

Welcome

Welcome Aboard: New Members

This is a record month for new members joining our Northern California West Wight Potter Association. Congratulations on your choice of sailing sloop because it is one of the best in the world.

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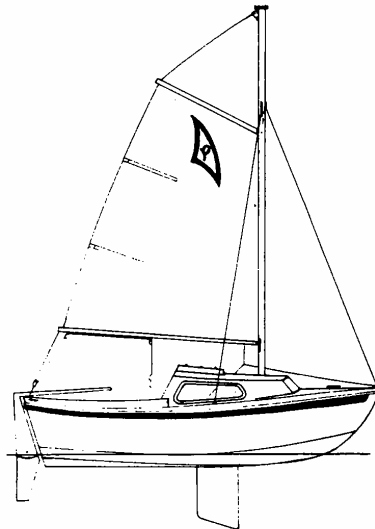
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Change of Address

Bill and Joyce Wight
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Bill tells us that he moved his floating home "Forever" to Ballena Isle Marina so that he didn't have to wait for a high tide to start sailing. Bill and Joyce would like to have any Potter-Yachters who might be in the neighborhood to stop by and say hello. They're located in Berth #553. Park in the lot that's abeam on the port side of the flagpole.

There is a free launch ramp right around the corner from the Wight's, located off of Central Avenue just past the school on the left-hand side. The "USS Enterprise" is presently docked next to the ramp.

People

Don & Saeko Bergst will soon be moving to the Los Angeles area due to Don's job transfer. They intend to keep their home here and eventually move back. If you know Don, he'll start a Southern California Association of West Wight Potter-Yachters. Aloha.

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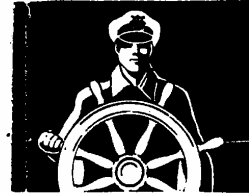
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**Sail into
scenic
adventure**

Sailing Schedule

September 10-11 Santa Cruz
October 1-2 New Hogan Reservoir



From the Bridge

This month I have a variety of things to share with you. Bill Sprietsma called to say he lost the screw off the choke nob of his Suzuki outboard motor. This has been experienced by others in the association and he advises you can order the screw from Suzuki. If you are in a pinch, Bill has a few extras to help you out. Those of you who have an outboard motor, and most of us do, check it out for loose screws from vibration.

Bill also said the ratchet on his one year old Dilly trailer wore out and he wrote to their headquarters in Lodi and they sent him another, no charge! If you have a Dilly, keep your eyes open.

We have a lot of sailors in the South Bay. There are launching facilities in Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo, and Alviso. Let me know where there are some good areas that would be good for us and we will go.

I checked out a ramp in San Rafael that opens onto the bay at Loch Lomond Marina located at Loch Lomond Drive & San Pedro Road with a \$3.00 boat launch ramp fee. There are some islands nearby. Alameda has a new launch area and though the ramp is not too big, there is a lot of parking. It is in a cove that is right on the Bay with out all the powerboats we experienced in the estuary. Looks interesting.

We had a good turnout at Woodward Reservoir and thank you for coming to Mickey's birthday party.

And to the new members--Welcome and if I can be of any help, please call.

Safe Sailing,

Barbara J. Simpson



What you can do

The newsletter editor needs your help, and soon. I would like to have from our membership fillers of all kinds such as sea stories, jokes, cartoons, graphics, and the like to make the newsletter more interesting.

Also, you may have a favorite place to sail. Let's try to include it in our regular sailing schedule by informing me or the commodore of a launch time, date, and directions on how to get there.

John Ockes

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Next Sail: Santa Cruz, September 10 & 11

Launch time 10:00 am. Those of you who have been sailing in this area with Jim Silva know what a great place this is. We will be exploring several interesting places near the harbor.

Our campout will be in the back harbor where there is washroom facilities. We'll stay overnight in our Potters, either in or out of the water. Launch fee is \$6.00. The Pirate's Cove Restaurant is at the harbor entrance among others.

