

# Potter to Potter

Newsletter of the Potter Yachters

N. Cal. West Wight Potter Assn.

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## NEXT SAIL: THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 - COYOTE POINT MARINA.

Launch time: 10:00 am. Bring a picnic lunch. Sail plan will be made according to weather conditions. There is a park adjoining the Marina, with picnic tables, grassy area, and play equipment. For road directions, see end of this newsletter.

## LAST MONTH'S CAMANCHE LAKE SAIL - Reported by Harry Gordon

The nine Potters at Camanche Lake on the weekend of Oct. 6-7 sailed uncrowded waters in good weather. Saturday: steady winds, smooth waters, spectacular skies, and a memorable sunset; Sunday: clear skies but skimpy, unreliable winds. Attending were Frank Winans, 182; the Gordons, 234; the Simpsons, 266; the Marshes, 512; the Adairs, 567; the Nelsons, 584; the Johes, 773; Don Bergst, 797; and the Butlers, 850. Some arrived Friday night and the rest on Saturday. All stayed over Saturday night.

A startling sight was to see the Marsh boys apparently standing on the water out in the lake, but it wasn't a miracle--they were standing on surfboards.

The camping area was ideally situated on a large cove. Specific campsites were not designated so the Potter Yachters formed a gypsy camp on the grassy beach. There were only a few other campers. Showers, restrooms, a playground, and drinking water were only about a hundred yards away. There was a launch ramp down the road a couple of miles, but everyone chose to launch and recover on the beach by the campsites.

Several boats made excursions to a small Indian cave on the shore of China Gulch several miles away. A large rock in the cave had numerous holes the Indians had hollowed out for grinding acorns, and the 'ceiling' of the cave was blackened by the smoke of past campfires.

Saturday night's campfire activities included an introduction to Bob Adair's "b'ar hunting" game. (How many fell for that besides me?) Those who could stay awake longer watched "Saturday Night Live" on the Adair's TV. (That's my idea of roughing it--watching TV outdoors)

On the water, De Marsh again demonstrated the superior light air performance of the masthead genoa he uses on his Mark I. Stan Butler said De was sailing circles around Stan's new Mark II, despite the larger main on Stan's boat.

The light wind and smooth waters Sunday inspired Sandy Gordon to make her first two solo excursions in Manatee, both quite successful. Daughter Jill, impressed by the example of her mom and Barbara Simpson both singlehandedly decided to try her hand too. (She hadn't been much interested before.) She wasn't ready to solo yet so she took Daddy along for the ride. I may have to fight for my time at the tiller from now on.

Meanwhile, back on shore, a battle-of-the-sexes baseball game was in progress. Barbara Simpson's son and Jeff Gordon "managed to hold their own" with an approximately 24-2 victory over an all-female team.

## NEW MEMBERS

Please add to your Potter Yachter roster the name and number of the Robert Connors' Potte #550, named 'Amen'.

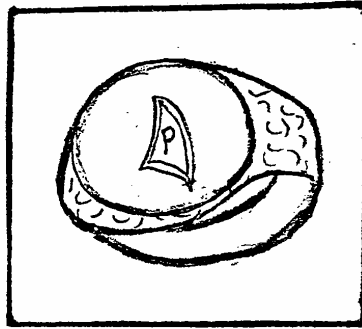
This note from new members Dennis and Janet Reese, 15 Gist Road, St. Helena, CA 94574: "We have owned our Potter since April of '79--#813, and have enjoyed it greatly. Being new in sailing we have a lot to learn and are looking for new ideas to improve our boat. So we are looking forward to getting together with other Potter owners. We are both nurses and work every other weekend, so we will have to work it into our work schedule. Looking forward to meeting everyone." (Their phone # is (707) 963-3781.)

## THE BARRILLEAUX FAMILY HAS A NEW BABY! (It's a girl!!)

The new little one is 'Jamie Lynn', born mid-Sept. Last we heard, everyone is doing fine, and I'm sure Jamie will make a fine little Potter Yachter--cutest one of us all, for sure!

POTTER RING - (Sent by Jerry Barrilleaux)

This is a drawing of the Potter ring. It is hand-crafted of silver and it is truly beautiful. An ideal Xmas gift for the Potter skipper who has everything. They are \$35.00 each. Contact John Wolf  
(415) 829-1599

POTTER FOR SALE:

Received the following letter from Ed Cahill:

"I am planning to sell my sailboat. I am very happy with it, although I need to sell it since my wife just had our first baby--a boy. One less monthly payment now would really help. For inquiries call Edward J. Cahill at (707) 253-1057 - Napa."

