



The Potter Yachter

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Club

June 2006

Sailing & Event Calendar 2006

June 3 & 4, Woodward Annual campout near Oakdale, CA.

June 24 & 25, Eagle Lake Campout, Susanville CA.

July 15 & 16, Messing about in Monterey. Annual fun social weekend, sponsored by Potter Yachters/MPYC.

Aug. 19, Day sail, Richmond-Loch Lomond.

Sept. 2, Day sail, Richmond to Pier 39.

Sept. 5 to 20. Usual Suspects North to Puget Sound. (FYI) for experienced sailors only.

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, Tomales Bay weekend.

Oct. 14 & 15, Monterey Overnite

Nov. 11, Day sail, Emeryville, day on the Bay.

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Woodward Reservoir Weekend

The weekend, of June 3 & 4th is the annual campout at Woodward Reservoir. A get together that combines fine sailing in the winds of the central valley and good fun camping on the shore or at anchor. It is a time to enjoy the fresh wa-



It is a Potter, Steve Potter at Woodward Reservoir 2005.

Photo by Don Person

ter sailing, try out some new things and just have a good time with friends. You can launch your boat at the camp site or use the boat ramp across the peninsula, a short walk from the camp. Boats are beached at the camp site for easy access.

For information regarding the Woodward Reservoir, camping, directions, and some web links, see the June 2005 article by Rich McDevitt. In the photo of the reservoir we are camped right out there in the middle of it all on the finger of land that extends into the lake. If you come in at night, go toward the boat ramp and turn off to the left on the dirt road just before you get to the ramp.

In Memoriam

Sandy Gordon, beloved wife and longtime sailing partner of Club Member Harry Gordon has passed away, after a long struggle with Cancer. Sandy and Harry have been favorite friends and members of the Potter Yachters for many years. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Harry and his family at this time.

Monterey Update

Dear Fellow Potter Yachters:

Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club Commodore Garth Hobson has just called and confirmed that MPYC will be open for a cocktail hour, etc. on July 8th for our Potter Yachter Gathering. MPYC has a ladies Regatta that day as well, but usually only sailed by four or five boats. We will be making arrangements for H'ordeuvres with MPYC club manager Jerry Mayo and of course invite the MPYC sailors to partake, and join us.. More information, as soon as we know more... glad to get this nailed down!

Also.. Paul, the Monterey Harbormaster, knows we are coming for the weekend of the 8th and 9th. I will check on parking arrangements with him.. suspect they will be the same as in previous years.

Cheers, Bruce



Oh, what a day—Monterey!
Sara Anne 2003

Monterey pets



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Delta Trip Report

by Rich McDevitt

We set sail that day for a three hour tour, yes a three hour tour. Don't ask me why but I've always wanted to say that. 15 or 16 boats splashed down for our annual Lundborg Landing delta cruise. If you missed it, too bad, if you've never been on one, well, it sucks to be you now doesn't it. This is serious fun, in the realms of Woodward or Cruiser Challenge, depending on if you are party or race oriented. Five boats spent the night at Brannen Island Friday night to beat the rush. Another 10 or 11 arrived Saturday morning for the cruise. We splashed down and gathered in the "marina" at Brannen Island. After a few boats sorted out some rigging issues, we were off at about 10:00 in 8-12 knots of wind for the best sail TO Lundborg Landing that I have ever participated in. We had good winds all the way to our destination with minimal hassle from bugs, skydiving spiders on webs, and stink potters (although a few crept in). We worked our way out Three Mile Slough, into the San Joaquin and then down false river and on into Piper Slough without difficulty or too much challenge. This was delta cruising as it's meant to be, nice, steady and easy progress to your destination. We started arriving at Lundborg by 1:15 (see it really was a three hour tour) or so and were having burgers, calamari sandwiches, salads, and whatever by 2:00.

