



# The Potter Yachter

Newsletter of the Longest Lasting West Wight Potter Club in the World

May 2014

## *Potter Yachters Make Showing at Boat Show on April 12<sup>th</sup>* **Horns Blast as Yachters Parade Past Strictly Sail Pacific**

There were around 17 Potter Yachters out on the Oakland Estuary for Saturday's sail-by of the Strictly Sail Pacific Boat Show. Some of the Potter Pod stayed at Oakland Yacht Club on Friday night and had dinner while listening to a band. The sail on Saturday morning didn't disappoint those who were expecting a healthy dose of the usual chaos and probably an unhealthy dose of donuts. Somehow Carl was able to round up the group and we sailed by the docks of Strictly Sail. Dick suggested that we announce ourselves, and so someone yelled, "blast 'em if you've got 'em" and Carl started a cacophony of horns which filled the air to startle the less observant folks in the crowd.

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Carl and Sam lead the fleet past Strictly Sail Pacific

To the best of anyone's recollection, attendees were: Tom Garing (P15), Harry Gordon (P14 #234), Jim "Goose" Gossman (P14), Rob Sampson (P14 #367), Dennis Vaders (P19), Beth Campbell ([Newport 16](#) #532), Dana Suverkrop (yellow & white P15 #1245), Phil Marcelis (P19 #1487), Carl (& Sam) Sundholm (P19 #1432, blue & yellow jib), Dick Herman ([Scamp](#), Klompen), Pat Brennan ([Compac Legacy](#) #1), Brad Evans (M15 Tanbark & white sail), Jim Kirwan ([M15](#) #467, green & white sail), Rich & Mary McDevitt (P15 #2531, tankbark sails), Tim Derry ([Cape Dory Typhoon](#)), Bud Kerner (P19 #1263), Kjeld Molvig (blue-hulled P15), Judy and Dave Blumhorst (P19 Little Deuce Sloop).

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## The Commodore's Corner

By Carl Sundholm

It was a distinct pleasure to be part of the Potter Yachters' Seminar on Places to Sail in California and Beyond at the Strictly Sail Expo at Jack London Square at 1:00 pm on Sunday April 13, 2014.

It was Judy Blumhorst's idea and she implemented and MC'd the event. I provided the outline of selected places to trailer sail.

Judy and I did the introductions. Jerry Barrilleaux, being the excellent speaker and showman that he is, gave an outstanding talk on trailer sailing in the Delta. Bud Kerner, who is well known for his published adventures sailing the coast of California on the installment plan, gave an enlightening presentation on places to trailer sail on the coast from Northern California all the way down to San Diego. Then I spoke about places to trailer sail in and around San Francisco Bay. Tim Derry presented next on places he had trailer sailed in Washington and British Columbia, illustrated

by plenty of spectacular photos. Dick ("the Admiral") Herman batted "clean up" with his wonderful tales of All the Usual Suspects ("ATUS") and trailer sailing adventures on the annual Northwest Coast sailing expeditions. We had a great turn out and response to the seminar.



I am lucky to be associated with so many interesting speakers and am proud of the fine presentation we gave on behalf of the Potter Yachters. Here is the outline of the presentation:

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The World's Longest Lasting West Wight Potter Sailing Club

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A Strictly Sail Pacific Seminar  
Jack London Square Oakland, April 13, 2014