- 1 yr. old, excellent condition, #767
- Includes sails, trailer, 4 life jackets, flares, horn, paddle, 2 Coast-Guard approved cushions, anchor w/line, 100-ft of line, bumpers, blue hull
- Price: \$2,800

LETTER FROM HMS MARINE, INC.

Received the following letter from Joseph Edwards, President of HMS:

"For the Potter Yachters: I believe we have found an even older Potter still sailing the high seas. John Love came by recently to let us know he has been enjoying his Potter #194 since purchasing the boat in 1971 from Howard & Grace Brown of Downey (L.A.) who purchased #194 new in December of 1966. John Love resides in Seattle and may be reached at 206-383-1481 I will let you know if this record is surpassed.

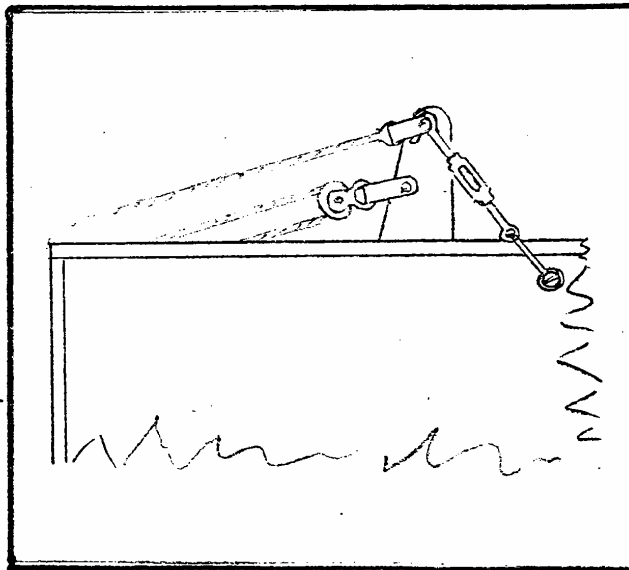
CENTERBOARD TIE-DOWN DEVICE - by Walt Nobs

"We noted in 'Rat Tales' in the Sept. 'Potter to Potter' that some of us are looking for a good tie-down for the centerboard. Maybe some would be interested in the tie-down we use on 351.

All that's required is a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolt (long enough to go through the centerboard trunk), a small turnbuckle (the type with a hook on one end), and a short link of stout wire (we used a hunk of heavy coat hanger wire).

It's simple to make and is a pretty solid tie-down. When not in use, slack off the turnbuckle, unhook it, and the thing swings down out of the way.

The sketch is pretty much self-explanatory. One note, the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolt must be positioned high enough in the trunk to allow the centerboard to be fully retracted. So far haven't flipped over but am sure this rig will keep the board from falling out or jumping off the pin."

XEROXING IS NO PROBLEM

Just another 'friendly reminder' that I need some volunteers for Newsletter Editor, especially for the month of Dec. The grapevine has it that several people were interested in being Newsletter Editor at least for one month, but didn't have access to a copy machine and weren't sure how to get the newsletter mailed. Solution: Write the newsletter, type it in its final form, and send it to me. There are two print shops near my house, and I go to one of them, have them make as many Xerox copies as I need (at 5¢ a copy), and use my Potter Yachter Roster for the members' addresses. Every once in awhile I go to the Post Office and buy 100

stamps; and that's about all there is to it. If someone calls or sends me information that belongs in the newsletter, I'll send it along to whoever is writing the newsletter that month.

Also, please remember that at each Sail, someone must agree to write up a short report of the Sail and send it to the newsletter editor. And, most importantly, a decision must be made at each sail as to where the next Sail will be held, and someone must agree to send the newsletter editor the road directions and any other information regarding the Sail site. It would be best if several Sail sites could be chosen in advance; this gives everyone a chance to make plans for what's coming up.

DIRECTIONS TO COYOTE POINT MARINA north.

From San Jose: Take 101 (Bayshore)▲ Go 2-3 miles past the San Mateo Bridge Exit. Take "Peninsula Ave. Exit"; head toward the Bay. Follow signs to Coyote Pt. Marina.

From San Francisco: Take 101 South. Go past San Francisco Airport. Take Peninsula Ave. exit and continue as listed above.

From Jerry Barrilleaux:

"A note of interest:

A great white shark was captured in Tomales Bay the same weekend the Potter Fleet was sailing there--or was it a great Wight shark??"

