



The Potter Yachter

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

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After-Action Report: Moss Landing to Monterey 2021

The Monterey Sail AKA Cruiser Challenge 21

by Dana Suverkrop

Photo: Rob Sampson



Jon Barber (left) and Ron Dietel battle it out ahead of the fleet on Monterey Bay

Moss Landing to Monterey in July (better known as **Cruiser Challenge 21**) is in the books.

The Cruiser Challenge officially took place the weekend of July 31 to August 1, 2021. While it was one of the smallest in memory, it certainly met our expectations as a "Challenge". The Cruise was 13 NM from Moss Landing to Monterey, and the *challenges* were the waves, winds, and swells matched against the skills of the sailor and crew competing with other sailors. Does this now mean that future Cruiser Challenge events will no longer be a race around the buoys outside the inner harbor? Not necessarily, but this (See *Monterey* continued on page 5)

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The Commodore's Corner

By 'Goose' Gossman



With the sailing season rapidly coming to an end and the Covid cloud receding, I'm thankful that I was able to attend most of this year's sails. I'm sure everyone who managed to get their boats out appreciated how lucky they were. With that said, time is marching on, and I'm looking forward to 2022 with great expectations. At our upcoming in-person meeting (Oakland Yacht Club, December 12) we will plot our course to continue having "more fun than most". Our trend has been to do more overnights than day-sails, so let's discover some new destinations next year. Please communicate by e-mail or on Trailersailor any ideas you might have, so that we can discuss them at the meeting. We've had a swell of new members this year, which I hope to see out on the water. In the meantime, we need to check our rigs and trailers for the upcoming season. Even though I tried to be prepared, I still had a major trailer problem recently, which fortunately was safely resolved.

The silver lining was that I got to sail with Bud Kerner, and realized that the trailer-towing coverage I've always had is worth it. The Potter-Yachter ethos of looking out for each other is a very good thing.

Regards,

Goose — 



Jon Barber and Eric Zilbert



Fortunately, my trailer problem was safely resolved



The 'Primary Colors P-19 Club': ReGale, Horizon Bound, Wee Boat display the Painter's Primary Colors

Club Events on the Horizon

potter-yachters.org/eventcalendar

Dec 12 (Sun) Potter Yachters Annual Meeting 10am-2pm (Goose)
we were prevented from gathering in-person last year. The Oakland Yacht Club will be open and we can see each other this year. We will meet in the Regatta Room of OYC at 10am to elect officers and discuss sailing calendar. Pizza lunch will be served.

Upcoming: October 30/31, 2021

Join the 10th Bridges Sail

Sailhost: Bud Kerner

*The Potter Yachter*

Come join the Potter Yachters for this year's Bridges Sail. If you felt the daily sails during the past bridges event were too long, you will like this year's sail. Both days will be around 10 nautical miles. We will, for the most part, be on the Sacramento River and the Deep Water Channel. There should be more sailing and less motoring, but who knows. Each day the sail will start and end at the [Delta Marina](#). Slip fee's at the marina are \$1.25 per foot. Launching is \$15 and includes one day of parking. Parking for each additional day is \$5.00.

[Rio Vista has totally redone their launch ramp](#) and dock. Launching and retrieving are now very easy, much more so than the marina. The fee for launching is \$14 and includes 24 hours of parking. Each additional 24 hours is \$5.00. The machine takes both cash and credit cards. If you launch at the City ramp it is about a quarter of a mile down river to the Delta Marina.

I would appreciate it if you let me know you are coming, and what day.

There will be a voluntary dinner at [The Point](#) restaurant both Friday and Saturday nights. *The Point* is located at the marina. It will make it easier on the restaurant folks if they have an idea on how many people are coming.

Directions:

If you are driving East on highway 12 in Rio Vista, turn right just before the bridge at Able Chevrolet Buick. Right at the stop sign onto Front Street. Just past the next stop sign on your left is the City ramp. If you plan to launch at the marina, continue on past the City launch ramp and turn right onto Montezuma St. Then left on 2nd street. In approximately one mile, left onto Marina Drive.

Driving West on highway 12, make first right after the bridge and then another right to go under Highway 12 onto Front Street. Just past the stop sign on the left is the City ramp. Directions to the marina from this point are above.

