

February 1987

Potter to Potter

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Assn.

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Sailing Schedule



Saturday, March 7	Ballena Bay Marina, Alameda to South Beach Marina, San Francisco
Sunday, March 29	Annual Business Meeting, Luncheon & Election of Officers, Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda
Sunday, April 12	Martinez to the Mothball Fleet
Sunday, April 26	Opening Day on the Bay, Sausalito to Angel Island
Sat & Sun, August 15 & 16	West Wight Potter Annual Regatta, Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda



COMMODORE'S LOG

Last Sail: February 8, Alameda Island to Quinn's Lighthouse Restaurant

We launched from the public launch ramp on Alameda Island on one of those warm, partly overcast Northern California winter days. With light winds pushing our fleet of great little ships, we sailed around the Coast Guard's Government Island to Quinn's Lighthouse Restaurant.

On the way, we checked out FDR's yacht "Potomac" that is held up with side jacks in a boat yard next to the estuary. The rusty hull below the water line is being dismantled before the restoration. At Quinn's we had the entire top deck tables to ourselves for the usual goodies-- food, drink & story telling. The Frederick's and the Hewitt's just made it for lunch. They were a little late in launching, then they sailed every inch of the way in a dying wind.

After lunch we sailed back toward Estuary Park on the Oakland side to check out the launch ramp and piers for the next sail. Because of the poor condition of the ramp and dock, it was decided to change the location of the sail on March 7. Sailing further up the estuary, we had a look at the Coast Guard Lightship "Relief" which was in for overhaul and there was also a submarine in the drydock for maintenance. Then it was time to turn around and head home.

Those attending this sail were David & Candy Hogan with Barbara Simpson & Mickey Bow Wow (#261), Mike Baftunek & Claudia Hassler (#748), Don Flemming (#846), Dave Grant (#1053) & Don Bernreuter (#817) met us at the restaurant, John & Anne Ockes (#1060), Rob McClain & brother Bruce (#1168), Bill & Freda Sprietsma (#1205), Bob & Patti Fredericks with Jackie & Jim Hewitt (#1244), Wendell Spence with Terry & Mary Gotcher (#M-191), and Dwight Goad with Dena and Jacques.

Next Sail: Saturday, March 7, Ballena Bay in Alameda to South Beach Marina in San Francisco

Recheck your calendar. We have changed the launch site because of the poor condition of the launch ramp as well as the rest room at Estuary Park in Oakland. South Beach Marina is new and it is reported that there is a 375 foot guest dock. So come on out, there'll be room for all of us! For lunch we'll plan on Pier 40 Java House which is an historic old place overlooking the marina. The distance across the Bay is about 4 miles and it will be prudent to bring extra fuel in case of a no wind day.

Skippers meeting & launch time: 10:30 am. Directions: From Route 880 (Nimitz Freeway), take Webster Street in Oakland and head west through the tube into Alameda. Continue on Webster Street until you come to Central Street. Turn right and you'll be driving north past the high school and past the Ballena Bay Marina entrance. The entrance is near Lincoln Street where you will see a sign to the "Alameda Park Fishing Facility" which leads to the parking lot.

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS:

Leighton Johe 200 Bicentennial Circle, #62	Sacramento, CA 95826	P-15 #773 "Sea Deuce"
Major Skip & Gail Hebert 224 Ardennes Circle	Fort Ord, CA 93941	P-15 #181 408/899-2973
Anthony & Joan Newton 8033 Winthrope Street	Oakland, CA 94605	P-19 #6 "Zephyrus" 415/569-6641
Harvey & Judy Podstata 2245 Santa Fe Drive	Santa Rosa, CA 95405	P-15 #1050 "Pod's Potter" 707/542-5418
<u>Renewed Membership for 1987</u>		
Paul & Natalie Apfel 2278 Central Park Drive	Campbell, CA 95008	P-15 #1154 "Little Toot" 408/377-2285
Michael Bartunek 1881 Howe Street	Fairfield, CA 94533	P-15 #748 707/422-6327
John & Rogena Bassarear 365 Scenic Place	Manteca, CA 95336	P-19 #739 "Baby Doll II"
Claudia Hassler 30 Los Cerritos	Vallejo, CA 94590	P-15 #748
Charles & Ruth Nugent 783 Colleen Drive	San Jose, CA 95123	P-15 #916 408/226-2867
Dexter & Joan O'Day 470 La Canada Court	Morgan Hill, CA 95037	P-19 #222 408/778-1443
Lee & Maureen Olin 210 Green Valley Road	Santa Cruz, CA 95066	P-15 #1299 "Liten Bat" 408/438-6536
Eckart & Florence Scheingraber P.O. Box 1655	Breckenridge, CO 80424	P-19 #240 "Turtle I" 303/453-2699
David & Judy Skeen 1535 Jefferson Street	Port Townsend, WA 98368	P-15
Capt Donald (Ret) & Willo Sparks 40544 Steamboat Drive	Steamboat Springs, CO 80487	P-15 #1123 "Bon Vivant II" 303/879-4584
William & Betty Strykert 22880 Santa Cruz Highway	Los Gatos, CA 95030	P-15 #1146 "Boop" 408/353-1314
Jim Webber & Sheila Marrison P.O. Box 583	Newcastle, CA 95658	P-15 #944 "Rowdy" 916/663-3489

More Sea Slang

Mind Your P's and Q's. Printers have sometimes also claimed this term but it actually comes from the naval establishment. It dates back to when seamen ashore kept tally of the pints and quarts consumed in dockside bars. Some ship captains and their quartermasters keep tallies so their crewmen would not be cheated by bar owners. For this service, sailors often toasted the quartermaster with "Down the hatch". This was a referral to the steep-laddered entrance to the crew's quarters. If a mariner consumed more than he could handle, so he jibed capriciously as he walked, he was said to be "three sheets to the wind", in reference to a ship using too much sail in a heavy wind.

