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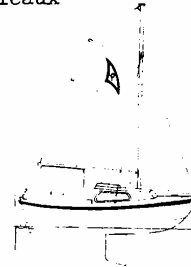
Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Assn.

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Sailing Schedule

June 2-3	Woodward Reservoir	
June 16	Martinez	
June 30-July 1	West Wight Potter Na	1 Regatta



At The Helm

Greetings to all, I'm Bill Sprietsma, your new commodore. I want you all to know that I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to the coming year of sailing with the Potter-Yachters. Thanks to past commodore Barbara Simpson's fine work, our sailing events committee has already scheduled some new locations and some old favorite meeting spots.

We will have even more opportunities for sailing adventure this summer with two events scheduled for each month plus the National Regatta on June 30-July 1. The first weekend of the month will continue to be the "Main Event." For those of you who have conflicting schedules or for those of you who would like to be out with group more often, there will now be a sail scheduled on the third weekend during the summer months.

If you would like to share your favorite sailing spots or if there are areas that you would like to explore, then call me or one of the members on the sailing committee. The committee members are Jerry Barrilleaux (415) 685-4577, Stan Butler (415) 369-0522, and Barbara Simpson (415) 254-2621. We are looking forward to receiving your ideas on sailing events and items of interest for the club's newsletter.

Bill Sprietsma



Insight: The Act of Seeing Into a Situation

The Situation is in regards to sailing events and to newsletter articles. First, the sailing committee really wants to know where the membership would like to sail for a fleet outing. Call Bill, Jerry, Stan, or Barbara for the time and place.

Second, the newsletter articles and fillers have certainly been of interest to our members. Thanks to all who have contributed. Cy Zoerner suggests we start a feature of "Tales of High Adventure" written by members when we run out of newsletter items. So, members, send me your "sea stories" that shows your situational insight. Stan Butler suggests a rerun of some of newsletter articles since our association was formed in 1978.

Editor

WEST WIGHT POTTER

"Welcome aboard..." NEW MEMBERS

The Northern California West Wight Potter Association is Pleased to accept the following new members:

Bill and Carolyn Ellis P-15
207 Merrow Street
Auburn, CA 95603

Kevin and Valerie Fairchild P-19
2846 Sycamore Way
Santa Clara, CA 95051



WEST WIGHT POTTER

Potter For Sale

Parven Malik has had his Potter in storage for some time and tells me it is in very good condition. Built in 1976, #661, includes a trailer and is ready to sail. \$2,200 and offers are invited. Also, Parven has a 4 HP Evenrude outboard motor that has been used only a few times and is in brand new condition, \$450. Telephone Parven at (209) 478-4330.

David Rhoades is selling his Potter-15 since he recently purchased a Potter-19. This 1982 Potter, #1146, has a bow pulpit, cockpit rails, matching yellow and orange sails, and has a variety of extras that Dave will tell you about. Dilly trailer included and the asking price is \$4200. Telephone Dave at (408) 926-5976.

SAILING REGATTA

The 17th annual West Wight Potter National Regatta will be held at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda on the weekend of June 30-July 1. There will be a series of 3 races and there will be trophies for each class of Potter sailboats. There will also be trophies for the ladies "powder puff" race.

HMS Marine will be hosting a luncheon for us on Saturday and we expect a great turn-out for the banquet that evening. Return the entry form with your entry fee to Barbara Simpson today.

SIGN-UPS

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1984 WEST WIGHT POTTER NATIONAL REGATTA ENTRY FORM

HULL NUMBER _____ BOAT TYPE (Circle One): Gunter Rig, Potter-15 Mark I/II, Potter-19

NAME _____ NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING EVENT _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE NO. () _____

I need an overnight berth for my Potter: YES _____, NO _____ \$5.00 Entry Fee enclosed _____

Send this form with the entry fee to: BARBARA SIMPSON, 12 BROOKWOOD ROAD, ORINDA, CA 94563

STATEMENT OF SKIPPER: I assume the risk of all hazards of the races for the 1984 WWP National Regatta on June 30 and July 1, 1984. I agree that I shall hold blameless the Northern California WWP Association and its members, the Encinal Yacht Club and the San Jose Sailing Club and their member from liability for any injury, damage, or loss incurred by my entry in the event and related activities, releasing and waiving any and all claims that might arise from my participation.

