



The Potter Yachter

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

Aug/Sep 2019

Report: Loch Lomond Sail

by Jim 'Goose' Gossman

Photo: Dick Herman



Grace graces the bay outside Loch Lomond Marina.
(In the cockpit) Captain Goose with crewman, Phil Marcelis.

The PY'ers first annual weekend sail out of [Loch Lomond](#) was a rousing success! We had nine boats attend, with several others having to bow (stern? haha) out at the last moment. When I sailed into this recently updated marina, last year on the way back to Benicia from the Bay Area Messabout, I knew I'd discovered a new venue which our group would enjoy frequenting. When we decided to keep our new boat *Grace* here for the season, I thought it would be a good idea to introduce her to Potterdom with a weekend event. Six boats arrived (See [Loch Lomond](#) continued on page 4)

Ship's Stores for sale. Order from Kevin Crowder:

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The Commodore's Corner

By Eric Zilbert

"Trusting in Providence is a very good thing, as far as it goes, but a chart and a compass are worth six of it, any time. Statistics have shown this to be true." – Mark Twain

Well, I think I ended my series of summer sailing outings with a bang at Huntington Reservoir. Everything was terrific, the weather, the scenery, the sailing, the company (see the report in this issue). Only thing was I blew up my Pathfinder trying to get there (no actual explosion, just a lot of steam). The plan was to sneak up the mountain (Huntington is at about 7,000 feet) while it was cool. It was about 6:30 in the morning. It had only taken about 1,500 vertical feet towing to overheat the engine. I tried to put some water into the radiator,


but it just came out the bottom of it. What to do? Where should I have the car towed? Could it be fixed? How long would I be delayed? How would I get home if it was something that ended the life of the car?

I had been working on buying a replacement for the vehicle in question for well over a year. It wasn't indecision as much as simply hating to work with dealerships that had delayed me. The Pathfinder had 240 K miles on it, and it might have been a little foolish to try to take it to Huntington. In fact, if anyone had been listening, I might have been heard saying the prophetic phrase, "I can't go to Huntington if I don't get a new car." But it was time. Huntington, now or never. This was a bucket list thing. "Must do Huntington, must do Huntington...". So I tried, and I failed, and there I was broken down 5 miles from Clovis.

So I decided I should perhaps get serious about buying a car. I had pretty much decided on a used Nissan Frontier, SV with a 4 liter engine, about 3 or 4 years old. So I went to cars-dot-com, and the first thing that came up was exactly what I had been looking for, with low mileage and a great price – AND IT WAS ONLY 7 MILES AWAY! Imagine that.

I called a tow truck. Seven hours later (five of them at the dealership) I had traded in my Pathfinder, purchased a new Frontier, equipped it with a new drop hitch and new trailer light adapter, retrieved the boat and trailer from where they had been abandoned by the roadside, and was headed up Highway 168 to Huntington. Haven't had such a productive day in years! I was totally jazzed. Nothing was going to stop me, and nothing did. The truck towed the P-19 like it wasn't even there. I got to the Lake at 5 p.m. and got ready to set up. Wasn't too sure about where the rest of the group was, and thought it might be tough to find them. But, no! As luck would have it, I was near the bar. I had barely gotten out of the car when I see Jim, Kevin, and Al coming across the parking lot heading for the off-the-water-watering-hole. I was very relieved and pleased to see them. I told them my story, and we headed off to commemorate the adventure.

Over the weekend, a great time was had by all, and I was reminded of all the benefits there are in going on a group outing. When you travel with a group you generally have at least one person with some local knowledge, you have people to look out for you if you get in a jam, help you setup, launch and retrieve. I shared my diving gear with Blue Moon so Al could retrieve his phone. Kevin made coffee for us every morning. Jim and Al barbequed both nights. As I said, the weather, setting, and sailing were magnificent, but the comradery was the very best thing about it.

