

POTTERS

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Association

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NEXT SAIL

The March outing is scheduled for the Pearl of California, Beautiful Monterey Bay. The Monterey seascape is world famous for its majestic beauty. Once the Sardine Capitol of the western world, the Monterey Cannery area has since become an exciting array of shops, galleries and restaurants, following the mysterious disappearance of the sardines in the late 1940's. We intend to meet at the Coast Guard Pier launching ramp (free) about 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 1, 1980. There is plenty of sightseeing for the non-sailors at Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row and the State Historical Buildings near the wharf area. A get-together dinner after the sail would help unwind the day before the trip home. The Warehouse, a popular pizza and spaghetti place on Cannery Row, provides turn of the century atmosphere at affordable prices.

HOW TO GET THERE: Take Highway 101 to Monterey turn-off, State 156, and continue to Monterey. In Seaside, leave the freeway at the off-ramp immediately following the Holiday Inn at the beach. The Coast Guard Pier entrance is the stop-light on the other side of the tunnel adjacent to the boat harbor.

Monterey is Beautiful this time of year, so give yourself a treat.

FUTURE EVENTS

April is a go do it month. Look at these special events. An overnigher to Lost Isle in the Delta, the Potters Annual Anniversary dinner and opening day of the Yachting Season on the Bay. If that were not enough, rumor has it that De Marsh is planning a trip to the Channel Islands over the Easter weekend. The March newsletter will have details concerning all of these events.

LAKE ELIZABETH SAIL

The Lake Elizabeth sail on the ninth of February brought a good fleet of Potters to enjoy the hospitality of the City of Fremont. The fifty acre lake, with picnic tables and jogging trail surrounding it, provided an unusual background for cruising boats. The park staff took all this in stride, however, and even kept a watchful eye on us in case we might need assistance in the main festivities of the day. That, of course, was our scheduled capsizing drill.

Launching was at a leisurely pace, from about 9:30 till noon. There wasn't enough breeze to stir a good ripple, so prospects of a good sail around the lake looked slim. With the boats safely tied to

the dock, everyone got together for a picnic on the grass. No picnic tables needed for us--sailors are rough and tough! After an hour or so of small talk and sea stories in the sun, it was noted that the park flag was no longer motionless on its pole. Time for some serious sailing.

With Stan Butler and De Marsh in their wet-suits, #512, Ipo, was pulled from the dock with a long line to the topmast. Mighty tugs from the dock brought the masthead down and the centerboard into the sunlight. The boat was righted without too much trouble, and then the process was repeated with the CB in the trunk. The capsize process was repeated with Frank Winans' #182, Sweetheart II, a gunter rig. The interesting thing about this was the upright character of this older boat. You can't keep a good boat down! Both boats floated high in the water and took little water into the cabin or cockpit. Perhaps we can talk De and Frank into a little more discussion of this in a future newsletter.

Following this there was general sailing, with circumnavigation of the island and much expert boat handling and docking being observed.

The hearty sailors present this fine winter day included Jim and Carol Mangels and children in Sommer, #604; Don and Dee Bernreuter and daughter in Burnrudder, #817; Harry and Sandy Gordon and children in Manatee, #234; Herb Orford; John and Barbara Simpson in #266; Stan and Dorothy Butler in Oh No, #850; De and Sydney Marsh with guests Fred and Frieda Richter in Ipo, #512; Frank Winans in Sweetheart II, #182; and Don Bergst in Ms. B.; #797. There are some others who should be recognized for their contribution to this event, but we didn't get their names. Among these, our thanks to the staff at the park for their cooperation and watchful lookout during our capsize drill.

After recovering all the boats, a Potter Parade to pizza, sandwiches, etc., at Minerva's in Fremont ended another fine day for the Potter Yachters.

NEWSLETTER DUES

Those who have paid 1980 newsletter dues: (as of 2-23-80)

Barrilleaux	Graham, John	Orford	Adair
Bell	Graham, Richard	Roberts	McKinney
Benton	Hayden	Scott, Pat	Nelson
Bergst	Mangels	Simpson	Taylor, D.
Bernreuter	Marsh	Wight	
Diehlman	Miller	Winans	
Botcher	Nobs	Wolf	

If your name isn't on the list but you would like to continue receiving "Potter to Potter," please send newsletter dues of \$6.00 (for 1980) to Carol Mangels, 7078 Coronado Drive, San Jose, CA 95129.
P.S. This is your last chance! This is the last freebie issue!

LETTERS

From Art and Judy Roberts--

"Hi to everyone--we're still around! I have my potter bertred at

Bethel Island, so haven't got out on any trailering expeditions lately. We were hoping to make the New Year's function, but couldn't."

From Bill Wight--

"The 'Isle of Wight' is still in our garage awaiting repairs and maintenance. Therefore we didn't make the Pier 39 drift and will probably miss Lake Elizabeth, but hopefully we can make the March sail.

