



The Potter Yachter

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Club

April 2005

Sail Calendar 2005

April 2,Sat. April 3,Sun. South Bay Potter Rendezvous. Coyote Point Yacht Club. Overnight, dinner at club Sat evening ,see RSVP form, Page 3

April 13-17 Sail Expo, Jack London Square (FYI, not exclusively a Potter event.. But the Potter Factory folks will be there)

April 16,Sat. Daysail. Cruise on the Estuary , Launch at Grand St. Alameda.

April 30,Sat.,May 1 Sun. The Delta Cruise, overnight. Launch 9:00am, at Brannan Island, sail to Lundborg Landing, overnight at Lundborg.

May 7,Sat. Daysail. "Shifty Winds" at Del Valle Reservoir, Livermore.

May 11– 26 Usual Suspects head North to Puget Sound. (FYI, recommended for experienced sailors only..)

June 4,Sat. June 5th Sunday, Woodward Reservoir, Annual overnight campout near Oakdale, CA.

July 1,2, 3 Eagle Lake Campout, Susanville CA.

July 16,17 ,The Cruiser Challenge, in Monterey. Annual fun race/social weekend, sponsored by Potter Yachters ,MPYC, and Small Craft Advisor Magazine

July 30 Richmond Daysail

Aug.20 Richmond-Loch Lomond

Sept. 10th, 11th, Tomales Bay weekend

October 1,2, Monterey Overnighter

October 8 fleet week, Estuary to T.I. Cove

October 29 Buckley Cove to Windmill Cove

Potter Chases Ancestor...



Well, sort of.. They both use sails for power!... Terry Gotcher pursues Lady Washington on the Oakland Estuary, during a recent "usual suspects" Weds. Sail. Photo: Don Person

April 2,3, Potter Yachters Will Rendezvous at Coyote Point Yacht Club

Last year, Commodore Rich McDevitt did a terrific job of arranging for a Potter sailing weekend at the Coyote Point Yacht Club, culminated by a presentation, after a fine Saturday evening Pasta dinner for Potter club members, of a slide show and talk by Bill Teplow, "Chubby"s famous skipper, about his most recent adventures sailing North to Alaska along the inland passage. (Bill is the man who sailed his Potter 19 to Hawaii!). This year we don't have a formal speaker lined up... but that has never stopped the Potter Yachters from enjoying one another's company, and a good dinner! Last year the winds were calm and the bay was flat during the morning at Coyote Point, allowing some mellow sailing. When the wind filled in to 20kn around 2:00pm, several experienced skippers reefed down to reefed Mainsail only, and went out to enjoy chasing one another in the high winds that had arrived, while some of the fleet stayed at the dock and socialized rather than get into white-knuckles-on-the-tiller sailing. The wind is apt to behave that way again this year, so if you are a new skipper don't feel you have to go out in the heavy stuff.... **Continued on P. 5**

The Commodore's Corner

Brannan Island to Lundborg Landing is the course called for... April 30th, May 1st..



Our leader will be P-19 Fleet Captain Jerry Barrilleaux. Jerry has been exploring the Delta for years, and he is the ideal guide for a fun weekend there. The folks at Lundborg Landing love to see the Potter Fleet on their dock, and go out of their way to make all of us feel welcome. 9:00am Launch will be at **Brannan Island State Recreation Area, which is on Highway 160 a few miles south of the city of Rio Vista in Sacramento County.** The park is located on the lower peninsular extension of Brannan Island, and is surrounded by the Sacramento River on the west, Three Mile Slough on the south-east, and Seven Mile Slough on the northeast. You can take Highway 4 to Antioch then turn N. toward Rio Vista on Highway 160 and Brannan Island State Park is well marked a mile or two before Rio Vista. If you're not up for overnighting, and would just like to come out for one day, it is possible to drive straight to Lundborg Landing, and launch (the mast-eating tree has been trimmed), and there is even tent camping available there. Be sure and have your motor and gasoline, because if the wind goes away, it might be necessary to motor much of the eight miles or so from Brannan to Lundborg landing. If you'd like to know more, give Jerry B. a call: 925 685 4577

The Sunday Navigation Class at Island Yacht Club was a great success with 23 Potter Skippers and family members attending. Sincere thanks to Instructor Sandi McLeod and Dr. Judy Blumhorst for their excellent work in presenting a very useful and interesting Class.