There will be time to go over to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk to take in some of the rides & attractions. Also, see some of the shops on the wharf or walk barefoot on the beach.

Future Sail: October 1 & 2, New Hogan Reservoir

Some of you have sailed at Lake Camanche out from Stockton. Pardee, New Hogan, and Amador Lakes are nearby. This area has been described in the September magazine of Outdoor Life on page 58 with the title, "Fishing the Mother Lode." Fishing is good with an all-year season for Rainbow Trout, Large Mouth Bass, Perch, Blue Gill, Silver Salmon, and so on.

As for sailing, New Hogan is a gentle lake with fifty-three miles of shoreline. The Calaveras River cuts through the foothills to carve out deep valleys and coves, with water so clear you can see your anchor fifty feet down.

Directions and more details of this sail will be in the next newsletter. Gwen Singh tells us you'll find an uncrowded lake with many coves to explore with wilderness mountains where many deer are seen.

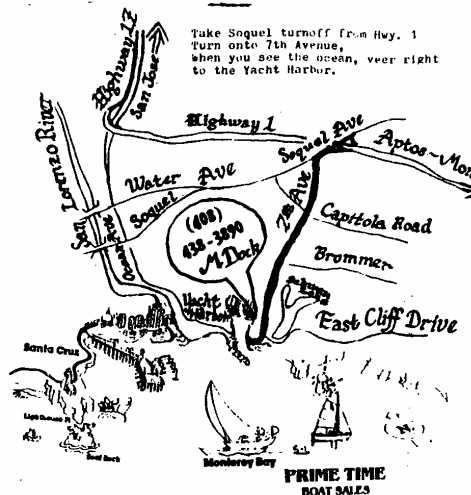
Last Sail: Woodward Reservoir

This is one of our favorite areas for summer camping and sailing. We had 16 families represented at this weekend sail. A great site was found at Sailboat Cove that accommodated boats, motorhomes and tents. In attendance were Gwen, Tina & Mahandra Singh (704), John & Barbara Simpson (266), Don, Dee & Stephanie Bernrueter (817), Gene & Sharon Averill (1077), Norman & Theresa Hamrah (798), Stan & Dorothy Butler (850), Mike Bartunek & Claudia Hassler and sons (748), Jerry Barrilleaux-sons Mike & Todd (564), Terry Gotcher (821), De Marsh without boat, Lee Olin with son & girlfriend (1244), Bill Sprietsma & Gail Frankel (1205), Fred & Freda Richter (783), Frank Winans (691), Chuck & Ruth Nugent (916), and the Adairs with their Hobie Cat.

The winds were on the light side and the weather was on the hot side which had more people in the water than on it. Bob and Sharon Adair came over from the other side of the reservoir where they were with their family to chat with us. They have sold their Potter and are into Hobies and sailboards now.

The campfire was highlighted with a birthday cake and singing for my dog "Mickey Bow Wow" who was 7 years old. Many anchored their boats out Saturday night and slept aboard. Sunday brought more wind in the afternoon as many were pulling out and taking that last swim before heading home.

Barbara Simpson, Commodore



Letters

Received a letter from Cy Zoerner relating about his problem with hoisting straps. Cy joined a yacht club in his area with dry storage for his Potter. The club's access to the water was by two hoists. Correspondence with HMS Marine and fellow Potter-Yachters convinced Cy to use under-the-hull straps as the best way to go. Here is Cy's letter to all our members:

If, like me, you're faced with the problem of launching your Potter from a hoist, here's a solution.

Have your friendly sailmaker produce two hoisting straps. Each should be 18 feet 6 inches long with stainless "D" rings on both ends. Mine are 2 inches wide, made of two layers of nylon fabric bonded by 5 rows of stitches. These straps have a test of about 1,250 pounds, providing a safety margin of 750 pounds.

Keep the straps out of the sunlight and flushed with fresh water after each use, they are predicted to survive 5 years of frequent launchings. The price was \$40.

