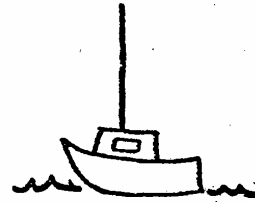


NorCal WEST WIGHT POTTER News



January 1979

January 6...Workday at La Purisima Winery. Would you believe that 3 boats and 13 adults showed up for the Workday and NOBODY WORKED?? That day was spent in amiable conversation and wine tasting, it seems, and nary tools nor fiberglass cleaner did appear. (Aye! Ye'll be some sorry sight, mates! Teak handrails splittin' in the blustery wind...rudder scathed and bruising from the lack o' proper paintin'! Ye'll rue the day ye failed to tend ship proper...) Let's see a sheepish smile from each of those who were present: #564 Jerry Barrilleaux, #604 Jim Mangels, #549 Chat & Bobby Goodson (those were the 3 boats), and Stan & Dorothy Butler, De & Sydney Marsh, and Bob Adair. The following were present but are excused from sheepish smiles, because they're new members, and we're happy to have 'em!: Don Caldwell and John Scott (they bought Bill Pound's #301), and Mike & Pat Westfield with young children John and Wendy (they own spankin' new #766, "Water Rat").

From 10:00 on the gang arrived, chatting, browsing the boats, comparing rudders and oarlocks, discussing trailers, motor mounts, etc., etc. Stan & Dorothy Butler, with grins a mile wide, made the Big Announcement: they are soon to be Potter owners! Stan ordered a new boat and expects delivery within a few weeks. Congratulations!

There were sandwiches and wine tasting at lunch (thanks for the onion rolls, Bobby!) and a chat with winery owner Doug Watson, a gracious fellow whose hospitality was enjoyed and appreciated. (Thanks for the use of your premises in Sunnyvale, Doug; we enjoyed the day and the wine tasting.) General chit-chat followed; the newer members asked questions about our group, and there was discussion about: 1) cruises: De Marsh wants to do a Channel Islands trip; Bob Adair wants to sail Baja (BAJA???)...Say, doesn't 'Baja Bob' have a nice ring to it? 2) Feb. 11 is the Angel Island trip, and everyone is pretty high about this one; it's been a dream of several members to see a nice little fleet of Potters

holding their own at Angel, and if the weather co-operates, this should be a beautiful sail. More follows. 3) Opening Day for the San Francisco Bay yachting season is April 29, Sunday. There is a large parade of decorated (burgees, balloons, flags, etc.) boats of all sizes which departs Sausalito for the St. Francis Yacht Club and cruises the S.F. waterfront for judging. (Most then continue on to Angel Is. for 'festivities', including the infamous water-balloon fights which are supposedly now illegal.) Jerry Barrilleaux, the Goodsons, and several others of us would love to enter a fleet of decorated Potters. Jim Mangels is corresponding with the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Assn. to get all the particulars. The Coast Guard advised Jim there's no reason we can't enter--the Yachting Assn. will handle all the parade details. Jim is thinking we'd probably launch from China Basin or thereabouts and sail up to get into the parade formation. Launching from Sausalito would mean we'd be crossing the mouth of the Bay close to the Golden Gate, and while it would be extremely scenic, it might be more exciting than some of us would want to tackle. More details about Opening Day plans in the Feb. issue. 4) 'Baja Bob' Adair suggested an anniversary party to be held at the same place (King's Table Restaurant, Redwood City) as our very first organizational meeting of 4/22/78. Super idea! How about Sunday, 4/22/79? Let me know your feelings.

The group broke up about 1 p.m., amid guilty laughter about not having worked on workday.

FEBRUARY SAIL

FEB. 11, SUNDAY: ANGEL ISLAND. Launch 9:00 a.m. from Caruso's in Sausalito (directions next page and map enclosed). We'll ride the tidal current both to and from Angel. Flood tide at 0946 toward Angel;

tide slack is 1238; ebb tide toward Sausalito at 1541. (See following section - 'Nautical' re').