Cold drinks, live music, and good food filled out our afternoon. Lots of activity walking the docks and looking at the latest and greatest modifications so many folks have made on their boats. I'd have to give Steve Potter the grand prize of mods with his home-made remote control power tiller. I can't give away Steve's patent secrets but I will tell you it involves batteries, wire, with an old power antenna and you simply have to see it to believe it. We had a great happy hour on the docks but when a section of the dock started to

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Sailstice

Celebrate the Sixth Annual Summer Sailstice - June 17th at Treasure Island Sailing Center
Celebrate the sixth annual Summer Sailstice with sailors worldwide on the weekend of June 17/18 - the longest sailing weekend days of the year. Begun in 2001, Summer Sailstice was developed as a holiday just for sailors to be celebrated wherever you sail in the Northern Hemisphere. To participate sailors need to simply sign up at www.summersailstice.com and then go sailing on the weekend of June 17/18. San Francisco Bay Area sailors are invited to join in by racing or cruising in to spend the night at Clipper Cove and joining the party at Treasure Island Sailing Center. TISC will host a Saturday afternoon party sponsored by Mount Gay Rum, with music by the Cowboy Cruzboys, a silent auction and more. Launch service will be available to those who anchor out. Whether you've just launched the boat and are taking the summer's maiden voyage or you're in the middle of your racing season you can sign up to be part of this global celebration of sail.

By signing up you're also eligible to win prizes donated by The Moorings, Hunter Marine, West Marine, Hobie, OCSC Sailing and many of your other favorite marine businesses. Other great prizes include a Hobie Kayak, an Achilles Inflatable and over 200 other prizes. Sign up early and plan to get together with friends and family to celebrate life under sail on June 17/18. For more information email john@summersailstice.com or visit <http://www.summersailstice.com> or <http://www.tisailing.org>

Summer Sailstice - celebrating sailing on the solstice. Sign on at <http://www.summersailstice.com>

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go underwater and the millions of spiders came to the top searching to stay dry, well it was time to eat dinner and of course answer questions about Potters from many of the other folks around the resort.

We had a very quiet and restful night and only a few reports of mosquitoes around sunset. The sun came up, the bathroom plugged up, and the docks came alive with activity again. After a relaxing hearty breakfast we were off on our return journey. Some folks returned via Piper Slough while Don Bergst led a few of us across Franks Tract and through a hole in the old levy into false river.

The sail across the tract had us enjoying 8 knots of wind but by the time we were in False River we had winds less than 4 knots and a 1 or 2 knot current running against us. Some stuck to sailing but a few of us motor sailed for a while.

The junk collector is still in Fisherman’s Cut and I don’t think the pile has gotten any smaller since last year. Also it looks like a few scuttled old powerboats have tried to help with levy repairs by sinking next to them.

Since we were already motoring I decided we should take the west fork out of Fisherman’s Cut. Bad decision! The 19’s really had to plow their way out and all of us had to shake off the weeds once we hit the San Joaquin.

The sun was out and the temperature was pleasant, but light winds persisted the rest of the trip back to Brannen Island. Soon everybody was back and putting the boats back on their trailers. More than just I were disappointed to see the frozen lemonade guy was not there this year. Also the camp grounds were pretty empty and there was not waiting at the launch ramp. Gas prices got you down, buy a Potter and sail on!

Members

Thank you for sending articles, pictures and other bits of news for the Newsletter. Your efforts are appreciated when putting this letter together. It would be a much harder for me and less interesting for you if it was all left to the Editor.

It would be a benefit to all the members of this club if more of you would take the time to write an article on something of interest to you and submit it to the Editor’s. As you have read in some recent Newsletters, any Potter related non sense is welcome. YOU must have some good stories. Thanks again for your continued support. *The Editor*



Eagle Lake Sail & Campout June 24 & 25

This is a fun event for all. The grounds are good, as is the sailing. Our family will actually set up camp on Wednesday, June 21st. If you have never been on this outing, I encourage you to try it. Like all Potter events, the more boats and people, the more fun we have.

The campsites are among tall pines with views of the lake and there are nice walking trails for evening or morning strolls. Campsites are clean and well cared for, as are the restrooms (which are close, but not too close). There is also a nice beach and swim area: the water is warm for a high mountain lake. Our family will be hosting the Saturday night potluck dinner and serving our shrimp kabobs. The evenings can be quite cool, so dress for mountain camping, i.e. warm jackets, sweat-shirts.

As for the sailing, the winds are always good. We have been going on this sail for six years and have never had a day without wind. The mornings are often calm, but the winds pick up in the late morning/early afternoon, usually out of the south-west.

