



 LAST MONTH SAIL

We came, We sailed, We camped. Woodward revisited found 9 Potters and 10 Owners enjoying spirited sailing and companionable camping. Adairs 567, Barrilleauxs 564, Bergst 797, Bernreuters 817, Eutlers 850, Gordons, 234, Gotcher 821, Richters unknown, Marshes (minus boat), Simpsons 266, and Winans 182. 15 - 20 mph Sat afternoon breezes had all the Potters "Pottering" hither and yon. Come dinner time and the four Owners that left their wives at home sailed to the local Burger Haven. Don Bergst, Terry Gotcher, Frank Winans and Jerry Barrilleaux all sailed over and back in Jerry's boat. After "PIGGING OUT" It was upright sailing with zero heel despite returning in 25 mph winds. John Simpson provided wood and wine for a most welcome evening fire circle. Thank you John. Next morning sweaters and caps were the uniform of the day as everyone awoke to chilling 25 mph winds. Sunday Harry Gordon was seen towing son and friend behind his boat on a raft. Was that to restore peace and tranquility to the cockpit Harry? Most Potters began breaking camp following lunch on Sunday thus, ending another fine outing.

 NEXT MONTH SAIL

Sunday 7 Sept 1980, launch at Caruso's at Sausalito 0900 AM and sail to Angel island for lunch in Hospital Cove. Tidal currents will be in our favor for both directions. This is an easy trip when the currents are favorable and is recommended for all you sailors who have wanted to sail the Bay but have been reluctant to do so. Power is suggested in the event the winds are light. The Caruso's launch ramp is on Harbor Drive, the first stop light after leaving 101 as you enter Sausalito. See you there.

Further Tales of Hawaiian Potter's

BY Terry Gotcher

In the March 1980 issue of Potter to Potter I wrote of my travels to Hawaii in February of 1980, the finding of WWP #344 and the question of it's relation to "Fredya" that John Van Ruth sailed to Hilo in 1972.

After correspondence with Joe Edwards of HMS Marine in March, I found that the two boats were of separate histories. Joe was able to tell me that the fabled "Fredya", hull #326, was purchased by Raymond Smythe of Pahoa in November of 1972. Joe also said that his records of #326 ended at Mr Smythe's door and that HMS Marine also wondered where this famous Potter is now.

With this new information, I set out again. After several days I was able to obtain an address for Mr Smythe and wrote to him in April. After no reply and two long distance telephone calls, no answer and dis-connected, I was at the end of my painter.

On July third I received a letter from Raymond Smythe. He had been in the process of moving and had misplaced my letter. He advised me that he had sold the Potter about three years ago and was unable to find the buyers name. Quoting from Mr Smythe's letter, "Soon after he purchased it, he and a young man attempted to sail from the island of Hawaii to Hana, Maui and was lost overboard. His companion was dead of exposure when the boat was found, half submerged. I do not have a clue as to the disposition of the boat, as I make no attempt to keep up with the breed". Thus ends Mr Smythe's letter.

Was Potter #326 sunk, or salvaged? Or was #326 left to find her peace with the sea?

Further research may turn up new mysteries.



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