My next sail will be Tomales Bay on the weekend of September 28 and 29, which I host. It will be Fall, and we will have a great time. See the blurb about it in this issue. I hope to see you there! Fair Winds! -Eric — 

Club Events on the Horizon

[See the Online Calendar](#)

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|------------------|--|----------|
| Sep 28 (Sat-Sun) | Tomales Bay Sail & Overnight | (Eric Z) |
| | <i>great family sail; generally easy, often windy; overnight at anchor or in boat on beach; tent camping requires individual permit; we didn't get a group permit this year</i> | |
| Oct 12 (Sat-Sun) | Moss Landing to Monterey Sail & Overnight | (Bud K) |
| | <i>intermediate to advanced; overnight at docks; open water sail <u>not for beginners</u></i> | |
| Oct 26 (Sat-Sun) | Delta Bridges Sail & Overnight | (Bud K) |
| | <i>generally easy; motoring (bring fuel); intermediate when windy; overnight at docks</i> | |
| Dec 8 (Sun) | Presentation at OYC: <i>Black Feathers</i> in TransPac | (Robert) |
| | <i>Meet at 10am in the Regatta Room to nominate Potter Yachters officers for 2020; after that, Robert and Jeanne of the Cal20 <u>Black Feathers</u> will make a presentation</i> | |

Upcoming: September 14, 2019

Clipper Cove Sail & Picnic

The Potter Yachters were scheduled to do the annual “Grand Street Alameda Ramp to Picnic on Clipper Cove Beach” sail on Saturday, September 14, 2019. However, due to medical issues, the sailhost can’t make it this year. That doesn’t mean that folks can’t get together and enjoy this fun picnic sail, though!

Meet for launching at Grand Street Marina Boat Ramp around 9:00 a.m. Be sure to bring picnic lunches and supplies (beach chairs, sunscreen, etc.) and gas, in case the wind is uncooperative and you have to motor to get out there. While it’s usually calm on the beach, there’s often plenty of wind outside of the cove in the afternoon. You can avoid getting smacked by strong winds if you head back before 2 p.m.

The cove at Treasure Island has a secluded beach for picnicking and has an anchorage for overnighting, if you want. There’s a surprisingly well-stocked store up the stairs from the beach, in case you want to buy lunch.


[See George’s report from last year in [PYN Oct-2018](#) page 10. –Ed.] — 



Photo: Phil Marcelis

Directions to Grand St. Ramp, Alameda

Take I-880 toward Oakland/Alameda, then...

Southbound: Exit at 23rd Ave/Alameda, merge onto Kennedy St., then follow **Cross Bridge** below.

Northbound: Exit at 23rd Ave, U-Turn at the light. Take 23rd Ave over the freeway, then...

Cross Bridge: Continue slight right onto 29th Ave/Park Street, cross Park St. Bridge, then turn Right at Clement Street. Go straight on Clement until it ends and then, Turn Right on Grand Street. Continue straight to launch ramp.

Participation in Potter Yachter events is subject to the guidelines published in [March 2018 PYN](#), page 3.

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(Loch Lomond continued from page 1)

on Friday, including Dan Phy (M15) *Six*, Dick Herman on his Sun-Cat *Muddy Duck*, George & Rebecca Corrigan (M15) *Upbeat*, Larry Tkach (M15) *Groovin' 2*, Jim Hunt and crew Kevin Crowder and Paul Fiske on Santana 2023c *Blue Moon*, Dave & Sharon Soule on Balboa 21 *Nighthawk*, and Goose & Gail on 25' Nimble Kodiak *Grace*. Saturday, Dave and Francesca Kautz launched their O'Day 19-2 *Trailer Trash*, and Jon Barber sailed in from Berkeley on his M17 *Old Blue*. Strangely enough, it would be a potterless potterdom weekend!

Loch Lomond YC graciously offered us the use of their guest dock and facilities, which is adjacent to the marina's excellent launch ramp and newly built gourmet market [Andy's Produce Market](#). I told everyone we could eat most of our meals there, and we weren't disappointed. I could live there! The vibe at the marina is friendly and laid back, with great views of the Richmond Bridge and several small islands like the Brothers and Sisters. Friday night we joined up for drinks at the yacht club, and some stayed for dinner, while others went to *Andy's*. Since the fish were running, the launch ramp was bustling Saturday morning, but quiet on Sunday.