For most of us the drive there is a long one, so it will be much more enjoyable if you can make a three-day weekend of the trip. There are a few somewhat steep climbs so take your tow vehicle and trailer into consideration when preparing for the trip.

For a really fine article on the Eagle Lake sail, see the **Potter Yachter Newsletter**, July 2005 by Don & Judy Person.

Specifics

Campsite cost: \$18 per night, tent camping at "Aspen Grove." Sites include tables and fire rings. Restrooms nearby with sinks. No reservations: first come, first served.

Marina slips: \$12 per night. You cannot "camp" on your boat at the Marina, but you can anchor out. Phone (530) 825-3454 for reservations.

Firewood: For sale at campsite.

Showers: At marina, purchase tokens inside marina store. The store is decently stocked for forgotten items.

RV Sites: Available. Call (530) 825-3212

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Eagle Lake— Check out this web site. <http://www.blm.gov/ca/eaglelake/eaglelake.html>

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Routes

There are several ways to arrive at Eagle Lake. Here are some basics, but grab a map if you are not familiar with the area.

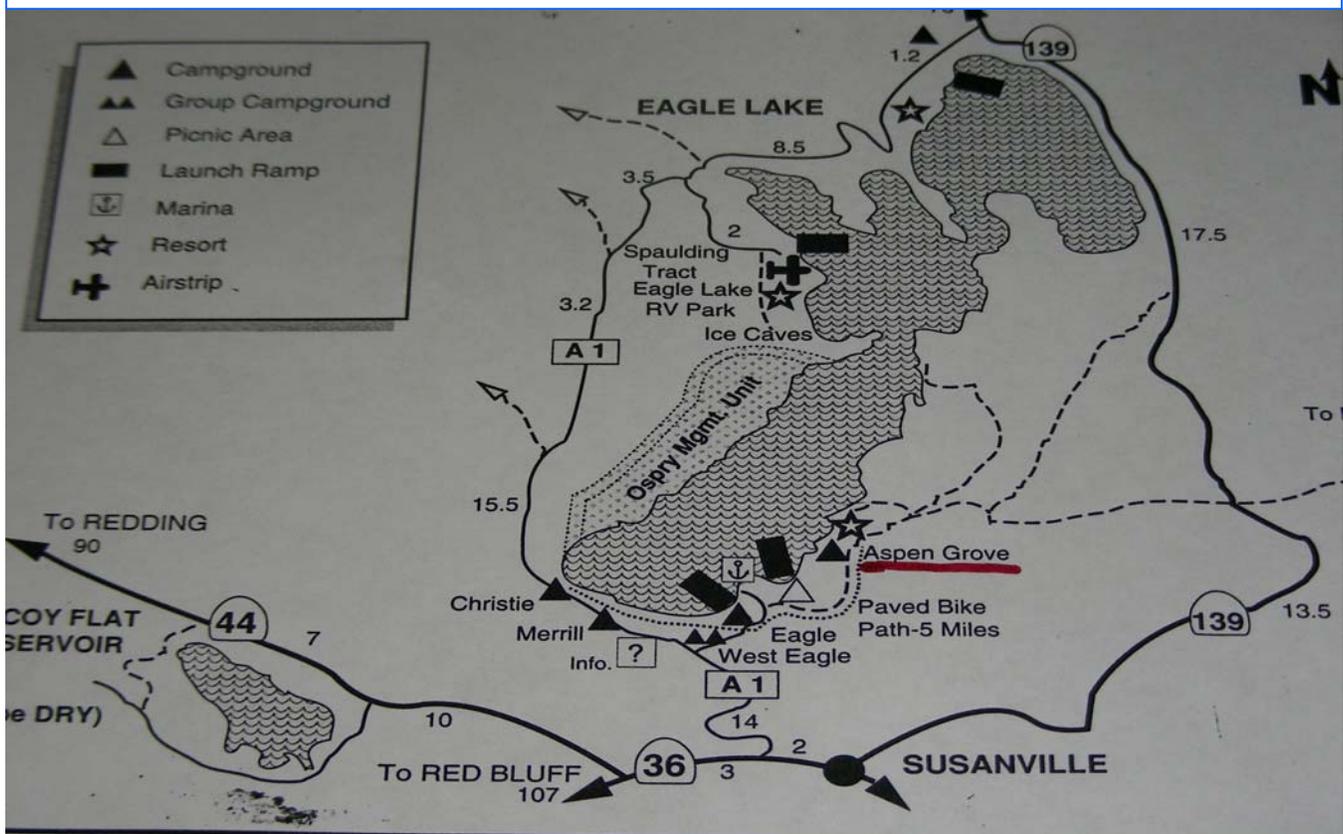
- (1) Take I-5 to Red Bluff; use Highway 36 to Road A1 to Eagle Lake (see map attached).
- (2) Take I-5 to Redding; use Highway 44 east to Highway 36 to Road A1 to Eagle Lake (see map attached).
- (3) Take I-80 to Highway 395 north to Susanville; Take Highway 36 west to Road A1 to Eagle Lake (see map attached).

