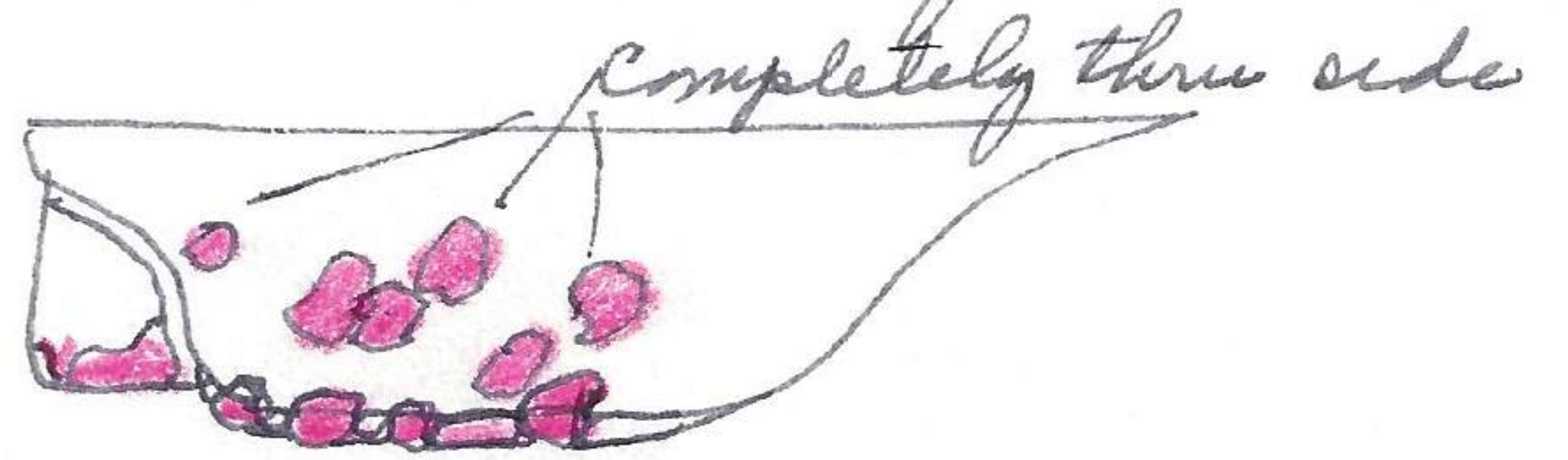


along Lake Shore Drive on S side Lake Pontchartrain noted <sup>10-30</sup>~~30-40~~ scarp ducks along lake every <sup>3/10</sup>~~1/2~~ mile. Some flocks as many as 60. At Yacht Club marina I got two photographs of sail boats, nos 771231-1 and 771231-2. At 11:00 AM these sail boats were coming out of the harbor like bees from a hive, most of them tacking up & out of the channel under sail. We had seen one 50' sailboat in drydock which has dropped its sails before entering the channel and then had motor trouble. It drifted onto the rocky jetty where it lodged on the rocks and for 15 hours it wore itself on the rocks to the extent of about 5 holes (1' to 2' in diameter) on the side, the keel worn like a coarse saw tooth and the rudder half gone. One should never drop all sails in entering a channel or marina.



Photos 771231-4 and 771231-5 of sail boats just off marina. These boats remained near shore rather than range out into the Lake. Annette in one of the photos. At Yacht Club noted a 40' ketch on sail for \$19,000. One large sailboat had been reduced from \$13,000 to \$8,000. A sign or navigation aid cannot find in white orange common in area but any book or chart, from marine S thru park, thence S across city and Mississippi River. at Paradise noted first snowy egrets. on our way to Grand Isle. Country side poorly drained and water hyacinths in most ponds and canals. Group of cypress trees just N of Laceland, all dead except a bushy top. Continued S and camped at Grand Isle.

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