## **TRAILER SAILING DESTINATIONS: Northern California and Western USA**

### **I. SELECTED SF BAY AREA DESTINATIONS**

#### **A. SALTWATER RAMPS**

1. **MONTEREY HARBOR RAMP**, 250 Figueroa Street, Monterey, CA (831) 594-7760
2. **MOSS LANDING HARBOR RAMP**, 7881 Sandholdt Road, Moss Landing, CA (831) 633-2461
3. **SANTA CRUZ HARBOR RAMP**, 135 Fifth Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA (831) 475-6161
4. **SAN FRANCISCO - CHINA BASIN/PIER 52 RAMP**, 569 Terry A. Francois Blvd., San Francisco, CA (415) 274-0488
5. **SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO - OYSTER POINT MARINA RAMP**, 95 Harbormaster Rd, South San Francisco, CA 94080 (650) 952-0808
6. **SAN MATEO - COYOTE POINT MARINA RAMP**, 1900 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo, CA (650) 573-2594
7. **REDWOOD CITY MARINA RAMP**, 10 Chesapeake Drive, Redwood City, CA (650) 363-1390
8. **SAN JOSE – ALVISO MARINA RAMP**, 1195 Hope Street, San Jose, CA (408) 262-6980
9. **ALAMEDA GRAND STREET MARINA RAMP**, 2000 Grand Street, Alameda, CA (510) 865-1200
10. **RICHMOND MARINA RAMP**, 1340 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA (510) 236-1013
11. **BENICIA 9th STREET MARINA RAMP**, 904 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Benicia, CA (707) 746-4285
12. **TOMALES BAY MILLER COUNTY PARK RAMP**, 23240 Highway 1, Marshall, CA (415) 499-6387

### **II. SELECTED NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DESTINATIONS**

#### **A. DELTA RAMPS**

1. **BRANNAN ISLAND STATE PARK**, 17645 Highway 160, Rio Vista, CA (916) 777-6671
2. **B & W RESORT MARINA RAMP**, 964 Brannan Island Road, Isleton, CA (916) 777-6161

#### **B. FRESH WATER RAMPS (Subject to water level)**

1. **WOODWARD RESERVOIR PARK RAMP**, 14528 26 Mile Road, Oakdale, CA (209) 847-3304
2. **NEW SPICER MEADOWS RESERVOIR RAMP**, Hathaway Pines, Tuolumne County, CA (209) 795-1381
3. **DEL VALLE RESERVOIR RAMP**, 7000 Del Valle Rd, Livermore, CA (510) 544-3139
4. **EAGLE LAKE RAMP**, South Shore Eagle Lake, near Susanville, CA (530) 825-3454
5. **LAKE TAHOE**, Tahoe Keys Marina Ramp, 2435 Venice Drive East, South Lake Tahoe, CA (530) 541-2155 (Note \$41 ramp fee, no two stroke outboards).

### **III. SELECTED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DESTINATIONS**

1. **HUNTINGTON LAKE RANCHERIA RAMP**, Huntington Lake Road, Lakeshore, Fresno County, CA (east end of the lake) (559) 893-3234
2. **MORRO BAY RAMP**, 1275 Embarcadero, San Luis Obispo County, CA (805) 772-6254
3. **PORT SAN LUIS**, 3950 Avila Beach Drive, Avila Beach, San Luis Obispo County, CA (805) 595-7214

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4. **SANTA BARBARA**, Shoreline Drive and Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA (805) 564-5475
5. **MARINA DEL REY**, 13477 Fiji Way, Marina Del Rey, CA (310) 305-9545
6. **LONG BEACH**, Davies Street Bridge Ramp, 6201 E. Second Street, Long Beach, CA (562) 570-8636
7. **DANA POINT HARBOR RAMP**, 34624 Golden Lantern St, Dana Point, CA (949) 496-6177
8. **SAN DIEGO**, Shelter Island Boat Ramp, Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, CA (619) 686-6227

#### IV. SOME “OUTSIDE THE BOX” DESTINATIONS

1. **LAKE HAVASU, ARIZONA – London Bridge Resort Ramp**, 1477 Queens Bay, Lake Havasu City, AZ (928) 846-4284
2. **NORTHWEST COAST LOCATIONS, WASHINGTON & BEYOND.**



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## Potter Yachter Membership

Join the *Potter Yachters* – the club that has been around since 1978 and, with your participation, will continue to withstand the test of time. We’re really a bunch of nice folks who would just love to have other nice folks join us. Your dues help support club activities and publish the newsletter, so you’ll be sure to know when we’re out sailing, whether that’s in the San Juan Islands, Monterey, the SF Bay, or elsewhere. Annual dues are \$25. Make checks payable to “Pat Brennan”.