We'll sail the approximately 2 miles from Sausalito to Angel Island's "Hospital Cove" (Ayala Cove) and either use the day dock which costs \$1.50/slip (we can fit maybe up

4 Potters in some slips) if available. Or we can beach the boats, or we can moor to buoys provided. (Buoy mooring restricted by size of vessel--use only buoys marked to include a 14-footer).

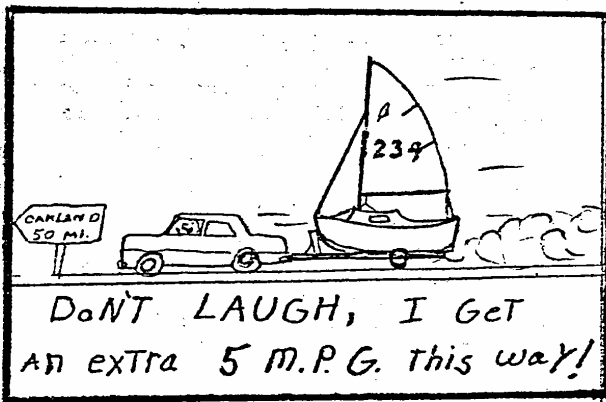
We'll go ashore for lunch--bring your own, the snack bar is usually closed during winter--and maybe take a hike, feed the deer, etc.

ll depart at a mutually agreeable time, accounting for tide, weather, sunset, etc., probably no later than 3 p.m. There's always the possibility of informal dinner together; we'll all be ready to share individual experiences. For the sail: bring warm clothing and headgear, enough gas for a motor trip if wind is slack, fenders, and mooring line.

A note from De Marsh, who's been to Angel many times: "Number 512, Stan Butler and myself made a checkout sail from Sausalito around Angel Island with a stop-over at Hospital Cove.

The tide conditions were similar to those expected Feb. 11th. Assuming the weather co-operates, the sail should be a piece of cake in Feb. The launch ramp at Sausalito is located at Caruso's on Harbor Drive. Harbor Drive is the first stop light after leaving the freeway (101) as you are entering Sausalito. The launch area is good with a ramp on either side of the dock and ample trailer parking. The launch fee is a stiff \$4.00 payable at the gas dock."

So bring launching fee, docking fee, and lunch--this is going to be fun!! (And bring gas for a March sail; should be fresh water, but we're flexible.)



NAUTICAL TIME

If you're an Old Salt, skip this section. But if you cringe everytime you see the time of day written nautically, this is for you and me (compliments of Jim Mangels):

Nautical time uses the "24-hour clock", which starts after midnight. The four digit time reads 'normally' (0100=1:00 a.m.; 0200=2:00 a.m., etc.) up until noon (1200 hours=12:00 noon). After that, the clock just keeps going: 1300 hours (1:00 p.m.), 1400 hours (2:00 p.m.) etc. up until 2400 hours=midnight. Simple, right? Okay, quick! What time is 1834? How about 2302? Aha! To decipher anything past 1200 hours, subtract 1200 from the time stated. 1834 minus 1200=6:34, and it will be 'p.m.', because it is after 1200, which is noon. And 2302 minus 1200=11:02p.m.

Ready for a quiz? Here goes; be sure to state a.m. or p.m.: (Don't cheat!)

1. 1658 _____
2. 0034 _____
3. 1900 _____
4. 2502 _____
5. 0933 _____
6. 2133 _____

