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Potter to Potter

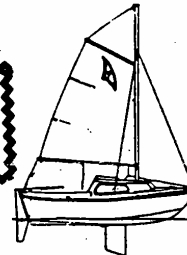
Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Assn.

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Sailing Schedule



Wednesday, January 1	Pete's Harbor Annual Brunch
Sunday, January 12	Estuary Park, Oakland to Quirns Lighthouse
Sunday, February 2	Emeryville Marina to Pier 39, San Francisco



Let's have a great turnout for the New Year's brunch (see details in this newsletter). Hopefully, this is the event where the members and sailing committee will decide the location for the 1986 National Regatta.

I have never been able to make it to the annual brunch, but I have heard it is great fun. This year, as usual, I will be out of town for the holidays. I expect to spend New Year's day somewhere in Colorado recovering from the night before. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Last Sail: Fort Baker and out the Golden Gate, December 7

We arrived at the Fort Baker launch ramp about 9:25 am, just in time for the 9:30 am skippers meeting. Potter #748 with Mike Bartunek and Claudia Hassler was the last boat to arrive before the meeting.

At the meeting it was unanimously decided that regardless of the fog, threatening clouds, unstable sea conditions, and increasing winds, that at least a short trip must be made under the Bridge and to the ocean side of the Gate. This command decision was loudly protested by the crew, but the crew was eventually persuaded that this was an entirely sane course as long as we left the boat behind. So the assembled Potter-Yachters set out on foot--past the launch ramp, past the fishing pier and Coast Guard Light, under the Bridge, and to the farthest end of the last accessible beach. The weather was becoming constantly clearer, the fog horn cease its call, and it was a fine day for a walk on a beach; but from direct observation, this was not the day for a Potter to sail out the Golden Gate. We saw two heavy-displacement sloops and a Coast Guard Cutter pitching and rolling out towards the sea.

Season's Greetings

AHOY! IT'S CHRISTMAS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS...



Last Sail (Continued)

We returned to the ramp to greet any late-arriving Potters and in the spirit of fair play, an impromptu crews meeting was held at about 10:00 am. The crew unanimously decided on breakfast to be followed by launching at Caruso's in Sausalito if the weather continued to improve. We launched about noon, and with a reef in our sail and a sunny sky overhead, we made a fast tour along the Sausalito waterfront to Fort Baker and back. We retrieved the boat then headed for Tiburon for Kahlua & coffee and a bit of Christmas shopping on the way home. Another fine day.

In spite of the fact that we had one of the worst turnouts in recent memory (c'mon...one boat!), let's try it again and hope for better weather. There are 3 weekends in Sept/Oct '86 that look real good for trying this sail again.

Mike Bartunek (#748)

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IF OWNING A sailboat isn't prestigious enough, owning just the right burgee ought to do the trick. Burgees — yacht club flags — are to boats what bumper stickers are to cars, but in a classier way. Flown at the top of the forward mast, they proudly proclaim yacht club affiliation.

For the next few years the burgee stacked with the most status is the one from Down Under, from the Perth Yacht Club. The reason is big and gold and ensconced in a glass case under lock and key. It's the America's Cup, owned by the New York Yacht Club for nearly a century (another great burgee to own).

"Generally speaking, the older the yacht club, the more status a burgee has," explained Edmond Manhard, historian of the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda. In the Bay Area, the oldest yacht club is the San Francisco Yacht Club, located in Belvedere, followed by the Corinthian, in Marin. Encinal is the third oldest, according to Manhard, who added that the wealth of the club, and the size of the boats in the club, has something to do with the status of the burgees. If that's the case, the St. Francis Yacht Club, located in San Francisco, may have the most prestigious burgees.

An offshoot of the San Francisco Yacht Club, the St. Francis Yacht Club was founded in 1927 because some of the members felt the club bearing San Francisco's name should be in that city. They named it the St. Francis Yacht Club and moved the new club to the Marina, said John Rogers, who has been the club curator off

and on for nearly 20 years.

"Burgees fit any vessel, from a 10-foot dinghy to a schooner that's a couple hundred feet long," joked Rogers, explaining that a dinghy probably wouldn't have a burgee. The size is based on the height of the mast and length of the craft. "You don't want the burgee to act as a sail."

"People aren't flying them the way they used to because they're putting so much stuff up there," he added, explaining that there often isn't room because of the wind indicators, antennae and radios adorning modern masts.

Burgees resemble a nylon college pennant, ending in a point. Rogers said burgees range in size, depending on the size of the boat. Burgees are half the length of the boat, but in inches, instead of feet. The burgee of a 40-foot boat, for instance, would have a fly-length of 20-inches.

"True burgees would end in a swallow tail (two points)," said Manhard, "but they go to pieces in the wind."