The marina is located at the entrance of the San Rafael canal, which is on the Marin County side of the San Francisco Bay, where the winds are generally lighter than in front of the Golden Gate. To our delight, the high teens/low-twenties winds on Thursday moderated to a potterlicious 8-12 knots from Friday through Sunday, with the fog bank staying away, and pleasant mid-70's temps. On Friday, Phil Marcelis joined me for a terrific sail, and helped me with some of the tech systems aboard *Grace*. The silent, electric drive on *Grace* is quite the different bird....and I love it! There are many times when just a little "juice" makes for a more pleasant sail, and pride has no veto power! Unfortunately, Phil's new boat is in post-Messabout repair mode, so couldn't make it out for the sailing this time.

With slack tide on Saturday about 11am, most indulged at *Andy's* for breakfast before heading out on the

water. The plan was to sail under the Richmond Bridge, around Red Rock, and back to port. A carbon copy of Friday, Saturday's weather was superb. Jon Barber joined me on *Grace*, and even he, a stalwart sailor, tested out the finer delights of electric motor-sailing... which loosely translates into moving quietly through the water at 3-5 knots, at all times, even if wind or currents aren't cooperating. In spite of the friendly conditions, *Muddy*




Photo: Dan Phy



Photo: Dan Phy

Duck's boom went "boom", and *Upbeat's* centerboard somehow decided to go bottom diving, shortening their respective time on the water. Dick wisely used this as a blatant excuse to go home to his sweetie, but George and Rebecca opted to stay over in *Grace's* guestroom, aka the *Goosemobile* camper van.

It turned out that Saturday night the premier of the sailing movie "Maiden" was showing at the local theater, so thirteen of us caravanned uptown to take it in. This documentary of the all-female crew in the Whitbread around-the-world race was terrific, as were the desserts we enjoyed after the show in downtown San Rafael.

Sunday morning it was beautiful again, and while several boats pulled out, *Blue Moon*, *Trailer Trash*, and *Grace* (with George and Rebecca aboard) headed up the San Rafael canal to check out the waterfront restaurant, [*Terrapin Crossroads*](#), which has live music and guest docks. It's owned by a Grateful Dead band member, and is quite the venue. We shared the dock with a bunch of rowers, had food and drinks, and listened to a great band. On the way back to Loch Lomond we encountered yacht club dinghy racers, paddlers, and a host of people enjoying themselves by the water. As we approached the mouth of the canal, we raised sail and reached out into the bay for a while before returning to the marina. All in all, it was a fantastic time! — 

Loch Lomond - July 2019

Attendees:

- Goose - *Grace*, Nimble-Kodiak 25
- Dan Phy - *Six*, Monty 15
- Jon Barber - *Ol' 44*, Monty 17
- Dick Herman - *Muddy Duck*, Sun-cat
- George & Rebecca - *Upbeat*, Monty 15
- Larry Tkach - *Groovin' 2*, Monty 15
- Dave & Francesca - *Trailer Trash*, O'day 19
- Jim Hunt - *Blue Moon*, Santana 2023c
with crew Kevin Crowder & Paul Fiske



Photo: Dan Phy

Report: Lake Sail**Great Time at Huntington Reservoir***Sailhost: Jim Hunt Photos: Eric Zilbert*

On Thursday crewman Mr. Roberts & I headed to Huntington Lake from Sonora in the AM. All was good until Google Maps decided that a 20 min. delay on Hwy 168 was not in our best interest & sent us up a goat path to the West end

Huntington Reservoir - Aug 2019**Attendees:**

- Jim Hunt – *Blue Moon*, Santana 2023c with crew Alan Roberts
- Kevin Crowder – *Aurora*, Com-pac 19
- Eric Zilbert - *Riptide*, Potter 19
- Jon & Laura Barber – *Ol' 44*, Monty 17
- Ed Hultgren – Monty 17



Jon & Laura Barber



Alan and Ed relax at the bar



Eric enjoys the silence of paddling



Blue Moon at rest

Photo: Jim Hunt


of the lake. *Blue Moon* is a full girl at 8'6" wide and the "road" was not much more than that! After attaining the summit we went directly to the bar to decompress.