This is the last official sail for the Potter Yachters this year. I hope you can make it.

See you on the water.

Bud —

Participation in Potter Yachter events is subject to the guidelines published in [Jan-Feb 2021 PYN](#), page 3.

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Upcoming: Sunday, December 12, 2021- Meeting w/ lunch
Annual Club Meeting at Oakland Yacht Club




The Potter Yachters' Annual Meeting is set for December 12th from around 10am until 2pm in the **Regatta Room of the Oakland Yacht Club**. The club is NOT serving brunch; an unfortunate Covid casualty. However, Commodore Goose is arranging to have pizzas brought in for lunch.

Any member who joined within the last year is specifically invited to attend this meeting. Sometimes we get a little caught up in sailing off in different directions and don't get to meet new members at the monthly sails. The annual meeting is the perfect opportunity to introduce yourself, meet like-minded sailors, and let the rest of us enjoy your company. Regardless of when you joined, this is the one time we sit down to get a treasurer's report, nominate officers, and discuss future sails, so please make every effort to attend.

The Official 2021 Potter-Yachters Photo Calendar will be available at the meeting, so bring your checkbook or cash; they're \$20 at the meeting, or \$26 pre-paid for mailing. A limited quantity will be printed, so you are advised to reserve your copy early. Members can reserve calendars to be picked up at the annual meeting by emailing a request to Phil Marcellis (calendar@potter-yachters.org). If you would like to have one mailed via USPS, you can [send \\$26 to Phil using PayPal](#) (and put "for calendar" – along with **your address!** – in the "comment" section).

On the subject of payments, membership dues are based on the calendar year and it's been \$30 per family for many years, but we still vote on the amount at the annual meeting. It will most likely be possible to pay the treasurer directly following the meeting. You will also be able to pay via PayPal at any time after we've voted. Assuming it stays at \$30, just use the link <https://www.paypal.me/PhilMarcellis/30> and include "Potter Yachters Dues" *with your email* address in the "comment" notes.

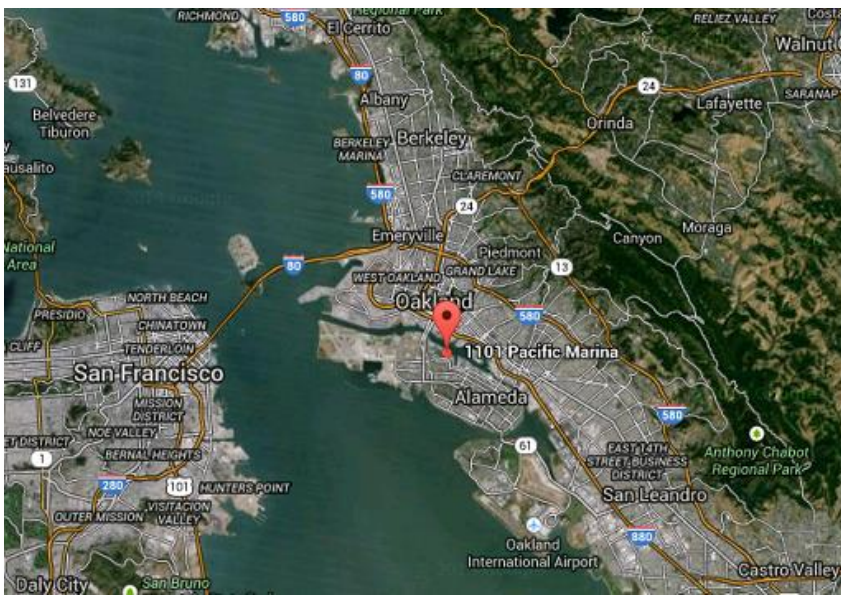
As is our custom, there will be a voluntary exchange of nautical gifts after the meeting for those wishing to participate. It's very low-key; people usually place a wrapped gift on the table in the Regatta Room just before the meeting starts, and then at the end of the meeting you just take a gift if you brought one.

