

POTTER TO POTTER

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CLOSE OUT

The close out for next issue will be May 25, 1983.

NEXT SAIL - MAY 14 & 15

The next cruise will be on May 14 & 15 to Treasure Island Cove. This is the same cruise that was canceled twice in March, due to bad weather. This sail will involve an overnight raft-up in Treasure Island Cove, which is located on the east side of Treasure Island just north of the Bay Bridge.

This overnigher will be a first at this location for many of us. It will also offer two other "firsts". It will be a first for rafting-up and anchoring out. That's right, we will anchor out. The beach at T I cove is for day use only, shore water and toilet facilities are NOT available. If you plan to stay overnight, you must be self-contained. Motors are suggested. Fenders, mooring lines, and anchors are must items.

The second of the "firsts" is that this cruise is a rendezvous sail. Launch from your favorite ramp and sail to the cove. Launch ramps are available at Richmond, Berkeley, Emeryville, esturary park in Oakland, Grand Ave in Alameda, and San Leandro. The sail from the esturary is the easiest, San Leandro the longest and Richmond the most difficult.

Plan your sail for a 12:00 to 1:00 pm arrival in the cove. I plan to leave the dock at esturary park at 10:00 am, motor to the end of the esturary and sail the remaining distance. The noon to 1:00 pm arrival in the cove will allow time to set anchors, etc. and also allow skippers who are not staying overnight time to join us for the afternoon, before sailing back.

Unless the weather fails, this is an excellent cruise for newer skippers to try the bay waters.

FUTURE SAIL - JUNE 4 & 5

Woodward Reservoir has been selected as the site for the June cruise. Woodward is close enough to the Bay Area to allow easy return for those who can not stay overnight. Driving directions, etc. will be in the next newsletter.

HOW TO INFO

The long awaited Potter "how to" booklet is now at the printers and will be in the mail to the membership soon.

WWP NATIONALS

The date for the WWP Nationals has been changed to June 25. The location is still at Marina Del Rey. Due to scheduling difficulties at Marina Del Rey, only one day could be set aside for races. This will allow Sunday for cruising, etc. More details will be passed on as soon as they are received. It looks like the week-end will offer something for everyone. Plan now to attend.

LAST EVENT

Our last event was the annual lunch, followed by the election of officers. The site of this years lunch was Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. The turnout was the largest of record for an election of officers, 33 people from 18 boats. The boats represented were 564, 748, 817, 821, 266, 512, 797, 850, 1177, 230, 1299, 1206, 1060, 661, 696, 783, 234 and X (Bill & Joyce Wight).

Commodore Jerry Barrilleaux called the meeting to order, over the objections of all present. The first order of business was the selection, drafting, shanghai, and voting of new officers. The results of which were unanimous for each office. Effective May 1, 1983 the new officers are: Commodore - Barbara Simpson, Secretary/Treasurer - John Ockes, and Historian - Frank Winans.

The meeting then fell into a general discussion of where & when to sail.

For those in attendance the lunch & meeting afforded an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with others, an opportunity that is not always available on the monthly cruises.

THANKS

At the annual meeting it was voted to give special recognition to Jim Silva for his support of this group thru his boat show work. Thanks, Jim.

FOR SALE

I received a letter from former member Cathy Heatlee saying that WWP #320 is now for sale and in good condition. She asked in her letter what a fair price would be. I think that \$2500 would be a fair price. If you want more info, call her at 408-264-3624.

NEW OFFICERS

Please make note of the names and addresses of your new officers. Barbara Simpson - Commodore

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OLD OFFICERS

On behalf of Jerry and myself, we wish to thank the membership for their support during the past year.

Terry Gotcher

MEMBERSHIP

The following skippers have corrected their course and joined our group:

Rick Zarlow
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hull # 696

New address:

Rob McClain
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415-443-7041

Membership renewal:

Parveen Malik
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2411 Benjamin Dr.
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Update your roster.