Fortified & armed with a slip & parking pass, we stood the mast & splashed the boat. Then we berthed the boat for dinner. After a nap, Kevin Crowder made it up in the darkness about 11pm when we gave him his berth & parking pass, as he was going to rig in the morning.

Ah, the famed Huntington wind was right on time! At 10am Friday, *Aurora* and *Blue Moon* beat up the four miles to the café for requisite burgers & beers, followed by a nice run back to berth. Sometime about then we stumbled into PYC Commodore Z and had an impromptu dock party, which was lacking the last couple sails.

Eric regaled us with his travel story ripped right out of the "Out of Towners" script. Due to his extreme perseverance & dedication to duty, Eric made it and we actually had a West Wight Potter in attendance!!

On Saturday afternoon we had Ed with his M-17 show at the docks and we met up with Jon & his wife with their M-17 at the weather café. All days were full with that famous reliable breeze, burgers & beer, great camaraderie and gas bagging. We even tested an iPhone at 22' of cool clear lake water, the jury is still out on that one!

Hope to have NorCal & SoCal Potters up there next year & maybe even race a bit, like Monterey. I will man the line for 3 class starts if we can get at least 3 boats in each class to make it. -Jim — 



Kevin Crowder sailing *Aurora*



Huntington Reservoir

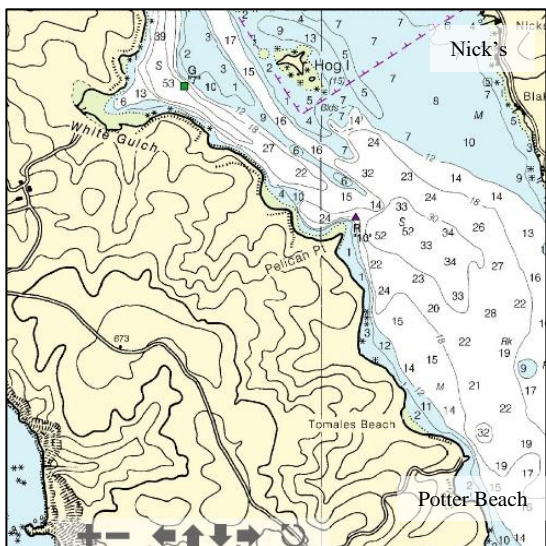
Upcoming: Sept 28-29, 2019

Tomales Bay Overnight

Sailhost: Eric Zilbert

The Tomales Bay *Potter Yachter* Trip is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 28 this year. We will launch from the ramp at Miller County Park [near Nick's Cove](#), located on the east side of Tomales Bay. The fee to launch is \$5.00 (plus \$5.00 for overnight parking in a space in the parking lot).

I (Eric Z) will arrive 11am Saturday. Parking has been a problem when there are events happening in the area, but generally, we all find a space. Those who arrive on Friday will have a better chance at securing a parking spot.



David White and Don Person at Miller launch ramp

There's also an unpaved overflow area above the paved lot. We have ferried people to overnight parking along Hwy 1 in the past, and it seems to work well enough.

ACCOMMODATIONS

[Park Service maps](#), [Google](#), and [official chart 18643](#) each have a different name for the beach we use. On Saturday at about 5 PM, we will have an oyster BBQ (Eric has a [CA Fire Permit](#)) and pot-luck dinner on what we'll call [Potter Beach](#) (same place as last year; Park Service says *Tomales Beach*). This beach has pit-toilets but no access to drinking water. We'll communicate on VHF Ch. 68.

We were unable to secure a Group B [boat-in camping permit](#) this year so tents can't go on the beach unless you buy an individual permit. No permit is needed to anchor out or sleep on your boat while beached, although you must have a porta-potty on the boat in both cases. [Check the tides](#), but beaching overnight should be fine.

ABOUT THE AREA

Leaving from Nick's Cove, sailors seeking the channel on the west side of the bay going north should be aware that the bay is quite shallow on the east side north of Hog Island.