New or prospective members are encouraged to come. See you there! — 

From the North (Berkeley, Bay Bridge)
 take 880 S and exit Jackson Street
 turn left off the ramp and go under the freeway
 turn left on 8th Street
 turn left on Webster Street
 follow directions from the Posey Tube (below)

From the South (San Jose, Castro Valley)
 take 880 N to Oakland and exit Broadway
 turn right onto Broadway
 turn right on 7th Street
 turn right on Webster Street
 take the tunnel into Alameda (aka Posey Tube)

From the Posey Tube
 keep left and go over the overpass
 turn left at Atlantic Ave.
 turn left at Triumph Street
 the club is located at the end of the street.
 parking is in front of the club house



In keeping with the reality of the current global situation – eighteen months and counting – we find ourselves immersed in the throes of a pandemic which none of us has ever seen before. The members of the Potter Yachters are a sturdy stock. They are educated, rational, flexible and will make the right decisions when it comes to their health and the well-being of their families. Event participation, while down, was not out. Ultimately there were a total of 8 participating boats with 7 sailing down from Moss Landing on Saturday.

This year's Cruiser Challenge was intended to be a more simplified event – we eliminated the Yacht Club sit-down dinner, bypassed sponsors for this year and eliminated group parking, too. Jim "Goose" Gossman organized the racing, Bud Kerner reserved space for boats to tie-up at the Elkhorn Yacht Club, and I arranged for slips at the Monterey Marina. I had planned for dinner at Round Table Pizza in Monterey, but because of persistent concerns of indoor Covid-19 transmission, we ultimately had the pizzas delivered to the marina for us to eat on the docks.

Cruiser Challenge 21 - July 2021

Attendees:

- Jon Barber – *Ol' 44*, Montgomery 17
- Ron Dietel – *She-said-no*, Precision 16.5
- 'Goose' Gossman – *ReGale*, Modified HMS-18
- Bud Kerner – *Cat's Meow*, P19
- Rob Sampson – *Vagabond* 17
- Dave & Sharon Soule – *Nighthawk*, Balboa 21
- Dana Suverkrop – *Shiksa*, Montgomery 17
- Larry Tkach – *Groovin'*, Montgomery 15



Photo: 'Goose' Gossman

I arrived early Tuesday at the Monterey Marina and was assigned a slip on F-dock near the ramp. I had planned to celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary on Wednesday the 28th with my wife, Cynthia, and dog LuLu. That was Cynthia's first night aboard *Shiksa*, a Montgomery 17, she left the following day, and expressed satisfaction having spent the night aboard the boat, but "would probably not do this again".

I ran into Mike Swartz on Thursday, and we went out and sailed for a couple of hours. It was an enjoyable sail with some nice breezes that kept it interesting. That afternoon, Larry Tkach arrived with *Groovin'* (Montgomery 15), and I found him setting up a few spaces down from me. Larry had plans of sailing in the immediate vicinity outside the Monterey Harbor. We decided to go to dinner and walked over to Petra's on Alvarado St. serving Mediterranean Cuisine. We both gave it a thumb's up.

On Friday morning I found Dave and Sharon Soule aboard *Nighthawk*, their Balboa 21. They had arrived late Thursday evening, having driven from Nevada and by leaving late, they were able to miss a lot of the Bay Area traffic. The Soules and I agreed to leave Monterey on Friday morning and sail north to Moss Landing. We left around 10 am; the breeze had yet to pick up, so we motored until our sails began to fill. The sail up to Moss Landing was comfortable in light air. We arrived in the afternoon and found space at the Elkhorn Yacht Club (EYC) and met up with the rest of the group. We gathered on the docks, chatting, sitting on chairs, sitting on ours and other's boats; just the sort of things we do. Discussion of boats is invariably the conversation de jour.

Later on, some of us went over to the Sea Harvest Restaurant in Moss Landing and I ordered a dinner with three different types of fish tacos. Based on this most recent experience, I would say that there has been a noticeable improvement in the food quality, the service was good and not nearly as crowded as Phil's. As always, the Elkhorn Yacht Club was warm and welcoming to our group as we continued with our conversations after dinner. That evening we all went to our respective boats and slept for a quiet and peaceful night without too much of the bantering among the sea creatures we often hear, or the rattling of the halyards against the masts.

