



Potter to Potter



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NEXT SAIL SAT. MARCH 7

Join us as we explore upstream on the winding Petaluma River. This will be a different type of sail, in a rather narrow water way. Depending on wind direction, it could become mostly an interesting motorboat ride. Meet at 10:00 a.m. and launch at the Petaluma River Public Fishing Access, plus, it's free. This is directly under the Petaluma River overpass bridge of Highway 37, about 3 miles Northeast of U.S. 101. From 37, going Northeast, use the Atherton Ave./Black Point Rd. exit and follow the Black Point signs on Harbor Dr. for 1 mile. The launch ramp is on the right. If you are traveling Southwest, use the first frontage road exit after crossing the bridge.

LAST MONTHS BENICIA SAIL

The Benicia sail had an eleven boat turnout. Those present were; #564*Barrilleaux, #312*Graham, #921*Nearing, #584*Nelson, #850*Butler, #817*Bennreuter, #797*Bergst, #783*Richter, #512*Marsh and #818*Wight.

In the morning we had nice winds and a brisk sail across the straits to the Martinez Marina. After inspecting the yachtsmen cleaning up their boats, from the stern the day before, we headed out toward the mothball fleet. About the time we sailed under the bridge, the wind kicked out, but we had a nice time drifting along eating lunch and talking with friends. Most of us powered back to the launch ramp, and, to our surprise we saw a shiny new Potter, #1052, just pulling out. Sharon Selstice and crew had just returned from L.A. where they picked up their new boat and just happened to pick the spot in which the fleet was sailing.

THOUGHTS FROM THE COMMODORE

A dozen new boats and members? Well almost, thanks primarily to the boat show, where a membership was given with each new boat sold. Speaking for all hands, I would like to welcome all new members to the Potter style of fun. The Potter Yachters are a very loosely organized group. We normally schedule a sail on the first weekend of each month, however we do have special events on occasion. Our "meetings" are held at each event, usually in the parking lot after each sail, where we plan our next group outing. Everyone is encouraged to participate with suggestions and ideas. A new roster will be mailed shortly. Anytime you wish a sailing partner, pick up the phone and start calling, someone is sailing nearly every weekend and would welcome company. In the same thought vein, if you are planning a sailing vacation or outing, send your schedule to the Secretary for inclusion in the newsletter, you may have company. Speaking for myself, and others, I have never been on a group outing in which I failed to have fun. We have experienced the doldrums to gale winds, flat calm to white caps, boredom to white knuckle, but the companionship and comradery has been a wonderful experience. We hope you will participate with us soon.

FROM YOUR OFFICERS

We have reached the time of year when nominations or recommendations for our successors need be made. This will be done in next month's newsletter. The officers and their duties are as followed;

COMMODORE: Should be a leader, make certain future activities are planned and that the secretary has information and enough help for the newsletter.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: This is the most demanding office. Collects the dues and keeps a written, up-to-date account of all monies spent, and also publishes the newsletter. He or she may delegate the writing to others, have it commercially typed and reproduced, but still has to personally handle the mailing.

HISTORIAN: Keeps (warehouses) the past newsletters, maintains a photo and special article album and assists the secretary.

In making your nominations, enthusiasm should be more of a consideration than sailing ability. In theory, the secretary and historian need not be sailors. Persons who like to write, or who can help, are requested to volunteer. There is ample back-up support. If you need anymore information, please contact any of the present officers, Jerry, Don or Stan.

A SPECIAL NON-SCHEDULED SAIL

You are all invited to come sail with me, Sat., March 21, to Lost Isle (in the Delta). We are going to leave from Tiki Lagoon at 10:00 a.m., have lunch and a Mai-Tai (or two), which are still 50¢. Lost Isle is about 2½ miles from the launch site and you can usually sail the round trip. For more information, please call me at (415) 828-3572. Jerry.

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

Terry Gotcher has worked out a super Delta sail for April 4-5. It will be a scenic 7 mile cruise from Bethel Island to Mandeville Tip. This should really be a great trip. More information in next newsletter.

Bill Wight has done it again! He has set up June 7th for the 3rd annual Bel Marin Keys Regatta. For those new to the club, this has been a favorite in the past. We will be sponsored by the Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club (a super group), and have a real fun race around the beautiful lagoon. Trophies will be awarded and a great time is guaranteed! More information to come.

Sunday, April 26, is OPENING DAY of the yacht season on the bay. This has always been a great day for the Potter Yachters. We usually sail over to Hospital Cove on Angel Island and watch all the loonies. Bring plenty of water balloons (for self defense). A free beer will be presented (by me) to the first person to point out Dory Taylor's famous, naked Indian maiden.

LAST CALL FOR DUES

Those wishing to continue their membership in the Potter Yachters, please send in your dues, if you haven't already done so. Send \$8.00 to: Jerry Barrilleaux--7829 Shannon Ave.--Dublin, Ca. 94566.

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Rumer has it that the upcoming March issue of Bay & Delta Yachtsman will feature an article of cruising in a Potter.