The entrance to Tomales Bay is a legendary hazard due to large sleeper waves that may break in the entrance. Transit the area quickly and don't anchor there. For more information about Tomales, see: <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/pages/28702/files/TomalesBay.pdf>

Tomales Bay is fairly shallow south of Marshall. The west side of the bay is deeper and with the predicted tides you should be able to get to the southern end of the bay at any time other than the early morning lows. Be sure to stay to the western side of the bay.

DINING

There are a number of restaurants on Hwy 1 south of Miller Park. One year, Rob had Friday night dinner at the restaurant at Nick's Cove and they let him dock his Ranger Tug overnight. However, it's generally wise to treat a trip to Tomales Bay as a camping trip.

NOTE: A porta-potty is required on board for overnight stays on Tomales Bay. The rangers have been known to do inspections.

Other Useful Numbers:

[Bear Valley Visitor Center](#) 415-464-5100
[Nick's Cove](#) 415-663-1033

"Your cellphone won't ring out here, but we have landlines if you need to make a call." - Nick's

E-mail me (ezilbert@cde.ca.gov) or call if you plan to attend. For more information you can call:
 Eric Zilbert: 530-757-6783 (eves) or 530-665-0698 (cell). — 

After-Action Report from Lake Hennessey

by Rich McDevitt Photos: Bob Abzell

Forecast of temps in the mid 90's came true for the Lake Hennessey sail on August 31. After a leisurely drive up the Silverado Trail, I arrived at the launch ramp around 9:30. Mike Trueman was already in the water and had enough breeze to cast off and set sail. Janet and Bruce Dalen were in the parking lot beginning to set up their awesome P-15 (one of the last to be built by International Marine, and it's a trophy). A short time later the

Lake Hennessey - Aug 2019


Attendees:

- Rich McDevitt – no boat
- Mike Trueman – *Midget*, Monty 15
- Bud Kerner – *Splash*, Potter 14
- Janet & Bruce Dalen – *Patience*, Potter 15
- Ed Tome & Joan Savarese – *Melonseed*
- Bob Azbell – Potter 15
- Gerry Nolan – no boat
- Don Person – *Sarah Anne*, Potter 15



Rio Vista contingent showed up, Bud Kerner with his classic P-14, Ted Tome and Joan Savarese with Ted's *Melonseed*, and Bob Azbell with his P-15. Don Person pulled in shortly after with his P15. Gerry Nolan and I helped rig and launch but chose to be boatless on this day with schedule conflicts. It was actually a little overcast and 64 degrees when I pulled in the parking lot but that was changing by the time we had everybody in the water. Don even picked up a couple ladies on the dock and took them for a



demo sail. There seems to be a strong market for Potters yet. By 10:30 all boats were out sailing in a slight breeze and Gerry and I headed off for other commitments. — 



Upcoming: October 12-13, 2019

Moss Landing to Monterey Overnight

Sailhost: Bud Kerner

Here's another chance to gather with fellow Potter Yachters for a sail to Monterey. If you haven't been there with the Potter Yachters, you don't know what you're missing, so plan on joining us for a weekend of good food, good sailing and good friends. Weather permitting, we will have a group sail from Moss Landing to Monterey on Saturday the 12th with an overnight at the docks of [Monterey City Marina](#). October is usually very pleasant on the bay. There is very little fog and moderate wind. That said, one never knows for sure, including [NOAA](#), what the weather might be.

We'll sail back on Sunday the 13th, if the weather holds, otherwise we will shuttle our trailers from Moss Landing to retrieve and derig in Monterey.



Unfortunately, EYC's guest dock in Moss Landing is still an island, so check with EYC if you plan to stay over Friday or Sunday night. Sometimes there's slip space so you don't have to dinghy in.

