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# Potter to Potter

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Assn.

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## Sailing Schedule



Sat, July 5 San Leandro Marina  
Sat, July 19 Stockton to Lost Isle  
Sat & Sun, August 2-3 WWP National Regatta, EYC Alameda



## COMMODORE'S LOG

Woodward Reservoir Sail: June 7-8, Oakdale

This was a dream of a sail with continuous 15-20 mph winds for 2 days, except for Saturday evening when it let up for our pot luck dinner and campfire. The fleet was out on the lake with full sail on Saturday even though the winds were kicking up little whitecaps on the water surface. We were working hard to keep our Potters level for best performance. Sunday was "rest" day. The winds were about the same but most of the boats were reefed down, some sailin under reefed main only for relaxed sailing.

New members, Paul & Natalie Apfel, held open house in their new Toyota mini-motorhome which was admired by all. John Ockes had a broken trailer spring but he and Anne made it for the pot-luck. Don Bergst came all the way from Whittier to sail with the group and entertaine us with his stories. Terry Gotcher gave a "How to reef" demonstration at shoreside. And last but not least, Dory Taylor arrived Sunday afternoon as some of were leaving.

Those attending were Dory Taylor (#610), Frank Winans (#691), Gwen Singh (#706), Mike Bartunek, Claudia Hassler, Mark Hassler, & Jason (#748), Don Bergst (#797), Don & Dee Bernreut (#817), Terry Gotcher (#821), Dave, Sue, Carey, & James Grant (#1053), John & Anne Ockes (#106 Paul & Natalie Apfel (#1145), Bill & Freda Sprietsma (#1205), Steve & Karen Brandon (#1208), and Steve, Linda, Liana & Sara Beth Hoskinson, & Syd Seifert (#1282).

LAST Sail: Treasure Island Cove, June 21-22, SF Bay

Four Potters sailed out of Emery Cove Marina into a choppy, whitecapped Bay. Don Wilson sailed over from China Basin. We met in Treasure Island Cove in quiet waters and rafted up along side of the Averill's and the Wight's yachts. Some spent the afternoon aboard the "Forever" with gin & tonic in hand. Others enjoyed a ride around the Cove in Beth Wight's din "And Ever" which was powered by Charley Wilson at the oars. This was the first time on a Potter sailing event for Jac Robinson and Marcus Thygeson. They both handled the wet ride ove and back like real pros. Thanks to host & hostess, Bill & JOyce Wight, a great time was had by all.

In attendance was Don & Charley Wilson (P-19 #221), Tom Sr & Tom Jr Stanton (#926), Marcu & Cecelia Thygeson (#1144), Bill Sprietsma (#1205), Jac Robinson (#1372), Bill & Joyce Wight i their yacht "Forever", and Gene & Sharon Averill in their yacht "China Moon".

**WEST WIGHT POTTER**



Next Sail: Saturday, July 5, San Leandro Marina

## Potter Cruising

Skipper's meeting & launch time 10:30 am. From Route I-880 (Route 17) in San Leandro, turn off at Marina Boulevard and head west toward the Bay. Follow the arrows on the signs to the launch ramp. We'll follow the channel out into the Bay and perhaps explore the area around the Oakland Airport or farther.

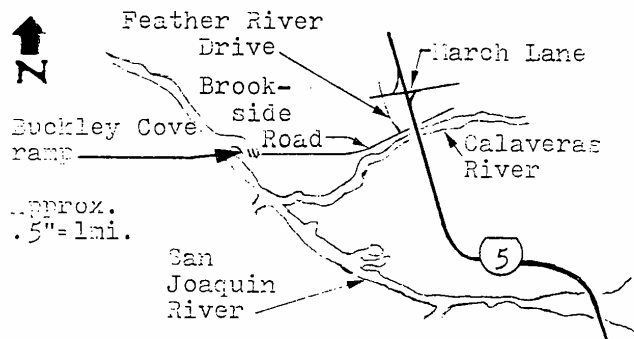
Bring along a picnic lunch. After the sail in the early afternoon, we'll stop at one of the 3 restaurants at the marina. Notify the harbor master if you would like to have an overnight berth for your boat.

And The Next Sail: Saturday, July 19, Stockton to Lost Isle


Four months ago, remember, there were heavy rains, floods, and hurricane winds when this sail was scheduled. Our fearless commodore at that time, Mike Bartunek, made the sail and wrote an interesting tale. See the April newsletter Potter To Potter.