Send your payment (with your name and address) to:

Pat Brennan  
1305 Webster Street #C205  
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See us online at [www.potter-yachters.org](http://www.potter-yachters.org)

Organized in Northern California in 1978, the *Potter Yachters* is the longest running West Wight Potter club. Membership is open to anyone interested in West Wight Potters and other trailerable microcruiser sailboats.

**Moss Landing Sail & Overnight – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

## **Join us at Elkhorn Yacht Club**

[Mike Swartz is hosting; I gathered this info – Ed.]

We have the [Elkhorn Yacht Club's guest dock](#) for the weekend. Bud expects to be launching Friday. There should be appetizers at 6:30 at the yacht club. The people who come in Friday can most likely stay on the yacht club's property for free, you just have to pay for launching. It's a very good ramp. Last year the launch fee/parking was between \$8 & \$9 per day. They still use the envelope system.

We need to let them know how many people are coming, so Mike is planning to take a roll-call on the TrailerSailor forum sometime during the week before.

The Elkhorn Yacht Club normally has special activities for opening weekend, except the calendar doesn't show any, so we'll play it by ear. I suppose we could always sail.

There are restaurants nearby, too.

**Directions:** Get onto 101 South, take Hwy 129 West towards Watsonville, take Hwy 1 South, turn into the parking lot past Jetty Rd (before the bridge in front of the power plant).

[Elkhorn YC](#)

(831) 724-3874



photo: Don Person

The power plant towers form a distinctive landmark

**Launching from B&W Resort – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

## **Delta Sail to Spindrift Marina**

[Jerry B. is hosting; here's what he says – Ed.]

We will be launching at [B&W Harbor](#) at 9 AM for an overnight. We'll sail to the [Spindrift Marina](#) on the Stockton channel. The harbormaster at Spindrift, Dave Burns, is a sailor and said we are welcome to stay there. Overnight docking will be only \$10.00 per boat. The guest dock can hold our entire fleet. They also have clean restrooms with showers. The best part is just across the street where there is a GREAT bar and restaurant with a general store under it.

This is Memorial Day weekend so you can stay longer if you wish. You will need to let B&W know how long you will be gone.

**To get to B&W Marina** from the East Bay get on Highway 4 toward Antioch. Then get onto Highway 160 towards Rio Vista. Go over the Antioch Bridge and get Ripped Off for \$15.00. When you get to Highway 12, turn right and go for about 5 miles. And just before you cross a bridge turn left on Brannan Island road. This will take you right to the ramp. Launching and overnight parking at B&W will be around \$20.00

Please try to be on time so we can all go under the bridge at the same time.

[Spindrift Marina](#) (916) 777-6041

[B&W Resort](#) (916) 777-6161

Jerry Barrilleaux (925) 685-4577

*Sunshine & Breezy*



### **Club Events on the Horizon for 2014**

**May 3 (Sat-Sun) Moss Landing/Elkhorn Yacht Club Sail & Overnight (Mike/Bud)**

*intermediate to advanced, depending on the weather – NOTE: most open ocean sails are advanced and not for beginners, but this year we are planning to hang out at the Elkhorn Slough Yacht Club, so it should be easy; overnighting in boats moored at the docks*

**May 24 (Sat-Sun) Delta Overnight Sail from B & W Resort (Jerry B)**

*easy but sometimes intermediate when it is very windy; the overnights are on the boats moored at the docks*

**June 7 (Sat-Sun) Woodward Reservoir Campout\* (Rich)**

*easy to somewhat intermediate if windy; overnight in boats moored on the beach, or bring a sleeping bag & tent and camp on the beach*

**June 21 (Sat) Lake Hennessey\* (Don/Carl)**

*easy day sail*

*\* Drought conditions may make lake/reservoir sails subject to change.*

Some of us decided to tie up at the *Discover Sailing* docks and head into Scott's Restaurant for lunch. Ken Lange was at the boat show and we believe he sold the blue P19 we saw there to a fellow named Jim.

All in all, it was a great outing! – Phil M.