UNITED STATES YACHT RACING UNION MINIMUM EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

reprinted from USYRU handbook dated 1-81

	RACE CATEGORY			
	1	2	3	4
8.0 GENERAL EQUIPMENT				
8.1 <i>Fire extinguishers</i> , at least two, readily accessible in suitable and different parts of the boat.	*	*	*	*
8.21.1 <i>Bilge Pumps</i> , at least two manually operated, securely fitted to the yacht's structure, one operable above, the other below deck. Each pump shall be operable with all cockpit seats, hatches and companionways shut.	*	*		
8.21.2 Unless permanently fitted, each bilge pump handle shall be provided with a lanyard or catch or similar device to prevent accidental loss.	*	*	*	*
8.22 One manual bilge pump operable with all cockpit seats, hatches and companionways closed.		*		
8.23 One manual bilge pump.			*	
8.24 Two buckets of stout construction each with at least 2 gallons (9 litres) capacity. Each bucket to have a lanyard.	*	*	*	*
8.31 <i>Anchors</i> . Two with cables except yachts rating under 21 feet, which shall carry at least one anchor and cable. Anchors and any chain shall be securely fastened in the position recorded on the Rating Certificate when not in use.	*	*	*	
8.32 One anchor and cable. Anchor (s) and any chain shall be securely fastened in the position recorded on the Rating Certificate when not in use.			*	
8.41 <i>Flashlights</i> , one of which is suitable for signalling, water resistant, with spare batteries and bulbs.	*	*	*	
8.42 At least one flashlight, water resistant, with spare batteries and bulb.			*	
8.5 <i>First aid kit</i> and manual.	*	*	*	*
8.6 <i>Foghorn</i> .	*	*	*	*
8.7 <i>Radar reflector</i> . If a radar reflector is octahedral it must have a minimum diagonal measurement of 18 ins. (46 cm), or if not octahedral must have an equivalent echoing area of not less than 10m.	*	*	*	*
8.8 <i>Set of international code flags</i> and international code book.	*	*	*	*
8.9 <i>Shutoff valves</i> on all fuel tanks.	*	*	*	*
9.0 NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT				
9.1 <i>Compass</i> , marine type, properly installed and adjusted.	*	*	*	*
9.2 <i>Spare compass</i> .	*	*	*	*
9.3 <i>Charts, light list and piloting equipment</i> .	*	*	*	*
9.4 <i>Sextant, tables and accurate time piece</i> .	*			
9.5 <i>Radio direction finder</i> .	*	*		
9.6 <i>Lead line or echo sounder</i> .	*	*	*	*
9.7 <i>Speedometer or distance measuring instrument</i> .	*	*	*	
9.8 <i>Navigation lights</i> , to be shown as required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea, mounted so that they will not be masked by sails or the heeling of the yacht.	*	*	*	*
10.0 EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT				
10.1 <i>Emergency navigation lights</i> and power source.	*	*	*	
10.21 <i>The following specifications for mandatory sails give maximum areas; smaller areas may well suit some yachts.</i>				
10.21.1 <i>One storm trysail</i> not larger than 0.175 P x E in area. It shall be sheeted independently of the boom and shall have neither a headboard nor battens and be of a cloth weight of suitable strength for the purpose.	*	*		
10.21.2 <i>One storm jib</i> of not more than 0.05 IG ² in area, the luff of which does not exceed 0.65 IG, and of suitable strength for the purpose.	*	*		
10.21.3 <i>One heavy-weather jib</i> of cloth weight of suitable strength for the purpose with area not greater than 0.135 IG ² and which does not contain reef points.	*	*		
10.22 <i>One heavy-weather jib</i> as in 10.21.3 (or heavy-weather sail in a boat with no forestay) and mainsail reefing equipment capable of reducing the effective luff to 60% P or less.			*	*
10.23 <i>Any storm or heavy-weather jib</i> if designed for a seastay or luff-groove device shall have an alternative method of attachment to the stay or a wire luff.	*	*	*	*
10.24 <i>No mast</i> shall have less than two halyards each capable of hoisting a sail.	*	*	*	*

Category 1 race. Races of long distance and well offshore, where yachts must be completely self-sufficient for extended periods of time...