The following morning around 10 am, we started preparations to get our boats ready to sail south to Monterey. One-by-one our boats began motoring out to the outlet and headed towards the "MLA" buoy. Bud Kerner had left a little early and



Photo: 'Goose' Gossman

Rob Sampson (right) took Kartikey Patel for a sail on Monterey Bay



Photo: Rob Sampson

had planned to use his code “zero” in the light air. The next time we heard from him, he was headed back to the EYC, reporting engine troubles.

Earlier, we had decided to nix the original plan of taking a photo with a date stamp at the start and finish of the race and recording elapsed times in favor of what is called a “Rabbit Start”. Goose briefed us on the basics of a rabbit start race, while aboard his revered *ReGale* (P18/19), and coaxed our wayward group of stray cats to the ever changing starting line. Once we were close enough, the race began.

Our two club speedsters, Jon Barber, *Ol '44* (M17) and Ron Dietel, *She-said-no* (Precision 16.5), both got off to a quick start and headed towards the Peninsula. They were followed closely by Rob Sampson with a friend, Kartikey Patel, aboard Rob's *Vagabond 17*. Next came Sharon and David Soule aboard *Nighthawk* (Balboa 21) and two guests, sailing smartly.


Because not all of us were able to pass the starting line at the same time, Goose assigned handicaps to the laggards. The Soules were given a minus 3 minutes and I, bringing up the rear, got a whopping minus 5 minutes! While I was still bringing up the rear, Goose stayed not far behind me, making sure I was okay, and since I had not raised the white flag, he powered up to join the action. My recollection of the race was watching the remainder of the fleet continue to move farther and farther away. For those interested in the final results: 1st: Ron Dietel, 2nd: Jon Barber, 3rd: David and Sharon Soule, 4th: Rob Sampson, 5th: Dana Suverkrop. Bud Kerner, sailing *Cat's Meow* (P19), while not participating, was able to get his motor running smoothly and motor-sailed to join the group. In the end, we all made it safely without any damage to the boats or crew.



Photo: 'Goose' Gossman

Later on we gathered on the dock in the Monterey Marina wearing our newly acquired “Cruiser Challenge 21” hats, discussing the events of the day and enjoying our pizzas.

The following morning on Sunday, the group returned to Moss Landing with some leaving for home that afternoon while others left on Monday to avoid the weekend traffic.

As it turns out, my wife’s comments about not sleeping aboard my M17 again was prescient in the weeks following that sail. The bottom line is I bought a M15, however, the standing policy in the Suverkrop household is a two-boat maximum and because space is limited, the biggest boat had to go, my dear *Shiksa*. Some of you have already met the new owner at her home port. I think this will not be the last time we will see *Shiksa*. — 



News From August 28/29, 2021

After-Action: Richmond Report

by Jon Barber


Marina Bay Yacht Harbor is in a shadow. A wind shadow. That was made evident Saturday morning as we left our berths and headed for Ayala Cove on Angel Island.

Motoring down the long channel, with its right angle turns, we encountered very little wind and more than enough wildfire smoke. A light breeze sprang up after we entered the bay proper, but it was short lived.

After bobbing about for a while, I decided to motor up; the day was proving to be a bit warm and the flies would not leave us alone. On my port quarter, I noticed Dan Phy on *six* had come equipped with necessary gear, a flyswatter! Add it to the list.

We were shortly in Ayala Cove and comfortably docked when we were joined by two P-19’s, one manned by E.Z. x 2 (recently from Ft Baker), and another which looked strangely familiar. Manned by unfamiliar faces, the mystery was solved when Goose came up and said “POB” (Phil’s Old Boat – P-19 #1487,). Sure enough, I recognized the portholes! The new owner, Mat Simmons, acquired POB and renamed it *Wee Flea*. Together with his dad, Tom, and son, Nathan, they were three generations of Simmonses on the boat.

After the inevitable stories of derring-do under sail and ogling other boats in the marina, we all set sail for our destinations; Goose and the Simmonses to Loch Lomond and the rest back to Richmond. After an uninspiring sail back (sans flies at least) we made our landings, secured our boats and enjoyed “martinis ala Bud”. Thus lubricated, some headed to Anh for Thai dinners while others made plans to pass a quiet evening at their slip.