To hoist, place the straps under the hull and attach to the hoist hook by the "D" rings. My Potter (minus outboard) securely balances with one strap slightly forward of the chain-plates and the other slightly aft of the centerboard trunk. Even when wet, the straps do not slip because they bite into the rub rails.

Straps of this type will give you a greater selection of launching sites.

C.E. Zoerner #767



General Information

Occasionally the newsletter editor has one or two newsletters returned because the member has moved and did not leave a forwarding address. Please include the commodore and editor in your address book for reference as well as a change of address.

Weather Helm and Lee Helm

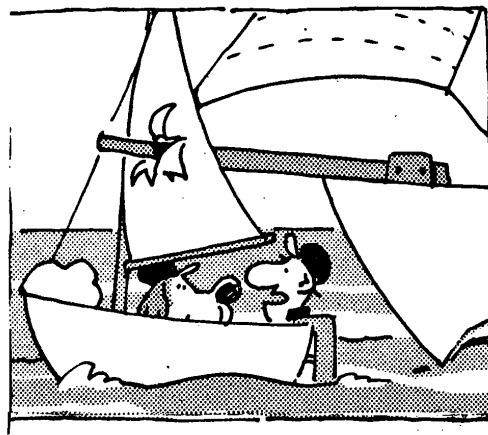
While the causes and cures of *weather and lee helm* are beyond the scope of this elementary sailing program, it is essential that you understand what the two conditions are, and their effects. A perfectly balanced sailboat will maintain course with no adjustment of the rudder. This balance cannot be maintained at all times and under all conditions.

Lee helm means that if you let go of the tiller the bow will *fall off*; that is, swing away from the wind; filling the sails and gaining speed. With a lee helm, if you fall overboard your boat will continue to sail, but away from you! A boat carrying a lee helm makes sailing harder work. Instead of putting the tiller slightly to the windward, the skipper must constantly push it away, to leeward, to hold his course. A severe lee helm makes the boat unsafe; under some normal sea and wind conditions she may become uncontrollable. Therefore, lee helm is to be avoided.

With a *weather helm* your boat will head up into the wind and stop if the tiller is released. This is a definite safety advantage. A sloop of normal rig will, if sailing with the jib down, have a strong weather helm. One disadvantage of excessive weather helm is that increased rudder drag slows the boat. Another is increased helmman fatigue, consequent to

The ideal condition is a slight weather helm requiring just a touch on the tiller to maintain course. The safety of the boat automatically heading into the wind and stopping remains.

Weather or lee helm is determined by set and size of sails, position or *rake* of mast, position of centerboard, and trim of boat. If you have excessive helm in either direction, especially lee, seek advice and help.



MEMBERSHIP

New Members: Welcome Aboard

The Northern California West Wight Potter Association is pleased to accept the following new members this month:

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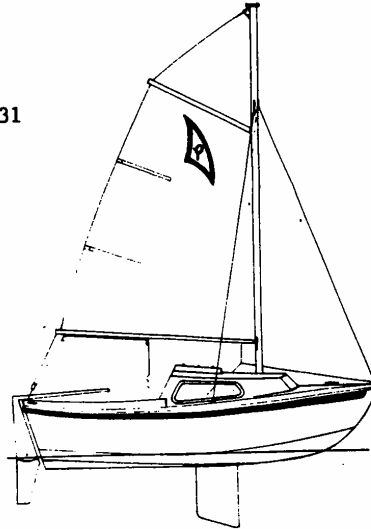
Mel and Millie Dinesen Hull #1247
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Herbert and Julie Rogers P-15
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Don Wilson P-19
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Larry Burnham P-19
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Change of Address

Rob and Donna McClain Hull #1168 Boat's name: "Freedom"
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JOIN UP NOW.

STATEMENT

Dues: 1984

Starting in October, the treasurer will start accepting your \$8.00 annual dues for 1984. There is a possibility of a dues increase of a dollar in November if your dues are turned in later than October. Mailing and printing the "Many Ways to Potter" by De Marsh has put a crimp in our budget. Also, we will be hosting the annual Potter Regatta next year which is an added expense.

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