Watch out for overhead wires, branches of trees in launch areas both when launching or retrieving your boat, or you may have to contemplate replacing a bent or broken mast. (don't ask the commodore why he knows this). Especially be careful of "live" electrical wires. In this case, luckily no "live" wires were encountered.

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More about the Coyote Point Yacht Club Rendezvous:

When you arrive at the Main Gate of the Recreation Area, tell the Gate attendant you are going to attend the Potter Yachter gathering at Coyote Point Yacht Club, and they will pass you through without charge. Follow the signs to the Launch Ramp and Harbormasters office. Launch your boat, then motor out toward the breakwater, turn right before exiting the breakwater and motor all the way to the end of the Marina and turn right again, tie up at the long guest dock in front of CPYC. Bruce will have dock keys and sign up.. \$20 or Drivers License deposit, returned when key is returned. Walk back to your car and trailer at the ramp, and move them to the parking lot behind CPYC,

Coyote Point Yacht Club, 1820 Coyote Pt. Drive, San Mateo, CA, 94401

Located just off of Highway 101 in the City of San Mateo, approximately 10 miles south of San Francisco, the Marina is part of the Coyote Point Recreation Area. The Marina is sited off the north-eastern area of the point with direct access to the San Francisco Bay. The Marina can accommodate 565 boats in slips ranging from 24' to 50' in length and single side ties for vessels up to 22'. Warm climate and mid-peninsula location make for an ideal boating environment. With highly predictable wind patterns, Coyote Point is a center for such diverse types of watercraft such as sailboats, powerboats, windsurf boards, jet ski's, kayaks and traditional Hawaiian outrigger canoes. For berthing or general information please email marina@co.sanmateo.ca.us



IF you Plan on Attending the April 2, 3 Coyote Point Gathering, let us know your plans: RSVP by March 25th, Please...

If you are planning to attend or probably will attend, please e-mail, or phone in your "reservation".. Tell us:

1. Number of Persons and size of boat, who will be at Coyote Pt. Yacht Club Sat. April 9th ___ and 10th? _____
2. No of Persons who will attend Spaghetti Dinner (\$18.50- plate) Sat. evening, April 9th.
3. Boat size, and if overnighting on boat

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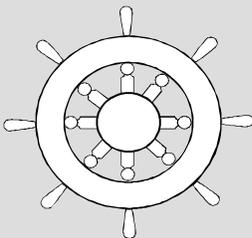
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With a Grain of Salt

The **Potter Yachter** is a forum for exchange of ideas and information among West Wight Potter (and other mini-yacht) sailors. But we Potter Yachters are mostly a bunch of amateurs finding our way by trial and error and luck.

You will probably find some very helpful tips or ideas in the Potter Yachter that will enhance your sailing experience, but you may also find some ill-advised suggestions or ideas that just don't work for your particular boat, your sailing environment, your level of sailing experience, or your boat-working skills. So please understand that any sailing tutorials, suggested boat modifications, recommended cruises, etc., are the opinion of the author, based presumably on his or her personal ex-

perience and judgment at the time the article or letter was written.

If a Potter Yachter believes s/he has a good idea and submits it to the newsletter for publication, we will usually pass it on to the rest of you in the newsletter, but take it "with a grain of salt" and a large portion of your own good judgment, and perhaps get a second opinion before undertaking a modification or cruise or sailing technique you read about in the **Potter Yachter** (or any other publication) - *The Editor*