Still do not have a date for the Bel Marin Keys sail as our Commodore elect dropped dead of a heart attack at the installation dinner-- a very sad time. So as soon as the club gets reorganized I'll try to get a firm date."

From Barbara Simpson--

"We are getting our sailing stuff together. I washed the sails in the bathtub the other day. It's not easy to get a 75 sq. ft. sail out of the bathroom and thru the whole house without leaving a mess behind.

For Christmas John wanted to take me to get the bathrobe and bottle of perfume but I steered him to a chandlery shop and for my present got mainsheet line, jib downhaul line, mooring line, harness, wind indicator and blocks. Neat stuff. Weird but neat!"

From Joe Edwards (President of HMS Marine)--

"Did you hear about the new Valle Del Sol (Phoenix, Arizona) Potter Fleet's first annual "Fox & Hair* Race"? Their commodore explains the rules like this: "Foxes (participants) must catch the Hair* (Commodore). I will launch about 9:00 a.m. and will be well on the lake by 10:00 a.m. race time. Each skipper will have aboard two (2) tennis balls (please note each skipper must supply his own tennis balls). The starting line....After 10:00 a.m. the first skippers to get a tennis ball into my cockpit by any means will get 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Any rules omitted in this explanation will be made up during the race and Judges' rulings are open to discussion--Happy Hunting Mates, Catch Me If You Can!!

*If you know the Commodore you'll understand this!"

Anyone interested in learning more about the race or arranging a good tennis match should call Don and Cindy Ladyn in Phoenix at (602) 944-0858."

HYPOTHERMIA AND COLD WATER SURVIVAL

The waters off the Pacific Coast of the United States are all cold enough to make hypothermia a constant danger. Even within the bays and in summer, hypothermia will be playing a lethal role within less than four hours immersion. In the winter the water is rarely above 50° F. Predicted survival time without flotation is less than two hours, from cold alone. The ability to keep any part of the body above water appreciable increases survival time. Even a life jacket and huddling over drift wood so that head and shoulders are out of water appreciably increases survival time. Climbing onto a log or an overturned hull helps much more, since the parts of the body fully immersed lose heat 25 times as fast at the wet body in air.

--from Coast Guard "Local Notice to Mariners" February 8, 1980

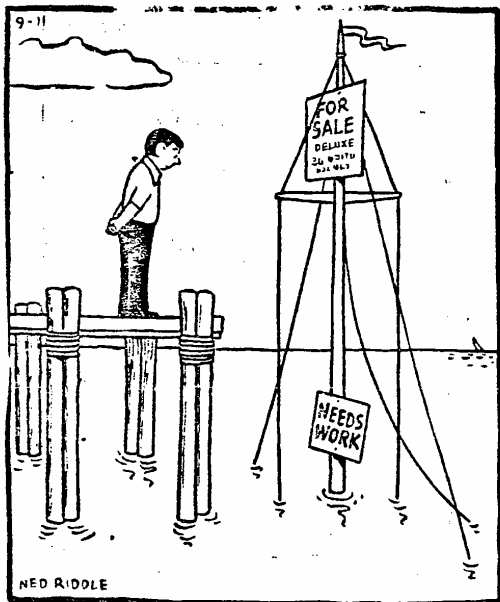
BOATS FOR SALE

For Sale: MK II Potter #661

Partial list: Whisker pole, trailer with bearing buddies and spare wheel, good running lights w/motorcycle battery, Cockpit rails, front window, forward vent, good main and jib jamb cleats, boom vang, sail cover, Evinrude 2 HP outboard. Everything shipshape. Clean. \$3100 or offer. Dan Diehlman (209) 439-5520
5478 N. Bond
Fresno, California 93710

For Sale. \$2250. West Wight Potter II Hull #615 with trailer, Sea Gull OB (3 hp), cushions, Jenny w/all gear and whisker pole, and other goodies. Don and Betty Hayden 377-2509. Anyone who wants to get into a Potter for little money--here it is.

We are going to sell our Potter. Hull #301; Gunter rig. Seagull Motor, trailer, spinnaker, and some other accessories. Boat and sails are in very nice condition. We can be reached evenings at 328-5789 or 961-1958, Don Caldwell and John Scott.



Note: I didn't draw it but I thought it was funny!

Jerry Barrilleaux

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P.S. - A most unusual happening! Terry Gotcher, on vacation on the Big Island of Hawaii in the Hawaiian Islands, sighted two separate Potters; # 344, and # 875. He's trying to determine if # 344 was the Potter sailed to Hilo in 1972 by John Van Kuth. More on both boats later.

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Note: This month's issue was written by Don Bergst (and typed and edited by his daughter!). Thanks, Don, for your time and effort -- and thanks to your daughter, too!!