When My Ship Comes In. Early merchants sent ships out in search of rich cargoes and, to finance such ventures, borrowed from money-lenders. Since it was impossible to set an exact date when they would repay the loan, they would then sign documents promising to pay "when my ship comes in."

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WEST WIGHT POTTER ASSN.



Next Event: Annual Business Meeting, Luncheon, & Election of Officers, Encinal Yacht Club

Sunday, March 29, 1987, is one of our most important events of the year. We will meet upstairs on the deck about 11:30 am. prior to the noon luncheon. We'll be ordering from the regular brunch menu. The yacht club requires that you sign the guest register that is located inside the lounge, and sign as a guest of the Northern California West Wight Potter Association. For refreshments, bar tokens must be purchased and guests are restricted to cash only for dining room service.

After lunch we will retire to the Regatta Room downstairs where we will have a treasury report, discuss the 1987 National Regatta and future sailing events, and elect new officers. Your ideas, opinions, and suggestions are important for the planning of events and the administration of our association. New members are welcome. This is a non-sailing event since dock space may not be available, but call Terry Gotcher, 408/238-3656, a few days ahead in case you'd like to sail over from the Grant Street launch ramp.

Encinal Yacht Club is located in Alameda at the foot of Sherman Street on the Oakland/Alameda Estuary. From the Nimitz Frwy I-880, drive thru the Webster Street Tube and continue to Lincoln Street. Head south to Sherman then drive east to the Travelodge. The yacht club is just south of the motel.

If you cannot attend this event, send your ballot to the commodore.

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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 March 28, 1987, to the next annual business meeting/luncheon/election of officers in 1988.

COMMODORE: _____ VICE-COMMODORE: _____

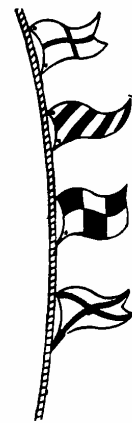
EDITOR/SECRETARY/TREASURER: _____ HISTORIAN: _____

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SPECIAL NOTICE: Door prizes to the lucky winners immediately after the election of officers. BE THERE!

Why Does It Look That Way

A couple or so years ago our association asked our members to design a burgee that was distinctive for our Potter Yachts. Rob McClain's design was chosen not only for originality but also for a combination of symbols. The colors of a blue background with a red cross were chosen as a symbol of the British Union Jack since the first production Potters came from England. The white spinnaker over the center has a double meaning. One is for a sail indicating a sailboat club, and the other, more importantly, for the West Wight Potter symbol on the mainsail. The P/Y on the spinnaker stands for Potter-Yachters. The double tail design of the burgee also has two meanings. Since the Potter is a distinctive boat, the burgee shape should also be distinctive. Futher, a traditional burgee actually has this shape rather than the triangular shape, and you'll certainly agree the Potter has a "traditional" look. So fly you burgee proudly on your side stay. It really does mean something more than just a flag.



To order your burgee at cost, send \$9 to Bill Sprietsma at P.O. Box 9785, San Jose, CA 95157.

Potter For Sale
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Still for sale to a good home, "Babywolf" Potter-15, #331, excellent condition, fully equipped with motor, sails, trailer, and just about everything for \$2,650. Contact Scott Foss at 415/332-3904 for more information.



Anne Ockes (#1060)



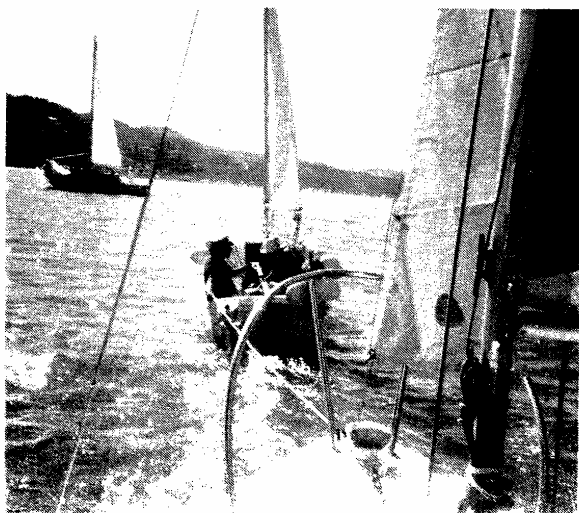
Donald Brown & Crew (#1204)



Jacque Robinson (#1372)



Pictures wanted! Send them to the editor.



Bill & Freda Sprietsma (#1205) in tow.
"Oh that @\$%& motor!"



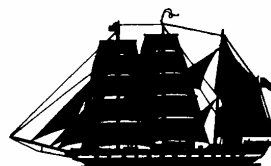
Mike Bartunek (#748), "Is that you?"



• **Amerigo Vespucci**, 331-foot Italian full-rigged ship. Built in 1931 as a sail-training ship, it carries 22,600 square feet of sail and a crew of 30 officers and 125 cadets.



• **Dewaruci**, 191-foot Indonesian barkentine. Built in 1952 as a training vessel for the Indonesian navy. The ship carries 11 officers, 51 crew members and 40 cadets.



• **Belem**, 173-foot French bark. Built in 1896 and originally commissioned as a merchant trader to carry chocolate and cocoa between France and the Caribbean. It now sails with a crew of five officers, 15 crew members and 50 cadets.