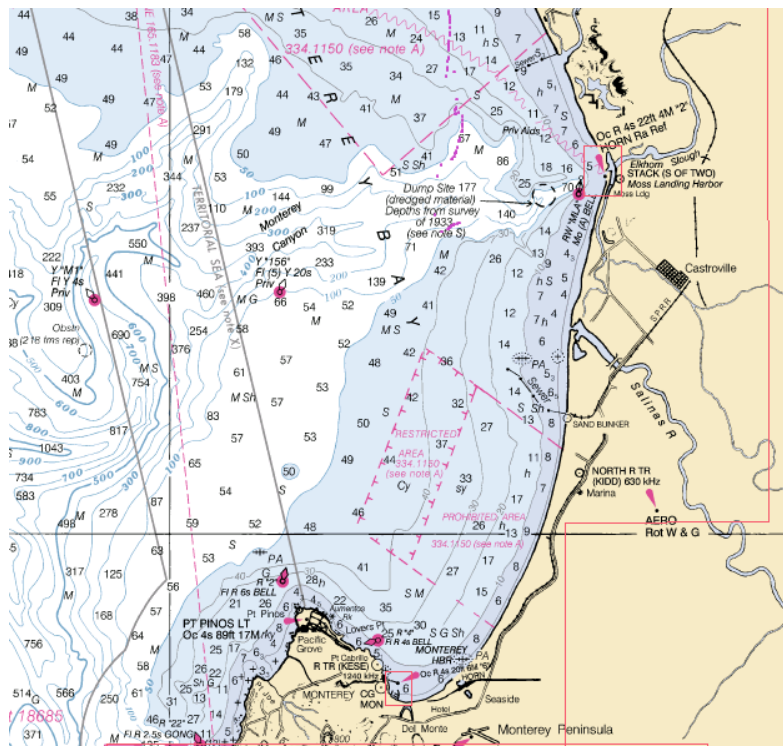
We will plan on gathering in Moss Landing on Saturday, Oct. 13th so we can all be in the water by 10 am. Usually the morning breeze starts to fill in at this time. The sail is approximately 13 NM, and we should be in Monterey by about 4 pm. The [Elk Horn Yacht Club](#) has given us permission to use their guest dock Friday and Sunday, for those of us who would like to launch on Friday and stay over Sunday for a \$6 beer and burger.

I will reserve slips for us in Monterey. Please let me know by Friday October 11th if you plan to make the sail. Monterey Harbor monitors channel 5 and when you get close to the harbor you can call them on your VHF radio. They will tell you what slip you are assigned to. That is much easier than tying up at the small dock next to the launch ramp and going to the office for assignment.

There's plenty of trailer parking in Moss Landing, but the fee schedule is a bit confusing. Once you decide what to pay, you put exact change into the "iron ranger" using the envelopes provided. Our best guess so far is that it's about \$35 for launching and two days of parking. It's a long walk to the Harbor Master's office if you need to make change. See the [August 2016 Potter Yachter \(page 11\)](#) if you want a firsthand account of this trip. Of course the option is always available for anyone who wants to launch at Monterey and sail out to greet us there.

It should be said that Monterey Bay sailing can be challenging, so it's not recommended for beginners. Keep in mind that YOU are the final authority on whether you can make the trip, so study the chart, check on the weather, and be ready to drive your boat to Monterey, if necessary. We'll probably meet up at the [English Pub](#) for dinner on Saturday night, either way. Looking forward to seeing you in Moss Landing! —

Directions: Get onto Hwy 101, then Take exit 336 (Hwy 156) towards Monterey Peninsula, take Hwy 183 through Castroville to Hwy 1 north, then turn left into the parking lot just after the bridge over Elkhorn Slough.



The [NOAA Chart for the area](#) is available online for free:
<http://www.charts.noaa.gov/InteractiveCatalog/nrnc.shtml>

Upcoming: Launch in Rio Vista; Oct 26/27, 2019

Delta Bridges Sail and Overnight

Sailhost: Bud Kerner

Come join the Potter Yachters for the last Potter sail of the season. It is a two day sail thru the California Delta.

We will launch in Rio Vista at either the Delta Marina or the City launch. The launch fee at both ramps is \$10. Please make sure you bring a motor that can propel your boat at 3 knots or better so we can all stay together.

Our overnight will be at the Delta Marina in Rio Vista. The marina charges \$1.00/foot. They will store your trailer in a secure gated area. If you launch at the City ramp you can leave your rig in the parking lot. The police do patrol the lot.