SIGNATURE _____, DATE _____

It shall be the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that his/her vessel complies with the appropriate US Coast Guard rules and equipment.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

Last Sail: Opening Day on San Francisco Bay

The first official day of yachting for the new season began with "Opening Day on the Bay" on April 29th. Five skippers showed up (that I know of) in spite of small craft advisories and predictions of winds from 15 to 25 knots and gusting higher in some areas.

The first to launch was Bruce Weese, single handling his P-19 (215). By the time the rest of us were in the water, he was out of sight. What happened to you, Bruce? Jerry Barrilleaux (564), Mike Bartunek and Claudia Hassler (748), and myself (1205) sailed from Sausalito across Richardson Bay and west into the choppy waters and changing winds of Raccoon Strait.

Boat traffic for this opening day was suppose to go in a counter-clockwise direction around the Bay. To get to Ayala Cove on Angel Island, we had to weave our way through several hundred boats. It was like driving the wrong way on a one-way boulevard. We pulled our boats on the beach and watched the other boats have their usual opening day water balloon fights.

The return trip consisted of some sailing and some motoring in spray filled breezes reported to have been 25 knots and gusting to 33 knots. Co-skippers David Geisser and Judy Bell with crew Sara Bell and Lamour Bell were at the launch ramp. They arrived late and had sailed around the point to Belvedere Cove where they anchored and watched the festivities.

Next Sail: Woodward Reservoir, June 2-3

This has always been one of our favorite places to sail and campout. For you early birds, join us at the campfire Friday night on June 1. There will be improptu fun & games such as the "Fox and the Hare" as well as a couple of sailboat races. If you can't come for both days, then come for one day of enjoyable sailing with compatible friends.

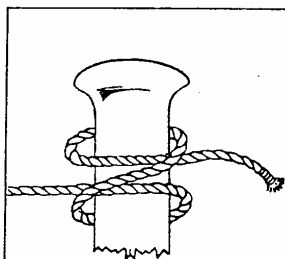
To get to Woodward, drive east on route 120 and continue east through Escalon to county route J-14. This road is on a curve. Turn left and follow the signs to the reservoir. Once inside the toll gate, check for the group location on the bulletin board on the right. We hope to be at Sailboat Cove as in previous years. Turn right at the cross-roads, drive past the sewage station, then on a ways until you see the Potters on your left.

Bring along your firewood, hotdogs, and marshmallows plus campchairs.

Saturday, June 16: Martinez Sail

We have sailed out from Benicia as well as from Pittsburg and now the sail out from Martinez on the Sacramento River should be most enjoyable. We'll plan on a 10:00 am launch time. Bring along a picnic lunch.

Directions: Driving north on route 680, turn off at Marina Vista which is just before the Benicia Bridge. Turn left at North Court Street which leads to the launching ramp.



Clove Hitch. When done with authority, the clove hitch can be the mark of a knowledgeable seaman. When missed, it can expose a rank amateur. There are several ways to tie this very popular piling knot. But the method most used, dockside, is the two-hand loop system. There

are two tricks to tying the clove hitch around a piling. One: Make the first loop by grasping the free end in one hand and putting it under the hand that's holding the standing part, which comes from the boat and is under strain. Two: Once the first loop is slipped over the piling, take two new

hand holds on the free end. Again, move the free-end hand under the hand that's holding the standing part. This time, the standing part runs from the piling.

Remember that a clove hitch on a piling is just a temporary knot. To finally secure the tie, slip double half-hitches over the line. &



Jim Wissler moved his winch support 12" forward in order to increase the tongue weight of the trailer to prevent swaying and poor control while driving. Jim and Loubelle have a travel trailer and know an almost zero tongue weight is dangerous.

Now we all know how to eliminate my "Where-to-put-the-outboard" with ^{the}bracke we'll make.

HITCH-MOUNTED MOTOR SUPPORT

