



March 1986

Potter to Potter

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Assn.

COMMODORE: Michael Bartunek 707/422-6327 SECRETARY/TREASURER: John Ockes 415/656-2984 historian; Jerry Barrilleau

Sailing Schedule



April 13, Sunday	Annual Luncheon, Encinal Yacht Club
April 27, Sunday	Opening Day on San Francisco Bay
May 4, Sunday	Del Valle Reservoir, Livermore
May 17, Saturday	Clear Lake, Lake County
June 7-8, Sat/Sun	Woodward Reservoir, Oakdale



The next scheduled event, and one of the most important of the year, will take place on Sunday, April 13 at the Encinal Yacht Club--our annual luncheon and election of officers. We will meet on the upstairs deck about 11:30 am prior to the noon luncheon. We'll be ordering from the regular lunch menu. After lunch we will retire to the Regatta Room where we will have a treasury report, discuss the 1986 National Regatta and future sailing events, and elect new officers. New members welcome. Note: Our regatta is tentatively scheduled for August 2&3 at Encinal YC.

The luncheon is scheduled as a NON-SAILING-EVENT and we have not asked for dock space at Encinal. Encinal YC is located in Alameda at the foot of Sherman Street on the estuary. Take the Webster Street Tube from the Nimitz Highway 880, continue on Webster to Lincoln Avenue, and head south to Sherman. Another way is to follow the signs to the Travelodge Motel which is located next to the yacht club.

I have really enjoyed sailing with our club throughout the last year and would like to thank all of our members for supporting the West Wight Potter Association. Special thanks to Jerry Barrilleaux for his fine job as club historian, and a special thanks to John Ockes for his work as editor and secretary/treasurer. The excellent quality of John's work is evident in each month's newsletter and his efforts are much appreciated.

You will find an "Official" election ballot in this newsletter. Please complete the ballot and return it to Mike Bartunek, 1881 Howe St, Fairfield, CA 94533, or bring the ballot to the April 13 meeting. Volunteers are encouraged to enter.



WEST WIGHT POTTER

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS:

Kevin Morris. Deckhands: Peter, John & Renee
140 Emoron Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066
Telephone: (415) 359-6138
P-15 #1233 "Highland Mist"

John & Mary Holman. Deckhands: Vicky & Sara
164 Bluebird Drive, Windsor, CA 95492
Telephone: (707) 838-7708
Montgomery-15 #362 "Sea Pod"

Dwight & Diana Goad: Deckhands: Dena & Adria
321 Alviso Way, Danville, CA 94526
Telephone: (415) 820-9237
Montgomery-15 #360 "Blue Waver"

Address Change

Rob McClain
1175 Killarney Street, Livermore, CA 94550
Telephone: (415) 447-6951
P-15 #1168

Membership Renewal

Ted & Helen Johnson
1871 Darwin Way, San Jose, CA 95122
P-19 #54

Jim Webber & Sheila Marrion
P.O. Box 583, Newcastle, CA 95658
Telephone: (916) 663-3489
P-15 #944 "Rowdy"



Potters For Sale

CLASSIFIED

Terry Gray has a Potter-15 for sale. Built in 1984, #1372, this P-15 comes with a tilt trailer, spare tire, 2 HP Suzuki outboard motor, an anchor, fenders, and the boat has a blue trim with two shades of blue sails. Asking price or best offer is \$3500. Terry can be reach at (408) 736-9127, 346 So. Pastoria, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

Here is a classy classic that is in super excellent condition and all the wood trim has recently been refinished. This 1969 Potter-15, #279, is gaffed rigged and the price of \$2500 includes a trailer, 3 HP Seagull outboard motor with an extra gas tank, working jib and Genos along with other extras like a compass, whisker pole, and an anchor. David Geisser & Judy Bell purchased a 26 foot Cheoy Lee Frisco Flyer but will keep in touch with the Potter folks. If interested, Telephone: (415) 333-9048.

And how about this Potter-15 that's a gem of a jewel and has been kept inside a garage. This P-15, #1110, has a gold hull with white sails and comes with a tilt trailer and a spare tire along with side rails, bow pulpit, custom hand rails, toplift, deluxe cushions, jiffey reefing, and both halyards are controlled at the cockpit. The price is \$2500. Dick Armitage intends to move up to a Potter-19 because his 6 foot 8 inch frame along with his family is a bit much for a P-15. Dick can be reached at (415) 758-5169 and will give you more details.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT TO THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WEST WIGHT POTTER ASSOCIATION

I nominate the following members to the office listed below. The term of office will be from April 13, 1986 to the next annual luncheon/election in April, 1987.

