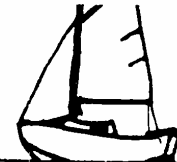




Potter to Potter



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NEXT SAIL SUNDAY, DEC. 6, BERKELEY MARINA

Launch time; 9:00 a.m. Berkeley is a great place to sail from, especially this time of year, and it even has a FREE launch ramp, (at least it was the last time I sailed there). We might work our way around Angel Island or where ever. To get there you take the University Ave. off ramp, off of "17" and follow the signs to the marina. Pack a lunch and get ready for a great day.

BRANNAN ISLAND SAIL

November 7th was one of those perfect autumn days, with sun and water conditions good for the soul. Nine little boats went into the big bathtub at Brannan Island State Park between 9:20 and 9:45 a.m. and nine little boats went onto trailers at dusk.

The sail started as a drifting exercise, but within 15 minutes the wind picked up enough to move the boats well, if comfortably and sedately. In battle formation, line astern, the fleet followed the twists and turns until 12:30-ish, when it docked at Happy Harbor for an hour of wine, wisdom and hamburgers. Predicted gale force winds didn't materialize, so the trip back was very gentle, with the roar of Suzukis breaking the quiet at the halfway mark. Members enjoying the sail were: Stan Butler in 850, Don Bergst in 797, Don and Dee Bernreuter in 817, John and Barbara Simpson in 266, De and Rob Marsh in 512, John Graham and John Nelson in 312, Frank Winans in 182, Terry Gotcher in 821 and the Arlen Abbots in 1051. Brannan Island is great for launching, with ample parking that was needed for the 200 or so units that took advantage of the day.

We do wonder: When is Stan Butler going to add radar to his mast head? How is De Marsh going to carry the barrel needed to buoy his lost crayfish trap? When is Frank Winans going to get the penalty flag for carrying extra sail in his hat? How John and Barbara Simpson got such a great finish on their new rudder and tiller? What will happen if John Graham or John Nelson ever catch a fish? Would the ranger really have confined us to the park for failure to pay the \$4.00 launch/exit fee? It was a great day!

--FLASH--

If you've wondered why Charles and Dorothy Nearing have been conspicuous by their absence, the answer is shipwreck. They lost their boat last June and Charles is planning to buy a new -- you guessed it -- Potter, soon.

They'd been at Angel Island. Beaching put rocks in the centerboard well so that it couldn't be lowered, so, power back to Richmond was logical. Just off Richmond, the tied down jib started to work loose. Charles went forward to secure it. A wave caught the stern quarter and ---bottoms up! Five feet of water with four feet waves isn't good for masts, but float coats are great. A big ragpicker stood in as close as possible and retrieved Charles and Dorothy, but couldn't get the Potter. A twin screw tried, got jib and sheets around a screw and almost lost control. The next day, hired pros found the boat off the race track. Rocks had taken their innings and the resulting gashes, gouges and scratches resulted in the insurance company totalling it. Because Charles is careful, thoughtful and prepared, less was confined to missing and wet gear and the use of the boat. Let's learn from their experience.

LAST LOOK

John and Barbara Simpson are the second couple who've had to replace rudder and tiller. When we're tired, heading for the barn or trying to hurry and free a ramp, it's easy to leave gear on the dock. Can't understand though, why anyone would pick up an expensive and specialized piece of gear of no earthly value to them.

SUPER POTTER

HMS Marine has started production of the West Wight Potter 19. It has the looks and seaworthiness of the Potter, but sleeps 4 and has a galley and head. For more information, write HMS for details.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Our club is now complete, with a Potter live-aboard. That's right! Homer Jones, of Berkeley, is now residing on his Potter, and has been for about a month. He hasn't been able to obtain a berth, the marinas are full, so he is presently anchored in the Berkeley Lagoon. Having to get to and from his home via rubber dinghy, has proven to be a problem for Homer, so he has decided to sell the Potter. His boat is one month old, yellow with colored sails and has just about everything you could ask for, plus a \$190.00 Bruce Anchor Assembly and boom tent. He is asking \$5,000.00 for everything, including trailer. He can be reached at (415) 848-3888.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

John and Barbara Simpson sent us some information, a while back, about the San Francisco Chapter of the Oceanic Society. They offer some great family programs, at a very reasonable cost. For more information, the address is;

San Francisco Bay Chapter Oceanic Society
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The San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Oceanic Society is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to the development of an ocean ethic through education, research and conservation. It is supported through membership dues, grants, gifts, and program fees. Since its inception in 1973, the Chapter has become a leader in expressing the concerns of the marine community. Members utilize their own boats and aircraft to teach and conduct research on San Francisco Bay and surrounding coastal areas. The Chapter's education programs cover a broad range of interest from a children's Sea Camp to instruction in

celestial navigation. At the same time, extensive conservation and sailing activities make it one of the most active boating groups in the area. Weekly trips made by the volunteer skippers of the Farallon Patrol provide logistic support for the Point Reyes Bird Observatory Research Station on the Farallon Islands. During the winter and spring months the Whale Watch program provides an opportunity for members and non-members alike to watch the migration of the California Gray Whale.

As a volunteer organization most of our programs need your energy and your ideas. We need the help of concerned citizens throughout the Bay Area in our many efforts directed toward the preservation of a healthy marine environment.