



# Potter to Potter



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## NEXT SAIL.....BENICIA, SUNDAY FEB. 1

Launch about 9:30 a.m. at the public launch ramp. (It's Free!). To get there, continue on 680 over the Benicia Bridge and head toward Vallejo. Take the Southampton exit and turn left at the stop sign. Continue on a little ways and after crossing an intersection, you will come to West K. Street. Turn right, then go on to West 9th St. and turn right again and you're there. Benicia's sail was enjoyed by everyone the last time we were there in December, so we decided to explore this area a little more before the summer winds are upon us. The tides are favorable for a trip around the methball fleet and for an easy return.

## NEW YEARS DAY BRUNCH

Would you believe 21 bright eyed and clear headed (well...almost) souls made the brunch?! Walt Nebs, who has his Potter berthed at Pete's, conducted a tour of the boat repair and building facilities. A planning session, for future events, was held and ideas explored included; more Delta trips, the Petaluma River, Moss Landing, another Monterey trip and a fishing trip. Terry Getcher is presently working out the details for a super Delta trip to be held around April. If anyone else has any other ideas for future sails, please let us know.

WANTED: Knowledgeable fisherman (or woman). We need someone to work out details for a future Potter fishing trip. If you are interested, please contact Jerry or Stan for details.

## LAST SAIL.....SAN LEANDRO, JAN. 4

Eight Potters putted out into the mists on a glassy, smooth, windless morning. In short order, the day brightened and gave us winds of 5-10 MPH making for a close reach and 3 knots to Coyote Point. Unfortunately, time and wind ran out, forcing a meter return most of the way. Our wind picked up to 15 MPH, upon nearing San Leandro, permitting a sail return on the last leg. It was too bad that someone could not have recorded, on film, the expressions of the returnee's faces when they observed that the harbor had gone to sea on a minus tide, leaving a sea of mud at the launch ramp. A record must have been established in time and cooperation, for extracting 8 Potters from a soft, gooey mud during a still receding tide. Those present were; Bob & Diane Adair, #567; Don Bergst, #797; Don & Dee Bernreuter, #817; Stan Butler, #850; Harry Gordon, #234; Terry Getcher, #821; De & Sydney Marsh, #812 and Fred & Frita Richter, #783. SCUTTLEBUTT: We understand that De Marsh has gone in for free-style launching. Over-heard at the launch ramp; De; "Oef! There she goes!" De & Don (simultaneously); "Wh--? I thought you had the line!"

P.S.: Several of the Potter Yachters had a chance to visit the S.F. Boat Show. HMS Marine had a good exhibit, with two beautiful Potters on display, and the boats seemed to attract quite a lot of attention. After seeing the shiny, new boats, I felt compelled to go home and put a coat of wax on old #564.

P.S.S.: Remember to send in your 1981 dues!

# WEST WIGHT POTTER

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## MANUFACTURER'S COMMENT

The World famous West Wight Potter cabin sloop is one of the best known and oldest sailboat models in the cruising fraternity, with thousands of these attractive compact cruisers sailing the waters of the USA and all over the world. Continuously improved over her long 17 year history, she has achieved a noteworthy record of sailing successes including being sailed single-handed from California to Hawaii, from Seattle to Ketchikan, and from England to Sweden across the North Atlantic. Her wide beam and unique hull configuration combine to provide the stability and sea-going attributes of far larger boats. Yet the Potter easily trails behind today's smaller cars—even the newest sub-compact models.

Designed for safety and ease of sailing, the Potter is self bailing, self righting, non-sinkable (bonded closed cell foam flotation) and is extremely stable under sail. Even in stronger winds the Potter sails more level than comparable boats and is especially known for her high dry cockpit. Excellent performance is achieved with the highly efficient



simulated gaff rig, loose footed mainsail, and deep fin keel. The standard kick-up rudder, fully retracting swing keel, and molded in hull skegs make her one of the few completely beachable cruisers—great for going ashore in remote areas for that special picnic or exploring new shoreline. With carefully designed fittings and hardware, the Potter can be rigged, launched, and sailed with the minimum of effort by one person. Just push the mast up from cabin top cradle position, connect the forestay and you have completed the standing rigging. Everything else slides and snaps into place without a single nut, bolt or cotter pin anywhere. Even the trailer is specially designed to allow the Potter to be easily rolled off and on the trailer. For unprepared launching areas, the trailer has a special tilting mechanism which allows the Potter to be launched at shoreside with the trailer completely out of the water. No other cabin sloop has so many convenience and safety features as the West Wight Potter.

The roomy cabin features 6½" bunks, two food lockers, room for a portable head, chain locker in the forepeak,

and over 14 cubic feet of storage under the cockpit seats for sail bags, ice chest and personal gear. Hull, deck and inside liner are of the highest quality hand laid fiberglass construction. Mast and boom are anodized with the boom well over the head of the tallest crew member. The deck has molded-in toe rails and non-skid step surfaces. Cockpit coamings are high enough for comfortable back rest while sailing.

Sail-a-way price includes ALL of the following: quality dacron main and jib sails, mooring cleats, mainsheet and jibsheet cam jams, bow chocks, S.S. standing rigging, S.S. bow eye, forward air scoop, 3" bunk cushions, mahogany handrails and trim, motor mount, cockpit table, tinted side and front windows, running lights, and choice of standard hull colors in blue, orange, yellow, and smoke white. A partial list of options include color coordinated sails, genoa, spinnaker, cockpit and bow rails and trailer specially designed for easy launching.

The Potter represents the original of the compact ocean cruisers and remains one of the best sailboat values available anywhere for a completely equipped, expertly finished cabin sloop.



L.O.A.....	15'0"	Boat Weight.....	475 lbs.
L.W.L.....	12'0"	Trailer Weight.....	180 lbs.
Beam.....	5'6"	Height of Cabin (Aft).....	3'9"
Draft:		Berths.....	2
Board Up.....	7"	Auxiliary.....	2-4 HP
Board Down.....	3'0"	Mast Height:	
Sail Area:		Above Waterline.....	17'11"
Main.....	68 sq. ft.	Designer.....	H. E. Stewart
Jib.....	23 sq. ft.	Price:	
Genoa.....	43 sq. ft.	Complete.....	\$3,195
Spinnaker.....	85 sq. ft.	Deluxe Trailer.....	\$390
Keel & Ballast.....	165 lbs.		

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