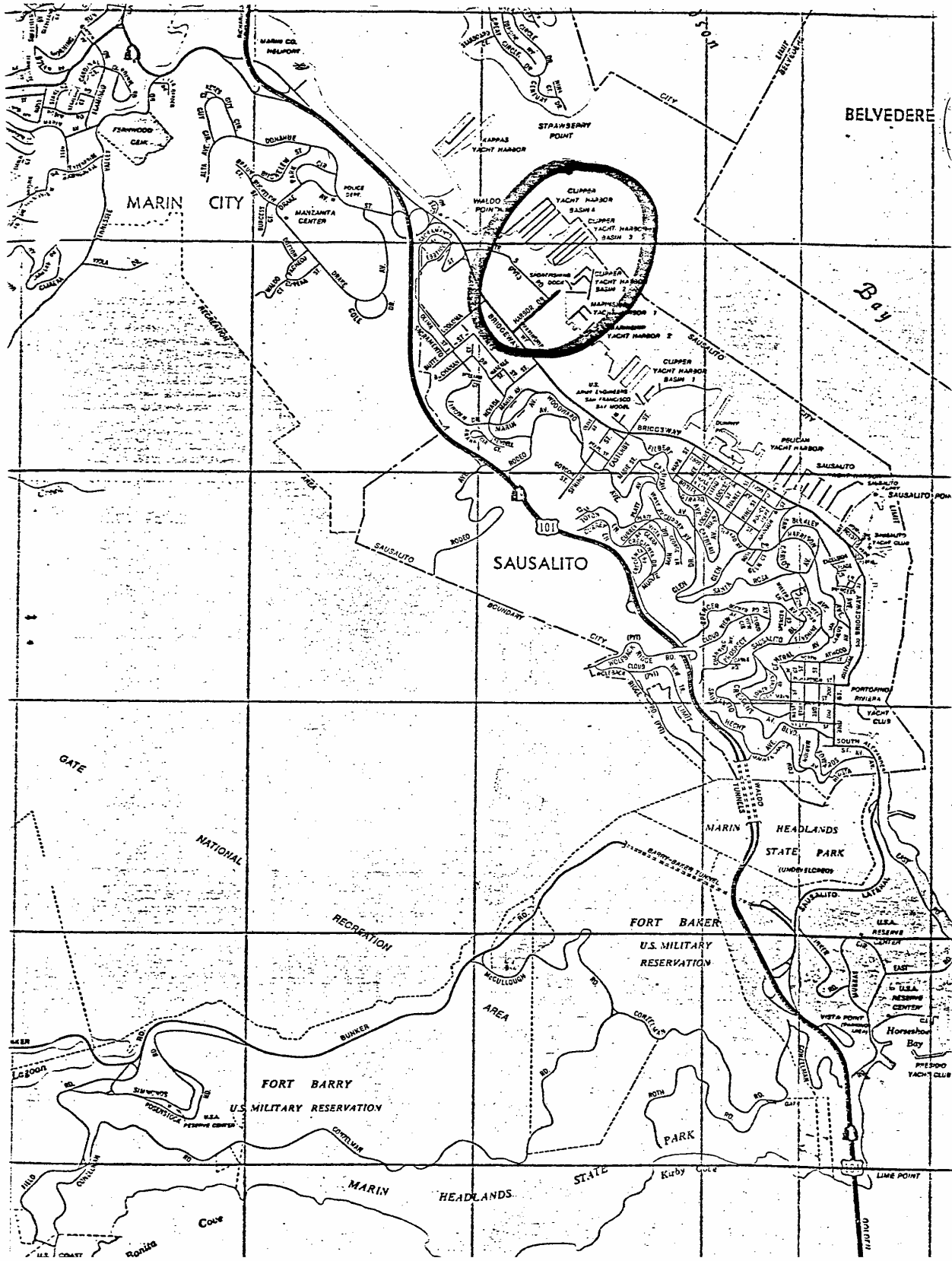
ANSWERS: See last page.

THANKS, HARRY

While the rest of us were wrapping presents and gorging turkey during the Christmas holidays, Harry Gordon valiantly manned his typewriter and produced a whopper of a newsletter, and no one appreciates his successful efforts even half as much as I do. After I conned him into doing the job, I sent him six or eight handwritten pages of notes, ideas, and thought fragments--pure chicken scratch, and several incoherent phone calls, and he transformed the whole mess into the most delightful of newsletters. I think it was especially nice of him to give up some of his vacation time for the job. The December issue was terrific, Harry; thank you! And Sandy, thank you, too; I'm sure your hand was in there also.

Now that the spell is broken and you know I'm not the only one who can write a newsletter, how about a few more volunteers? Granted, it's a time-consuming job, but it's actually quite satisfying once you get into it, right Harry? Harry?...

