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Potter to Potter

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Assn.

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COMMODORE'S LOG

Ballena Bay Sail, September 7, Alameda. Those attending were Don & Dee Bernruter (P-817), Ranney Thayer with son John and brother Rob with Doug, Staphanie & Neal (P766), John & Anne Ockes (P-1060), Bill & Freda Sprietsma (P-1205), Sam & Wini Cocks (P-1376), Dwight & Dianna Goad with daughters Adrea & Dena (M-360), and Bill & Gigi Cobb (M-363).

Five Potters and two Montgomerys turned out for our Ballena Bay sail. Small Craft advisories were up with 20-30 knot winds predicted. Ranney Thayer was first to launch. He ran a shuttle to and from the dock, giving his brother Rob and his family a chance to see what a Potter can do.

John and Anne Ockes waved goodbye as the fleet headed out into the Bay. In spite of the predicted high winds, we had a gentle 8 mile sail down to San Leandro Marina. We tied up at the guest docks and met with John and Anne at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant for refreshments and tall tale telling times. Don Bernruter found the stories a little dull. Down at the dock he gave Bill's boat a push off but forgot to let go. He ended up in the drink. With crys of "Help!", "Man overboard!", there were willing hands to pull him out.

Bill Day & Gigi Cobb left the San Leandro dock about 4:00 pm for the return sail back. Freda shuttled the rest of us back to Ballena Bay where we picked up our cars & trailers to pull our boats out and head home.

Last Sail: September 20, San Rafael Marina to China Camp

Those attending were Tom Stanton (#926), Mike Bartunek & Claudia Hassler (#748), Rob McClain & Joan Margolius (#1168), Don Fleming & Barbara Andren (#846), Bruce Hood (#1246), Bill & Freda Sprietsma (#1205), Steve Brandon & Mark Kubacki (#1208), John & Barbara Simpson (#266), and John Graham (#312).

This was one of those super smooth lazy days on the Bay. A fleet of nine Potters sailed and drifted out of Loch Lomond Marina which is located at the Bay end of the San Rafael Canal. It took some of us over 2 hours just to round the Marin Islands a little over a mile from the harbor. We then headed for Point San Pedro, sailed past "The Sisters" and McNears Beach to land at China Camp.

We explored this historic oriental fishing village which has been preserved much as it was at the turn of the century. Some visited the small museum, some walked up San Pedro Hill to enjoy the view while others sunbathed on the beach. By the time we pushed offed, the winds were up for a nice fast ride home.

Last Sail (Continued)

After the sail John & Barbara Simpson, Don Fleming, Barbara Andrews, Bruce Hood, Steve Brandon, Mark Kubachi, and Bill & Freda Sprietsma ended up at Pinky's Pizza taking turns out dcing each ot er in beer mugs, food, and the telling of tall tales.

Next Sailing Event: Saturday, October 11, Coyote Point Marina, **Let's Have Some Fun**

Directions: From the East Bay, take the San Mateo Bridge (Route 92) across the Bay to Route 101. Drive north to Burlingame then turn off on Peninsula Avenue which lead to the Coyote Point County Park and launch ramp. Launch fee is \$2.00.

We plan to leave the launch ramp about 10:30 am. and cruise past San Bruno and Oyster Point towards Hunters Point. Depending on weather and wind conditions, we should be off the water by 4:00 pm. Bring along a lunch to eat on the water. After the sail we may be stopping at the Castaway Restaurant nearby for those who want to stay for dinner. It's a nice place with dinners in the \$12-\$15 dollar range.

Optional Sail: Sunday, October 19, Lake Elizabeth, Fremont

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

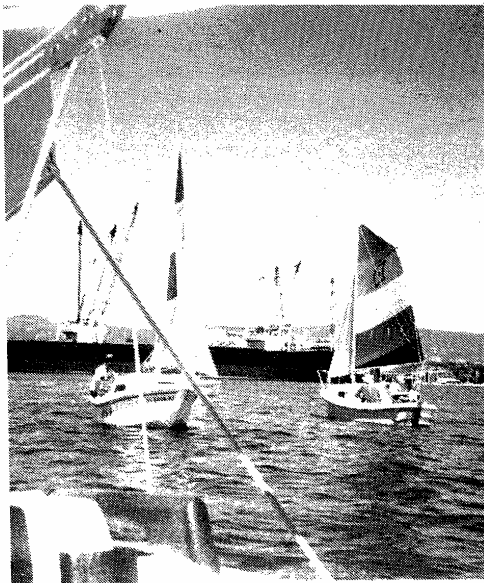
In the coming months there will be an optional sail on a lake or reservoir. These sails will not be on the Bay or the Delta or the Pacific Ocean. What is needed from the membership is ideas for places to sail. Telephone or mail a letter to the editor with your suggestions: (415) 656-2984, John Ockes, 40915 Cantare Place, Fremont, CA 94539.

Directions: From Route 880 (Nimitz Freeway) in Fremont, turn off at Mowry Avenue and drive east. When you get to Paseo Padre Parkway turn south for about 3 long blocks then turn in at Central Park. Meet at the launch ramp with a picnic lunch at 10:30 am. Besides our cruising sail around the lake, we'll have a mini-regatta to win a pumpkin for Halloween. There will also be a drawing for other pumpkins.

Photographers Do It With Pictures

Goings Ons...

The newsletter editor would like to enhance the Potter-To-Potter with pictures. Send yours to John Ockes and identify them on the back. Also, put your name on them if you want them returned. The editor would appreciate fillers from sailing publications.