Sunday morning Eric, Evan and I headed for the ramp and home. Bud and Dan stayed to sail another day. While not a remarkable sail outing, the company was fine and judging from the smiles around, a fine time was had by all. — 

Richmond to Angel Island - August 2021

Attendees:

- Jon Barber – *Ol’ 44*, Montgomery 17
- ‘Goose’ Gossman – *ReGale*, Modified HMS-18
- Bud Kerner (and son) – *Cat’s Meow*, WWP-19
- Dan Phy – *Six*, Montgomery 15
- Mat, Tom, Nathan Simmons – *Wee Flea*, WWP-19
- Eric & Evan Zilbert – *Riptide*, WWP-19



Three generations on *Wee Flea*, newly acquired and renamed

Cruiser Challenge Report

by Ron Dietel

Since I bought my Precision 165 in early 2017, the annual Cruiser Challenge has been my most anticipated event. It's one of the few opportunities for trailer sailboats of our type to compete. Consequently, I was delighted that after a year's hiatus due to the virus thing, that the Cruiser Challenge was back. The new format, racing from Moss Landing to Monterey and back the following day, was fine with me, meaning more time spent on the water. We sure missed the smaller boats (15 feet and under) although one or two came out to greet us from Monterey. While the total sailing contingent this year was smaller, it was no less exciting, at least from my point of view, as I found myself in a fun close race both days. First, let's acknowledge those who participated.



Photo: 'Goose' Gossman

Sharon and Dave Soule once again brought their Balboa 21, *Nighthawk*, to the fray, arriving on Thursday in Monterey from Nevada, then sailing on Friday to Moss Landing for the Saturday race, while racing back again on Sunday. Had awards been given out, they certainly would have received one for the most miles sailed. Dave and Sharon had the only boat over 20 feet, all other racers fell into the 16-19 foot range, with my sailboat, *She-said-no*, the smallest at 16 feet 5 inches.

Two Monty 17s participated, included Jon Barber's *Ol' 44* and Dana Suverkrop's *Shiksa*. Dana did his usual excellent job of coordinating the weekend. Another 17-footer was Rob Sampson's *Vagabond*. Bud Kerner, who thoughtfully coordinated free overnight slips at the always-friendly Elkhorn Yacht Club, was the only Potter 19 this year, sailing *Cat's Meow*. Our intrepid Commodore, Jim "Goose" Gossman, sailed or motor-sailed *ReGale*, his modified 18-foot Potter, which recently participated in the Southern California Potter trip from Long Beach to Catalina. Meeting us in Monterey was Larry Tkach in his Montgomery 15, *Groovin' 2*. For a small bounty, each sailor received a good looking Cruiser Challenge 2021 baseball cap.



We launched our boats on Friday afternoon, then headed to the Elkhorn Yacht club for some well-deserved refreshments. Next was a fine dinner at the Sea Harvest restaurant, conveniently located at the end of the boat ramp. For me, the evening was mostly spent in the emergency room in Monterey as I had dropped my mast on my fingers while prepping

my boat earlier that day. About ten stitches later, I headed back to the Yacht Club and was happy to settle in for the night. I sure missed having a drink or two with good friends.

Not surprisingly, fog and a slight drizzle greeted us on July 31, Saturday morning. The forecast said pretty light wind, but I headed out before the planned 11 a.m. start and was greeted by a decent breeze, perhaps 6-8 knots. The sun even started to come out. I called Goose to round up the adventurers, who soon appeared at the Moss Landing harbor entrance. Bud was having engine trouble, so he headed back in. Fortunately, he was just low on oil, and would only miss the start.

Without a committee boat, we planned to do a rabbit start. If you have never done one, they are pretty simple, requiring everyone to gather close together sailing upwind on the same tack. The rabbit boat, in this case *ReGale*, passes in front of the group on the opposite tack. When the rabbit passes everyone and tacks, the race begins. However, being the stray cats we are, we didn't gather close enough for a fair start, as boats started on their own towards Monterey. Goose quickly adapted, assigning each boat a handicap time based on their position. The race was on!