Burgees themselves usually cost under \$30. But to get one you have to go a little further than the neighborhood flag store. Only yacht club members are allowed to buy burgees from their own club. Sometimes burgees can be traded — the Encinal Yacht Club, for instance, has more than 200 burgees from as far away as Stockholm. Traded burgees reside on the wall of a home or the club, but, Rogers admonished, "you don't fly anybody else's, ever."

WWP BURGEE

You don't have yours yet! For shame. Tell Santa that you want one and it only costs \$9. Bill Sprietsma, Santa's helper, is at P.O. Box 9785, San Jose CA 95157

**Think
before
you
drink.**

Be a responsible
boat operator.

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Sail For Sale

CLASSIFIED

Have you ever thought about having a genoa sail for your Potter? Bob Buchner will be in the Bay area for the Holidays and his sail can be yours for \$185. Bob is located at 881 Thomas Avenue, Apt #4, San Diego, CA 92109. Telephone (619) 483-6534

WEST WIGHT POTTER

Membership Up-Date

Thirty-two Potter-Yachts with their owners have been added to the 1986 WWP roster since the last newsletter. Our scheduled sails have the benefit of meeting members with similar interests and going to different locations along with receiving an informative newsletter. If you haven't paid your dues yet, please send your \$15 membership check made out to the secretary treasurer: Albert J. Ockes, 40915 Cantare Place, Fremont, CA 94539. Final notice.

Renewing their membership in the Northern California West Wight Potter Association are:

Robert & Bernice Ferguson	Robert Bliss	John & Barbara Graham
Scott Reuter	John Burke & Linda Smith	Maj Thomas (Ret) & Marjorie Stanton
Steve Brandon	Ray Monroy	Tom & Ina Rae Patton
Walt & Hilda Nobs	Mitch & Joy DeLaVaux	Leland & Ruth Edwards
Dodd & Mary Thorpe	Ranney & Susan Thayer	De & Sydney Marsh
David & Linda Rhoades	Terry & Mary Gotcher	Jerry Barrileaux
Don & Saeko Bergst	Loren & Eloine Macaire	Steve & Linda Hoskinson
George & Anne Bunn		

Next Event: Wednesday, January 1, 1986--Pete's Harbor Marina, Annual Brunch

For you young-timers, this is a non-sailing event that gives us a chance to socialize and compare sailing notes of times past. The old-timers know if they get to the restaurant early enough, there will be free gin-fizzes and calendars with a tide chart.

We'll be meeting about 10:00-10:30 am. Pete's Harbor is located in Redwood city off Highway 101. Turn off at the Whipple Avenue exit and head east. Follow the frontage road past the drive-in theater, past the marina and to the end of the road where you'll find the restaurant. Inside, look for the reveling Potter-Yachters.

Bring along your photos of past sailing events. It's always a great pleasure to review everyone's pictures. As with last year, we will again have a drawing of door prizes while we're having coffee and desert. This time there will be some brand new items for the lucky winners. If you have some nautical bric-a-brac and white elephant items for the drawing, bring them gift wrapped to the brunch.

Although this is not a business meeting, a decision will have to be made as to where our next National Regatta will be held--Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda or Marina Del Rey in Los Angeles. The past commodores who make up the sailing committee would like your input. It is also possible to have this event at a different location than in the past.

Next Sail: Sunday, January 12, Estuary Park to Quinns Lighthouse



Our destination will be Quinns Lighthouse Restaurant at #45 Embarcadero Cove. This will be an easy $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile sail in protected water on the estuary with a favorable current. Quinns will be serving brunch from 10:30 am till 2 pm. Guest docks are available.

Directions: Driving north on the Nimitz Freeway, turn off at 5th Avenue, go under the freeway, then turn right a couple of blocks to Estuary Park. Driving south on the freeway, turn off at Broadway and proceed 7 blocks to Oak Street. From Oak Street turn toward the estuary, cross the railroad tracks, then stay to your left and watch for the park on your right. The ramp and dock are excellent. No launch fee.

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Merry Christmas

"HO, HO, HO!"

Announcing

Jim Silva, avid sailor and sales rep of the West Wight Potter, will again be at the Cow Palace Sports & Boat Show, January 10-19. In exchange for free passes, Jim is calling for volunteers to answer questions that prospective buyers may ask. Since you're going to the boat show anyway, why not spend an hour or so at the club's table and get in free, too. Call or write Jim when you'll be there.

In addition to the display booth, there will be a photo-swap-out. Whether you have pictures or not to exchange, the pictures with your boat are yours. Bring those extra snapshots that another member would care to have.

For members as well as non-members, the boat show is having a promotion for those trying to sell their boats on their own. Fill out the form and Jim Silva will take care of the details for you.

Prime Time Boat Sales



**Cow Palace
Jan 10-19**

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Advertise your boat at the San Francisco Sports & Boat Show.

Take advantage of the 300,000 people looking at boats at the show.

You pay no sales commission because the buyer calls you direct.

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2. Please pay (when you place your ad) by check.
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Cow Palace
Jan 10-19**

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We've almost made it
through another
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