David & Cheryl White

Theron & Arlene White

Wee Boat P19 out of Fair Oaks, CA

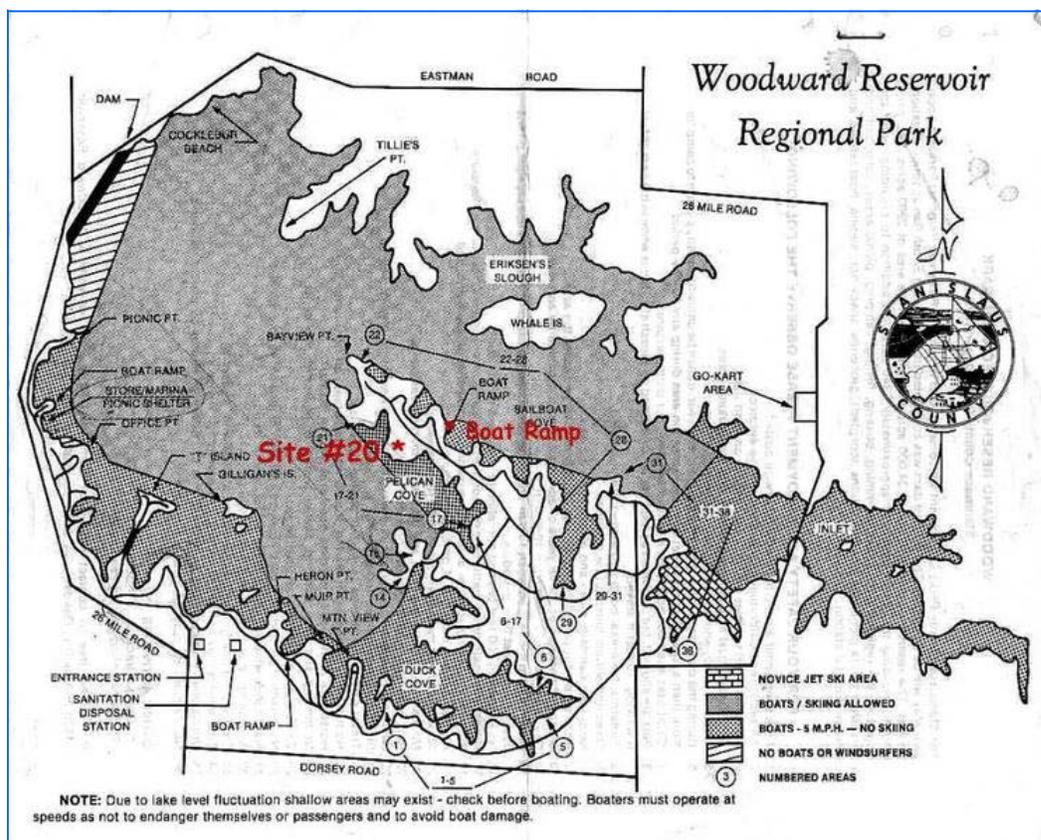
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Woodward Reservoir Map from,
<http://www.blumhorst.com/potterpages/Photopoint/0030/aindex.htm>

See Site #20 for the camping location, and the boat ramp. Park entrance is on the south west side of the reservoir.

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 experience 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*