COMMODORE: _____ VICE-COMMODORE: _____

EDITOR & SECRETARY/TREASURER _____ HISTORIAN: _____

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Last Sail: Saturday, March 8, Stockton to Lost Isle



Though the weather reports had been horrible, the Saturday flash flood warnings were cancelled by 9:00 am and by 10:00 am the sun was shining in Stockton. Rob McClain stopped by the ramp but decided not to bring his boat because of the earlier weather predictions. My crew always worries when no one else comes on these trips. After agreeing to a few conditions and bribes, Claudia Hassler and Mike Bartunek (#748) decided to throw the foul weather gear in the boat and go for it. We put a reef in the sail, checked the current as we entered the San Joaquin River, and pointed towards Lost Isle.

After about two hours on a close reach in variable wind conditions (one reef, no reef, one reef, two reefs), we reached our destination. Lost Isle is still recovering from the recent floods and the restaurant was closed so the floors could dry out, but the bar was open. We met Phil the bartender, Phil's talking monkey, Phil's girlfriend, two Hobie sailors and two jet skiers. Slow day at the bar. Phil serves a great beer. He entertained us with stories of the flood, island life, and the thousands of guests that show up for summer weekends.

Claudia leisurely sailed the Potter all the way back under jib only in 15-20 mph winds. This sail plan worked great and gave us about an hour and a half to enjoy the scenery, finish our wine ration, and wave at the big boats beating upwind with their bottoms half out of the water. Back at the ramp, we did find one surprise. The unusually high tide put the shore about 15 feet inland of the dock, and the foul weather boots and tilt trailer were real useful. We packed up the boat and headed for dinner at Moore's Riverboat on the way home. Another fine day.

Next Sail: Sunday, April 27

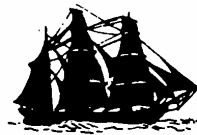
Opening Day on SF Bay

On Saturday, set your clocks ahead 1 hour because Sunday is the first day of Daylight Savings Time. This annual event is sponsored by the Pacific Interclub Yacht Association and will mark the 101st time for such a fete on the Bay. The decorated boat theme this year is "Disneyland Fantasea."

Launch time will be right after the 9:00 am skipper's meeting. Bring a picnic lunch. We will launch at Clipper Yacht Harbor (next to Caruso's Sportfishing in Sausalito) which is at the foot of Harbor Drive on Richardson Bay.

Directions: From Route 101, take the Sausalito turnoff on Bridgeway Blvd. (first exit from north, last exit from south). Follow Bridgeway about 1/2 mile east to Harbor Drive, then Harbor Drive to the Bay and ramp. Nominal charge. Plenty of parking.

The Opening Day also salutes the America's Cup. The boat parade around the Bay will be from Raccoon Strait to the Gate and down along the San Francisco Cityfront. It was reported last year that Ayala Cove on the Angel Island side of Raccoon Strait looked like filming for "Rambo II" had begun because of the water balloons among boaters. On the peninsula side of Raccoon Strait, boaters proceeded past the Corinthian YC for the blessing of the fleet.



Tallships, Anybody . . .

On Sunday, April 6, three of the tallships will sail under the Golden Gate Bridge about noon: "Bluenose II, Jacqueline and California." California will also lead the boat parade on Opening Day, April 27.

Bluenose II, a 161 foot replica fishing schooner, will be in the Bay about a week before departing for Vancouver and Expo '86. Jacqueline is a 120 foot three-masted schooner that will be permanently berthed at Richmond's Marina Bay. The 145 foot state tallship California is beginning her 1986 season of cadet and goodwill cruises up and down the coast.

Q How valid are the Weather Proverbs that we hear such as "Red sky at morning" etcetera?

A With all of modern weather forecasting's scientific instruments, high speed computers, and highly trained professionals, don't overlook the guidance inherent in traditional weather proverbs. Their origins have been lost in the passage of time, and their originators did not know why they were true, but their survival over centuries attests to their general validity. Use them, with caution, and adapt them to local waters. Here are several:

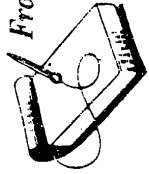
"Mackerel skies and mares' tails
Make tall ships carry low sails."