We swarmed into the *Discover Sailing* area where we docked near the blue P19



A portion of the pod dines at Scott's Restaurant



photo: Tim Derry

Carl calls attention to the Potters with a ceremonial blast of the horn



photo: Carl Sundholm

Goose hands out donuts



photo: "Goose" Gossman



photo: Carl Sundholm

Bud sails towards Jack London Square






## A Windy Day in the Strait Calls for Change in Plans Goose hosts a great sail and gives rides on MaxSea

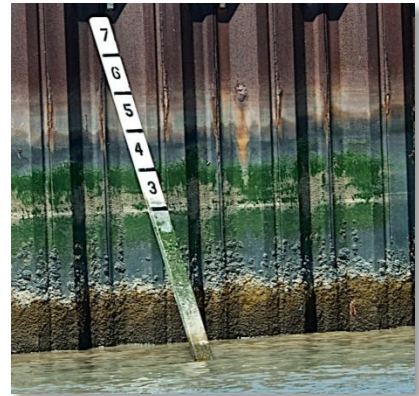
[Don Person sends in this report. – Ed.]

April 19<sup>th</sup> was mostly about the weather; very windy and cool. Two Potters decided it was too cold and windy, so checked out. Six Potter Yachters braved the wind. Three P15s, Rob Sampson in his Gunter P14 (motored out from Benicia Marina and jib sailed back) and two lateens, Harry Gordon and Mike. Jerry and Carol Barrilleaux in their P19, *Sunshine*, Neil Dorf in Two Can, his Monty 15 and David and Sharon Soule in their Balboa 21.

Goose took the rest of us sailing on his Fisher 30 motor sailor which is heavy and stable and not bothered at all by that much wind. Excellent hosts, Gayle made sandwiches and Goose produced drinks and snacks while treating us to an invigorating sail. They deserve a big thank you. – 



Gayle Gossman, Pat Brennan, Ed Dove, "Goose" Gossman, and Bruce McDevitt



Some folks battled the low tide



Intrepid Rob Sampson braved the wind in his P14



It reads: 20 knots  
Gusts to 25 knots

Weatherman Bruce McDevitt measures windspeed





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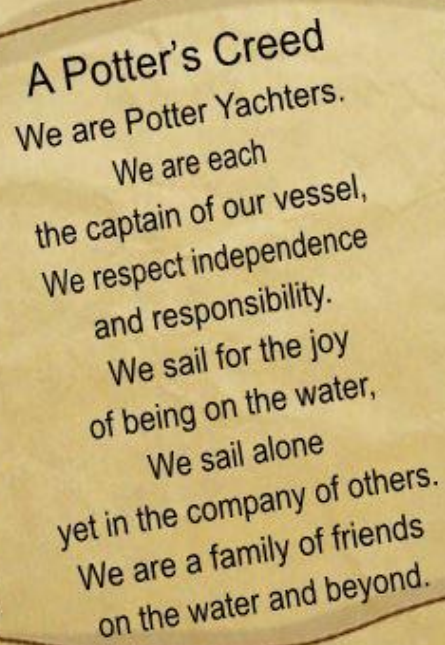
## With a Grain of Salt

The **Potter Yachter** is a forum for exchange of ideas and information among West Wight Potter (and other mini-yacht) sailors. But we Potter Yachters are mostly a bunch of amateurs finding our way by trial and error and luck.

You will probably find some very helpful tips or ideas in the Potter Yachter that will enhance your sailing experience, but you may also find some ill-advised suggestions or ideas that just don't work for your particular boat, your sailing environment, your level of sailing experience, or your boat-working skills. So please understand that any sailing tutorials, suggested boat modifications, recommended cruises, etc., are the opinion of the author, based presumably on his or her personal experience and judgment at the time the article or letter was written.

If a Potter Yachter believes s/he has a good idea and submits it to the newsletter for publication, we will usually pass it on to the rest of you in the newsletter, but take it "with a grain of salt" and a large portion of your own good judgment, and perhaps get a second opinion before undertaking a modification or cruise or sailing technique you read about in the **Potter Yachter** (or any other publication)

- The Editor



**A Potter's Creed**  
We are Potter Yachters.  
We are each  
the captain of our vessel,  
We respect independence  
and responsibility.  
We sail for the joy  
of being on the water,  
We sail alone  
yet in the company of others.  
We are a family of friends  
on the water and beyond.