Jon Barber's *Ol' 44* was ahead of the fleet. Wind and ocean were building. It took me nearly half of the race to overtake Jon, perhaps some 5 miles. The wind continued to build, typical of Monterey Bay and was already beyond the 5-7 knot forecast. Given the light weight of my boat, just 750 pounds with 250 in the keel, *She-said-*



The Dock Party

no heeled hard and nearly rounded up several times. To stay level and with no time to reef, I spilled air from my main. Jon, with his heavier Monty 17 passed me. This was fun!

Eventually, Jon and I were both pushed by the wind and current east of the finish line, the Monterey Harbor entrance. That led to a short tacking duel. Being the windward boat, *She-said-no* had a slight advantage. Eventually, despite having raced more than 14 miles, I entered the harbor just a minute or so ahead of Jon. Dave and Sharon in *Nighthawk* came in next, having made up considerable time over the last mile or so. Whew!

Once all racers finished, a dock party naturally followed. Mike and Russel Swartz joined us, as did Larry Tkach, who had sailed out to greet us from Monterey in his Monty 15, *Groovin' 2*. Dana ordered pizza and we ate on the dock, rekindled old friendships and talked about the day's sail. I couldn't resist a trip over to the Monterey Harbor gift stores to pick up a few gifts for my family. After a long fun day of sailing, I think we all slept well that night.

Sunday's weather started out like Saturday's, overcast with little wind. But again, by 10, the wind came up and the sun started to appear. On the way out Jon's main halyard parted...but he quickly pulled in to an open end-tie, dropped the mast, fixed the problem, and was back out in minutes. Masterful! *Cat's Meow*, *ReGale*, and the *Vagabond* headed north, while *Ol' 44*, *NightHawk*, and *She-said-no* were mostly lined up to race. Goose called "one-two-three-Go!" and we were on our way.


The three boats stayed close together for several miles, making for an exciting race. Nearing Moss Landing, Goose showed his Olympic spirit by hoisting a colorful spinnaker/gennaker/blooper/asymmetrical. We never could decide what type of sail it was. Apparently, it worked quite well, and has found a home aboard *ReGale*.

"I picked up well over a knot," said Goose, "and was actually gaining on the fleet....though I was a bit apprehensive flying it singlehanded the first time. During the takedown, I managed to baptize a portion of the big sail as a puff ripped the halyard from my grip."

Eventually *She-said-no* pulled ahead and finished first, followed by *Ol' 44* and then *Nighthawk*. While no one reported sighting any whales, everyone was a winner because we all had fun.

While David, Sharon, and I put our boats back onto trailers, a number of intrepid sailors stayed one more night, enjoying the Elkhorn Yacht Club's hospitality as well as staying warm watching the Olympics onboard *ReGale*. Yes, he really does have a nice TV and fireplace!

I look forward to attending future Cruiser Challenge races. I wish I lived closer so I could participate in more Potter Yachter events. Special

thanks to Dana for organizing the weekend and to Jim for his rabbit start attempts as well as always being first to help anyone with anything. Also thanks to the Elkhorn Yacht Club for their generous hospitality and going the extra mile to welcome us. Finally, thanks to Bud Kerner for making sure we had slips for our sailboats. Did I mention that everyone was a winner, because we certainly had fun! — 



After-Action: Moss Landing to Monterey from Oct. 2 & 3, 2021



[Bud, thanks for a great weekend!](#) Posted By: [Dave K - SF Bay](#) 4 Oct 2021

There were a few minutes of trepidation when we hit that fogbank on Saturday but, thankfully, that had cleared by the time we had to find the harbor entrance at Monterey. The sail back to Moss Landing was, in a word, epic! I motored out of Monterey Harbor at 10:15 AM and it was a sleigh ride all the way to the Moss Landing entrance. Great sailing, great company, a great time overall!

