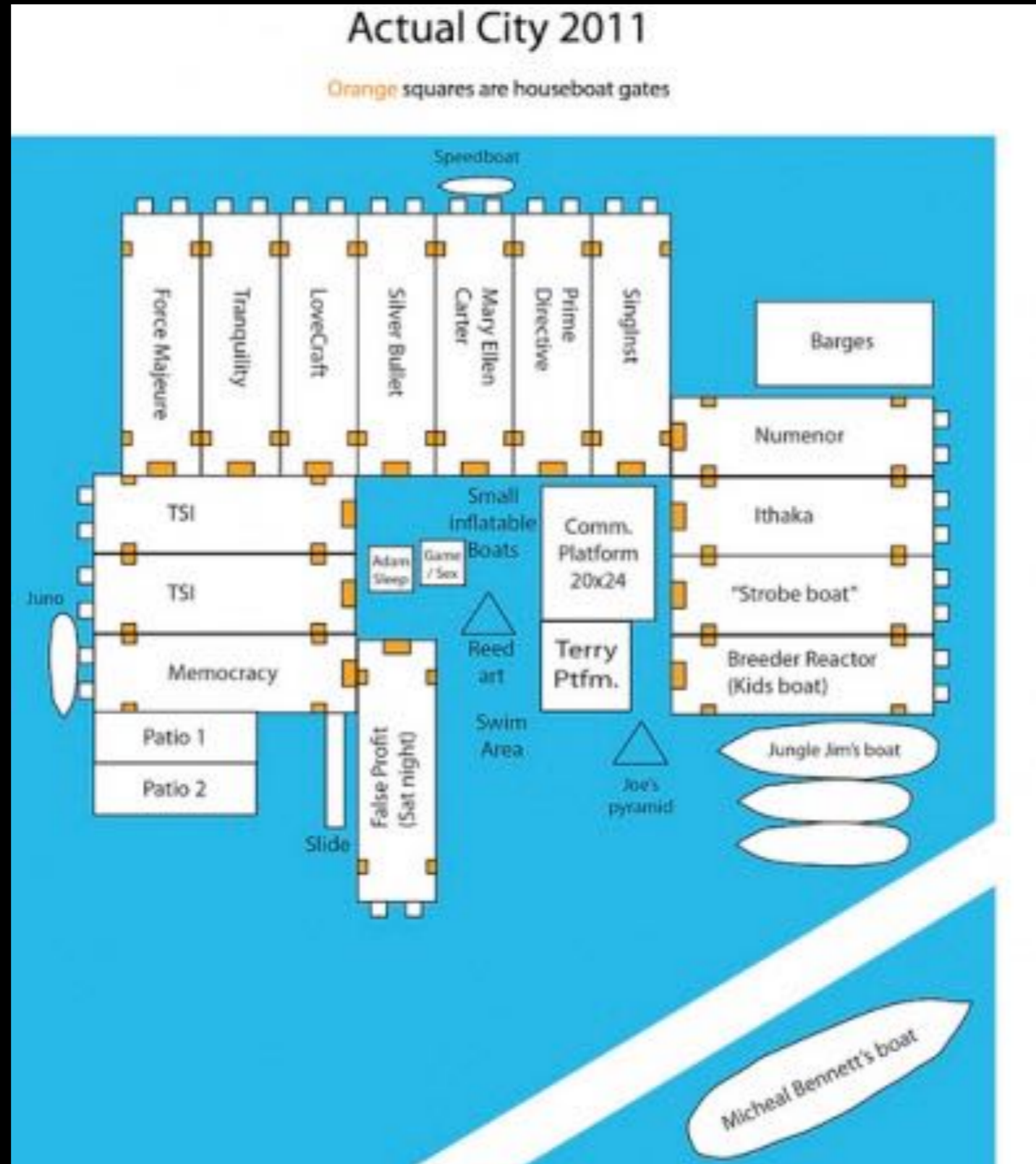
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2010

- Insurance costs too high: \$300/
person
- TSI turned over control to
community
- Community developed ever since

2011



2012: Winds of Change

- First year to break up into islands with separate leadership
- 40 knot / 46 mph winds
- Islands broke apart and began drifting into each other

Lessons learned

- Better anchors
- Better communication (mandatory radios)
- Chain of command
- Better training

“Chandy”

Lead: Helen Lurie





Fairweather Gallery

Lead: Taran Smith







Artemiid

Lead: Shanee Stopnitzky



Artemiid at Symbiosis Shanee Stopnitzky



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Washed Up Yacht Club

Lead: Adam Katz, Sean Faul



Delorean Hovercraft

Lead: Matt Riese



The Future?

2015



Burning Man: 1992



Burning Man today



The Future

- More and better art
- More and better boats
- Increased boat safety
- Problems of growth: bad actors, theft, sexual assault
- Better financial mechanisms

Why do we keep coming back?

- Personal growth
- Joy of creation / “Recreational logistics”
- People / friendship





Dayjobs

- Founder of four separate VC funds
- For Profit Founders: Facebook, Paypal, Matterport (3-D camera)
- Nonprofit Founders: MAPS, Handup, Internet Archive, Burning Man
- Government: Foreign Service analysts, cabinet level nominee

Ephemerisle Moments: Alton Son

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQWtUWF0xSY>