(The superb questionnaire Harry devised



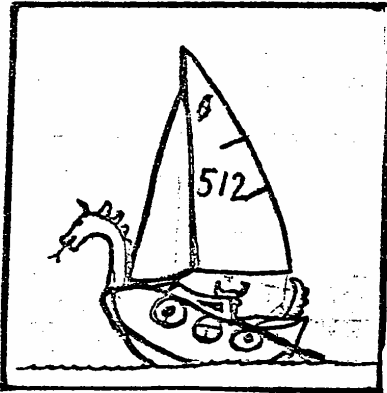
is filtering back in, family by family; results in Feb. issue.)

WELCOME, WELCOME!!

Add to your Potter list the following new members--and welcome, welcome to all of you! Hope to see you at future sails!

Potter #766 - 'Water Rat'
Michael & Patricia Westfield; children
John & Wendy
487 Stulman Dr.
Milpitas, CA 95035
408 263-6624

Potter #301
Don & Wendy Caldwell
225 Leland Ave.
Palo Alto, CA
415 328-5789
and
John Scott
280 Easy St. #304
Mtn. View CA
415 961-1958



NEWSLETTER FEES

Reminder; If you want to continue receiving this monthly newsletter please send 1) 'dues' to Carol Mangels, 7078 Coronado Dr, San Jose 95129. The \$5 is not a 'membership' fee, it's just to cover the cost of the newsletter. Everyone who has a Potter can sail

with the group anytime, anywhere, and is welcome at any and all functions (remember the anniversary dinner!). We're always anxiously counting each others' boats at every turnout and hoping for a big crowd of Potters. It's special fun to sail together

In about a month or two, I'll send out a new 1979 listing of the Potter Yachter fleet (addresses, phones, etc.).

RE: BERKELEY

Jerry Barrilleaux sent the following letter:

"I have a comment about the article in last month's newsletter regarding the insurance adjuster's investigation into the accident at Berkeley marina. Of all the marinas on the bay, Berkeley is the most dangerous to sail from. When leaving the breakwater you have to sail directly into the wind. The swells rolling through the Gate along with extremely high winds add to the challenge. The winds build up at noon and they die out at dusk. The Potter is an extremely rugged and safe boat. It takes a great deal of skill by anyone, on any boat, to sail out of Berkeley in the afternoon. I usually leave Berkeley before 8 a.m. and head for Angel Island. You get an enjoyable sail out and a wild, fast sail back. When sailing out of Berkeley you should always:

1. Wear a life jacket.
2. Make sure your motor will start before you leave.
3. If you have a crew, make sure they have experience.
4. I always lash my keel down; you can use a bungee cord.
5. In the event of a capsize always stay with the boat.

POOR MAN'S BUNGEE

De Marsh sent along the attached diagram of what he calls a "Poor Man's Bungee", which De says is an "inexpensive but very effective tie-down with a multitude of uses around a Potter. Most service stations have old innertubes that usually can be acquired free for the asking so the price is right.

BOAT SHOW

The annual S.F. Sports and Boat Show is in progress (Jan. 12-21) at the Cow Palace. If you've never been, you might consider going. There's a huge arena crammed with sailboats (yep, suspended right there on dry land!) of sizes and types, and guess what--Clara Clipper Sails has entered a Potter this year!

All sports are represented, not just sailing, so there's (too) much to see. Admission \$2.50 (??? for kids); open weekdays 1 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Sun. 11 to 7. (Aren't you glad I didn't list all that in nautical time?) Discount tickets for only certain dates available at some boat stores--try West Marina Products, etc.

FREEBIES

Clara Clipper Sails has given us some tide and current booklets; get one from the blue book at next sail or I'll mail you one.

Still have a few bumper stickers ("I'd rather be sailing...a West Wight Potter") given to us by Ann Stewart of HMS Marine (manufacturers of the Potter); they're also in blue book at every sail, or can be mailed to you.

RAINY DAY IDEA

For the perfect antidote to a rainy day, Jim Mangels suggests an afternoon with your Potter trailer and a \$3 can of rustoleum paint. It's a great preventative means of reducing salt water corrosion, says Jim; he was surprised at the rust on the underside of the trailer. Sand it off, he recommends, and paint away...no need to remove the Potter.