Category 2 race. Races of extended duration along or not far removed from shorelines or in large unprotected bays or lakes...

	RACE CATEGORY			
	1	2	3	4
10.3 Emergency steering equipment				
10.31 An emergency tiller capable of being fitted to the rudder stock.	*	*	*	
10.32 Crews must be aware of alternative methods of steering the yacht in any sea condition in the event of rudder failure. An inspector may require that this method be demonstrated.	*	*	*	*
10.4 <i>Tools and spare parts</i> , including adequate means to disconnect or sever the standing rigging from the hull in the case of need.	*	*	*	*
10.5 <i>Yacht's name</i> on miscellaneous buoyant equipment, such as life jackets, oars, cushions, etc. Portable sail number.	*	*	*	
10.61 <i>Marine radio transmitter and receiver</i> . If the regular antenna depends upon the mast, an emergency antenna must be provided. <i>Yachts fitted with VHF transceivers are recommended to install VHF Channel 72 (156.625 MHz Simplex)</i> . This is an international ship-ship channel which, by "common use", could become an accepted yacht-yacht channel for all ocean racing yachts anywhere in the world.	*	*		
10.62 <i>Radio receiver</i> capable of receiving weather bulletins.	*	*	*	
11.0 SAFETY EQUIPMENT				
11.1 <i>Life jackets</i> , one for each crew member.	*	*	*	*
11.2 <i>Whistles</i> attached to life jackets.	*	*	*	*
11.3 <i>Safety belt</i> (harness type) one for each crew member. Each yacht may be required to demonstrate that two thirds of the crew can be adequately attached to strong points on the yacht.	*	*	*	*
11.41 <i>Life raft(s)</i> *capable of carrying the entire crew and meeting the following requirements: Must be carried on the working deck or in a special storage opening immediately to the working deck containing the life-raft(s) only except that life raft(s) packed in a valise and not exceeding 40kg. may be securely stowed below deck adjacent to the companionway. Each raft shall be capable of being got to the lifelines within 15 seconds. Must be designed and used solely for saving life at sea: Must have at least two separate buoyancy compartments, each of which must be automatically inflatable; each raft must be capable of carrying its rated capacity with one compartment deflated: Must have a canopy to cover the occupants: Must have been inspected, tested and approved within one year by the manufacturer or other competent authority; and Must have the following equipment appropriately secured to each raft: Sea anchor or drogue 1 Bellows, pump or other means for maintaining inflation of air chambers 1 Signalling light 3 Hand flares 1 Baler 1 Repair Kit 2 Paddles 1 Knife	*	*	*	*
11.42 Provision for emergency water and rations to accompany raft.	*			
11.51 <i>Life rings(s)</i> , at least one horseshoe type life ring equipped with a waterproof light and drogue within reach of the helmsman and ready for instant use.	*			*
11.52 At least one horseshoe type life ring equipped with a drogue and a self-igniting light having a duration of at least 45 minutes within reach of the helmsman and ready for instant use.	*	*		
11.53 At least one more horseshoe type life ring equipped with a whistle, dye marker, drogue, a self-igniting high-intensity water light, and a pole and flag. The pole shall be permanently extended and attached to the ring with 25 ft. (8m) of floating line and is to be of a length and so ballasted that the flag will fly at least 6ft. (1.8m) off the water.	*	*		
11.61 <i>Distress signals</i> to be stowed in waterproof container(s), and meeting the following requirements for each category, as indicated	*	*	*	*
11.62 Twelve red parachute flares	*			
11.63 Four red parachute flares			*	*
11.64 Four red hand flares	*	*	*	*
11.65 Four white hand flares	*	*	*	*
11.66 Two orange smoke day signals	*	*	*	*
11.7 <i>Heaving line</i> (50 ft. (16m) minimum length) readily accessible to cockpit	*	*	*	*

Category 3 race. Races across open water, most of which is relatively protected or close to shorelines, including races for small yachts.

Category 4 race. Short races, close to shore in relatively warm or protected waters.