Launch time is 10:30 am at Buckley Cove ramp. It is about a four mile sail up the San Joaquin River to Lost Isle Marina (accessible only by boat) where we will have lunch. Guest docks are available and the restaurant will be open.

Available are overnight guest docks, showers, and rest rooms. Consider packing your sleeping bag.



### Directions:



Take March Lane Exit from Route I-5 in Stockton. Follow March Lane west then turn left at Feather River Drive. Next, turn right at Brookside Road and proceed to Buckley Cove Park and the launch ramp.

### Now You Know

Why are yachts christened with a bottle of champagne? An Old English proverb states that a ship that doesn't taste wine will see blood during its lifetime (heard from a tour guide at Wente Winery). Have you ever tried to christen your boat with a bottle of champagne? Lattitude 38 suggests you score the bottle first because the glass is thick and it is hard to break. Better yet, your local chandlery may have a special bottle for the occasion.

Bumper sticker of the month: Caution, I usually steer with a tiller.

Quote from Benjamin Franklin: "He who would go to sea for pleasure would go to hell for diversion."

For sunburn: Wet a cloth with non-herbal tea and place it on the sunburned area; use the teabags to place over sunburned eyelids (overheard at the Woodward Reservoir sail).

Extra floatation: Fill plastic gallon bottles with styrofoam packing material then place the bottles in a plastic garbage bag. This is all put under the cockpit seats. In the event of a mishap and your boat fills with water (it shouldn't sink due to the built-in floatation the extra floatation will keep the cockpit above the water line. It is also advisable to install covered portholes in the seats next to the transom in case you need to use a bilge pump (Gwen Singh).



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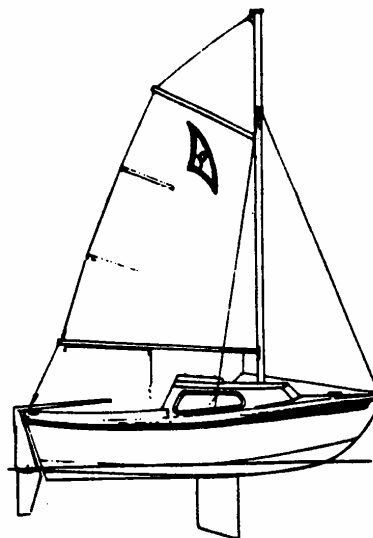


## WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS:

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P-15 #1388 "Free Will"

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P-19 #222



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### General Information

That's the number of Potter-19s that are now in our association. Graham McDonald who lives near Riverside in Southern California devised a mini Many Ways to Potter for P-19 owners. Graham's first Potter-19 was wiped out by a '78 Caddie. He and his wife, Carole, have watched their 2nd P-19 being built at the factory. Since taking delivery, they have made many additions and modifications in the past few months.

This booklet has been sent out to the Potter-19 members and will be sent to any P-15 members who request a copy. In return, the editor request your comments and the description of any personal modifications on your yacht. Send sketches where necessary.

Potter For Sale

### CLASSIFIED

John Bassarear is retiring soon and will be heading for many points around the US of A in a motorhome with his wife, Rogena. The Bassarear's Potter 15 has over \$2,000 in extras and is asking \$3,800 for this great looking yacht. This P-15 (#739) was built in 1978 and comes with a trailer, 2 HP Suzuki outboard motor, Genoa & pole, spinnaker & pole, boom vang, spare tire & wheel, topping lift, bow pulpit, anchor, tie down straps, 8" access ports in seats, and cushions. John can be reached at 2001 Bordeaux Lane, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 or call at home (415) 726-3559 or at work (415) 595-6340.

Bob and Bernice Ferguson have decided on a change of life style priorities which does not include their Potter-15, #1245. This 3 year old yacht is in mint condition and is a great buy at \$3,250. It has a yellow hull with a white deck and of course the sails are yellow and white. It comes with a trailer and spare tire as well as a 2 HP Yamaha outboard motor. The Ferguson's can be reached at 332 Marks Drive in Hollister, CA 95023, Telephone: (408) 637-2983

Check List

### Short Shorts

When you go on a sail, do you mentally plan all those things you need to bring or do you have a check list? In your towing vehicle, do you carry a trailer jack, lug wrench, tool box parking lot ladder, cooler, ice, jumper cables, and . . . ? In your vessel, do you carry an anchor, signal flares, a paddle, personal floatation devices, and . . . ?

The newsletter editor would like to publish a check list of items that you consider essential for your towing vehicle and your boat. Send it by July 23rd to John Ockes, 40915 Cantare Place, Fremont, CA 94539