"Red sky at morning, sailors take warning;
Red sky at night, sailors' delight."

"When a halo rings the moon or sun,
The rain will come upon the run."

SPECIAL

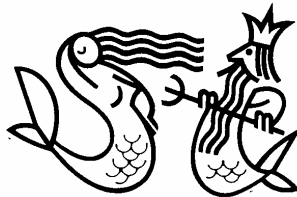
Door prizes at the April luncheon & election of officers. **BE THERE!**



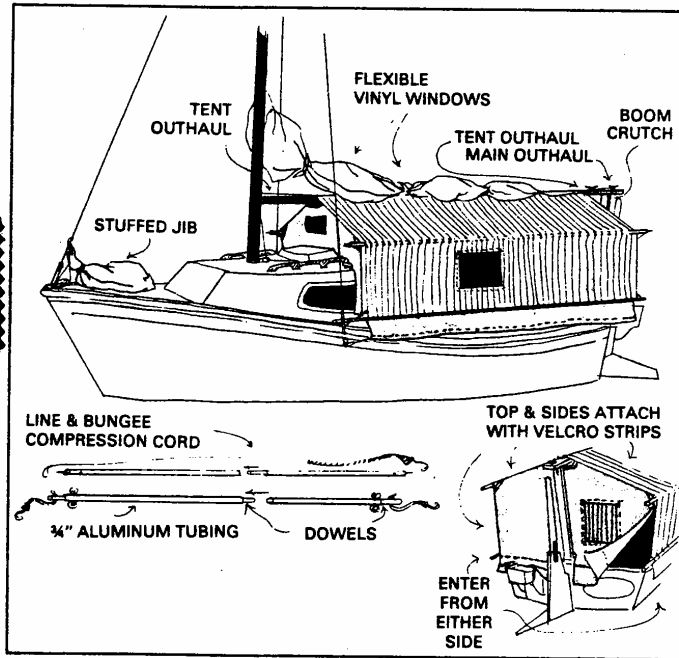
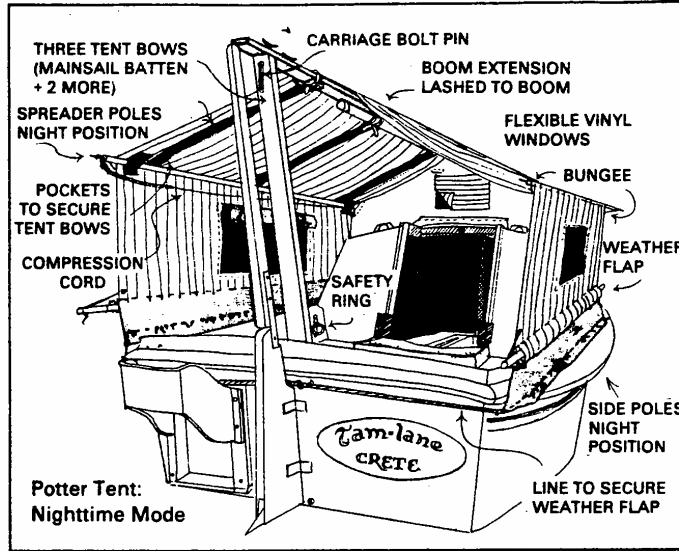
From the desk of The Newsletter Editor

The first newsletter of our Northern California West Wight Potter Association began 8 years ago this April. It has been an interesting 3 years putting the news-letter together and taking care of the finances and correspondence. If need be, I don't mind being drafted for the job for another term but I wouldn't mind at all if someone else would like to take over with new ideas.

At the business meeting in April, I would like to address the question of a possible dues decrease in 1987 since we don't have a deficit for producing the newsletter. Also, I think dues should be pro-rated for new members into the next year. The commodore should be reimbursed for club expenses and (s)he should decide on expenditures for sailing and non-sailing events. Your input and ideas are important for our mutual benefit.



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At a time when the ads push the perfect "modest" family cruiser for only \$25,000 or so, there is hope for those with tiny budgets. The West Wight Potter puts lots of great cruising at your disposal, at a reasonable cost, especially if you have a truly compatible mate and you both have limber bodies.

— Robert C. Wies
Crete, Illinois