FUTURE SAIL/MEETING IDEAS

Jim also suggested incorporating more instruction and practice into some of our sails (probably the summer sails--warmer water & weather), such as: docking maneuvers under sail, approaching a mooring buoy under sail, anchoring, man overboard drills (including emergency jibing), etc. Maybe the week before the sailing drill we could view a film have a Coast Guard or experienced representative speak on the subject. Although the

sailing experience of our group ranges from novice to expert, even the most basic of reviews is usually helpful to everyone, and the less-experienced sailors can benefit from the shared thoughts of the more-experienced.



*I've heard of budget Yacht
but This must be The
Welfare Fleet!*

TREASURY

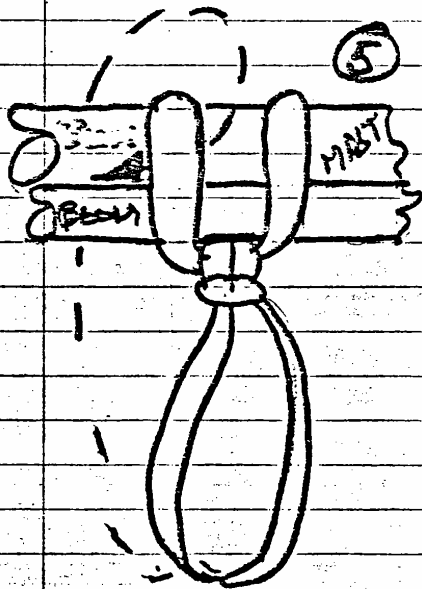
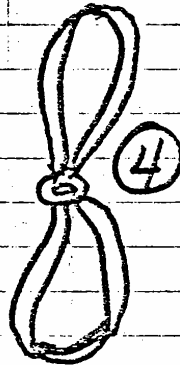
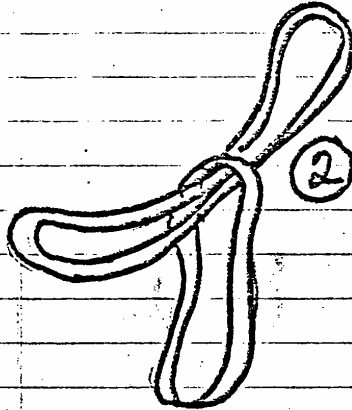
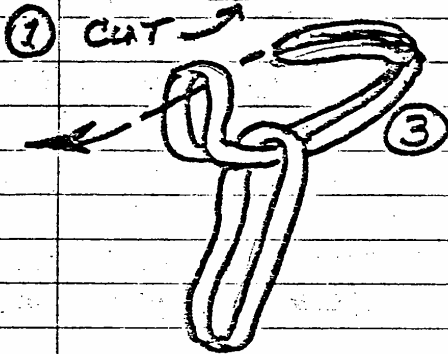
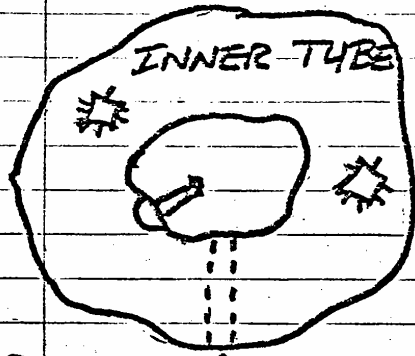
We ended Dec. '78 with \$15.66 in the till. '79 dues are flowing in, so we're looking good for '79.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. 4:58 p.m. 2. 12:34 a.m. (34 min past midnight). 3. 7:00 p.m. 4. No such time. 5. 9:33 a.m. 6. 9:33 p.m.

NOTE: The cartoons in this issue were produced by Jerry Barrilleaux. Aren't they great?!

POOR MAN'S BUNGEE



STEP 1 CUT 2 BANDS FROM INNER TUBE.
STEP 2 TO 4 LOOP THE TWO BANDS TOGETHER FORMING A SINGLE BAND WITH KNOT IN CENTER.
STEP 5 SHOWS HOW THE "POOR MAN'S BUNGEE" IS USED.