[Back to Moss Landing](#) Posted By: [Jbarber](#) 5 Oct 2021

I saw Dave K motor by in the Monterey harbor. The next time I saw him he was derigging on the trailer at Moss Landing. Well done Dave! I like your boat even more. Dana S and I had tied in a reef Saturday as the wind increased near Monterey. We were sailing with the Genoa so we were a bit overpowered. The wind prediction at the Monterey Harbor office Sunday called for 25kt winds and gusts to 35kt, so I decided to leave the reef in place. I also changed my headsail to the working jib. Large, widely spaced ocean rollers were capped with 1.5 to 2 ft. wind waves. The wind didn't live up to the hype but it did build as the day progressed. When I caught up to Riptide I saw that Eric Z had decided to reef but was still sporting his lapper. The wind clocked around a bit and we found ourselves on a broad reach into Moss Landing. A stellar sail! Kudos to our new friend Constantinos for sailing his P 14 in these conditions. I know he enjoyed the ride, but commented that a slightly larger boat may be in his future. See you all in Rio Vista for the bridge sail.

Happy Sailing!

Jon Barber

Monty 17

OI'44



Constantinos

[Mosey from Moss](#) Posted By: [greatgoose](#) 6 Oct 2021

Thanks Bud! Trailer fiasco left me looking for a berth. It was still a terrific weekend. The fog wasn't too bad, and the company great. All is good now that ReGale is home safe.

[Note the flags being flown; this boat has Commodore Goose and Past-Commodore Bud Kerner aboard. – Ed.]



Bud Kerner (with Goose) aboard Cat's Meow

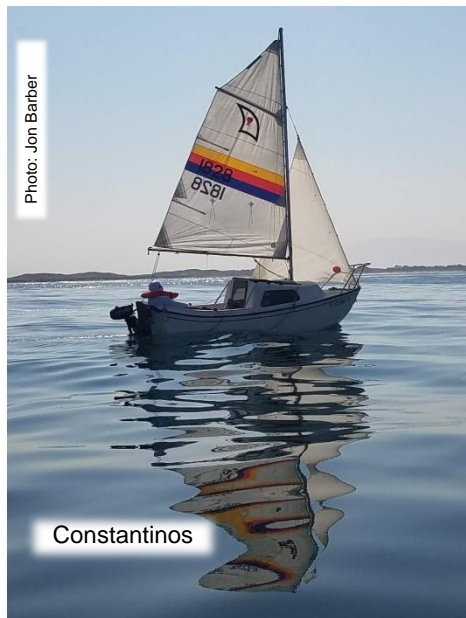


Photo: Jon Barber

Constantinos

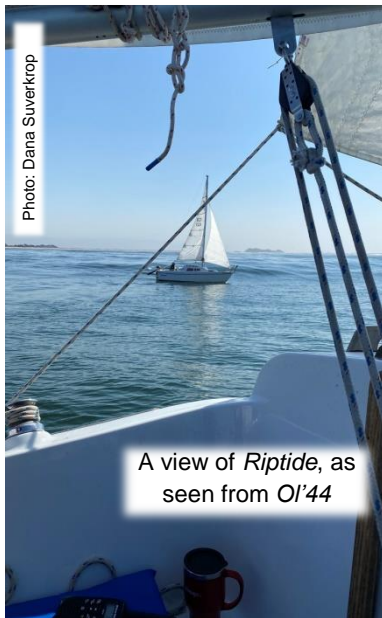


Photo: Dana Suverkrop

A view of Riptide, as seen from OI'44



Photo: Dana Suverkrop

Goose chats with crew of Horizon Bound



Subject: **HMS #10**
From: **Steve Swires**
(British Columbia, Canada)

[Steve wrote to say that Hull Number 10 is in BC, Canada. – Ed.]



Happy Thanksgiving!

As the editor, I'd like to give a big **THANK YOU** to all those who submitted photos, stories, or any other items for publication in the *Potter Yachter Newsletter* over the past 8 years of my tenure.

I'm happy to have contributed this enduring record of club activities, and I very much appreciate all your kind comments through the years.

Fair Winds! - Phil



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. As of 2021, annual dues are \$30 per family.

Make checks payable to "Jim Gossman", or use PayPal to treasurer@potter-yachters.org, or use the link <https://www.paypal.me/PhilMarcelis/30> and include "Potter Yachters Dues" in the notes.



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

Send your payment (with Jim 'Goose' Gossman
your name and address) to: 865 West 'I' Street
Benicia, CA 94510

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