Plan to be on the water at 9:30 AM. The first day of this year's sail will take us North on the Sacramento River under the Rio Vista Bridge to the Deep Water Channel. We will sail up the channel towards Sacramento for about 3 nautical miles and then turn to starboard onto Miners Slough. Miners Slough is a remote slough that will give you a real feel of the back Delta. We will encounter a swing bridge on the slough. This bridge is opened once a year, a requirement of the Coast Guard, by Cal Trans. Hopefully the bridge will work and we will continue on to intersect Steam Boat Slough. Here we will turn to starboard and continue down the slough to the Sacramento River where a turn to port will take us back to the Rio Vista Bridge and the Delta Marina. If by chance the Miners Slough Bridge fails to open we will turn around and retrace our route. Living on the Delta you find out that the bridges don't always work.


The second day at 10 AM we will sail south down the Sacramento River to the South end of Decker Island where a turn to port will take us along the East side of Decker Island past the Three Mile Slough Bridge, not under it, back to the Delta Marina.

The first day's sail is about 20 nautical miles. The second is about 10.

There are a number of places to eat within walking distance of the marina. There is a very nice restaurant right at the marina that serves breakfast on weekends, lunch and dinner 7 days a week.

Directions to the Delta Marina: follow directions to the City ramp. Just beyond the entrance to the City ramp turn right onto Montezuma Street and then first left onto 2nd. Street, turn left, just past the school on your left, onto Marina Drive.

See you on the water.

Bud — 



Delta Marina and Rio Vista City launch ramps both charge \$10 to launch.

Motors are required and should be able to propel your boat at 3 knots or better.

Directions West on Route 12:

Just after crossing Sacramento River, immediately turn right toward Rio Vista. Make first right to go under Route 12. Just after first stop sign (Main St.), turn left into city launch ramp parking.

Directions East on Route 12:

Before crossing the Sacramento River, turn right at Chevy Dealer (N. Front St.) Turn right at the stop sign (N. Front St.) Just after the next stop sign (Main St.), turn left into city launch ramp parking.



Photo: David Meyers

Sept 14/15: Join some friends at New Melones Reservoir!



Sailhost Kevin Crowder (Compac, *Aurora*) says, "join us for a sailing weekend at [New Melones](#) reservoir, September 14 and 15.

Some sailing friends and boats from Sacramento area are joining us. Launch at [Glory Hole Rd](#), ramp next to the Marina. Often up-wind ramp perfect for sailboats. Marina 100 yards away. Try and meet at ramp by 10:00 am.

How to get there? Go to Angels Camp turn right on hwy 49 turn right at Glory Hole. From Sonora turn left on 49 go through Sonora stay on 49 to turn Left At Glory Hole. We already have 3 boats, possibly 4. Come join the fun, easy sailing. Lake is still full."



From: Robert Crawford

On December 8th, my wife and I will be speaking with your Potter Yachters about *Black Feathers*, a Cal 20, and her participation in the 2008 Singlehanded TransPac Race from San Francisco to Kauai. We look forward to the event.

Live the dream, Sail beyond... Robert and Jeanne Crawford

NEWS FROM CRUISER CHALLENGE XX – FROM DANA SUVERKROP



You can put the 20th Annual Cruiser Challenge down in the Potter Yachter record book as a great success. Sailors faced the usual Monterey summer weather with a mix of fog, sunshine and lively winds producing ideal conditions for competitive sailing. Winners by boat class were:

First Place: Bruce McDevitt, **small**; Dave Kautz, **medium**; and Jens Kaemmerer, **large**.

Look for a full story on the event in the October newsletter.

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 can join us on sails in person or vicariously through our stories. Annual dues are \$25 per family.

Make checks payable to "Kevin Crowder", or use PayPal to treasurer@potter-yachters.org, or use the link <https://www.paypal.me/sailAurora/25> and include "Potter Yachters Dues" in the notes.



Or see us online at:
www.potter-yachters.org

Send your payment (with Kevin Crowder
your name and address) to: P.O. Box 124
Standard, CA 95373

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.



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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