19th Annual West Wight Potter National Regatta
August 1986, Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda



WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS:

Randy & Marti Maidens. Deckhands: Marc & Aimee
P.O. Bob 203, Shaver Lake, CA 93664
Telephone: (209) 841-3835
P-15 #183



POTTERS FOR SALE

CLASSIFIED

Ken Vance has a classic Potter-15 for sale, #245 (1968), and is in good condition. The boat comes with a trailer and an anchor. The best offer or asking price is \$2400 dollars. Ken is located at 2332 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612, telephone (415) 835-1992.

Bill Moore has a Potter-15, #601, that's ready for sailing. The main sail has reefing points and the boat also comes with a genoa sail. Also included is a 2 HP outboard motor, fenders, and a trailer with a wheel jack. The price is negotiable and Bill can be reached at 248 Betty Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, Telephone (415) 685-0325.

Bill Tibbits has a Potter-15, #1050, that is in Bristol condition. That's a nautical term for "beautiful condition." The firm price is \$2395 and comes with about everything: Sails are yellow & orange with the main sail with jiffy reefing, hull color is yellow & white, there is a special laminated extension tiller, cockpit cushions, side rails, bow pulpit, boom vang, and also a galvanized tilt trailer with buddy bearings & spare tire. The buyer will have an option to buy a 3½ HP Suzuki outboard motor with only 6 running hours on it. Call Bob at (619) 378-3146 or write: H.C. 1 Box 3108, Weldon, CA 93283

Kevin Fairchild has a Potter-19 that was built in 1984 and is ready to go. Kevin will accept a reasonable offer for this boat that has a light gray hull with blue trim, dark blue jib and navy & light blue main sail, bow pulpit, genoa tracks and block, custom mahogany wood hand rails and door hatches, custom built tilt/Dilly trailer with new tires, swing pick up rudder, self contained sink with water, and a 4 HP Mercury engine with 10 hours use. Call (408) 244-1518, 2846 Sycamore Way, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

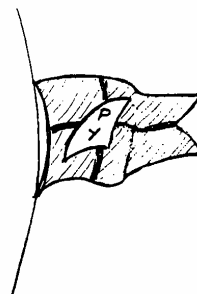
Harold Movius has a Potter-15, #1360, that is priced at \$3595 and in excellent condition. The hull is blue with white sails and has side rails, 2 HP Suzuki outboard motor, and a tilt trailer with a spare tire. There are other extras. Call Harold at (209) 478-5768 and the boat can be seen at 2523 Pyrenees Street, Stockton, CA 95210.

Burgee-Burgee-Burgee . . .

ACT NOW

It's true, yacht club flags boost the status of boat owners, and yes, we have just the flag for you. It is our own West Wight Potter burgee that was designed by our vice-commadore, Rob McClain.

Bill Sprietsma has a new supply and they are larger than the first batch of burgees that was sold. Send your \$9.00 to Bill at P.O. Box 9785 San Jose, CA 95157 to receive it in the mail. Your 1st burgee is fitted to your right side stay and a 2nd burgee looks great with all your sailing pictures on the wall.



The burgee looks like this—a red cross with a blue background that has a white Potter sail insignia over the center of the cross with red letters P and Y (Potter-Yachters).

It's That Time Again . . .

Because . . .

Indian Summer is about over and the stores are getting ready for Christmas. The New Year will soon be here and a new membership roster mailed out. Write out your check for \$15 for continuing membership in our great association for 1987. Make your check out to Albert J. Ockes and mail it to 40915 Cantare Place, Fremont, CA 94539

Marine Flea Market

Svendsen's Boatworks and Alameda Marina will sponsor the 13th Annual Marine Flea Market on October 11. The show starts at 10 a.m. and goes throughout the day, ending at 4 p.m.

The public is invited to bring unwanted

marine items and set up their own tables to buy, sell or trade merchandise.

The Marine Flea Market is the only market that invites the public to clean out their boat lockers for free. This will be the last event of its kind at Svendsen's Boatworks.



• **Cuauhtemoc**, 297-foot Mexican three-masted bark. Built in 1982 of steel as a sail-training ship, it carries 24,757 square feet of sail, 24 officers, 85 crew members and 90 cadets.

“The Changing Picture”



WP National Regatta, Encinal YC, Alameda



John & Anne Ockes (#1060) Del Valle Reservoir



John & Barbara Simpson (#266)
Launching (or is it retrieving)
at San Leandro Marina



Sam & Wini Cocks (#1378) Del Valle Reservoir
Bill Srijetsma's Potter (#1205)

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Those attending were Dean & Joy Smith with son Jason Smith (P-19 #367), Harry & Jeff Gordon (#234), Mike Bartunek & Claudia Hassler (#748), Bill Sprietsma (#1205), Steve Brandon & Mark Kubaski (#1208), Keven & Ann Marie Morris and Pete Loughlin (#1233), Bruce Hood and Paul Hood (#1246), Jac Robinson (#1372), Jack & Joac Spencer (M-15 #380), and Ranney Thayer and Carol Ann Bringuel in a Catalina 22.

It was the beginning of "Fleet Week." The US Navy battle group fleet sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge and into the Bay. The Potter fleet sailed out of Coyote Point harbor into the San Francisco Bay headed by our own battleship, P-19 #367, under the guidance of Captain Jason Smith who had sailed down from Oyster Point, his home port, to be with the group. We left the dock with sails reefed and ready for the 20 knot winds along with the spray of the Bay chop. We were late getting away and it was almost noon before we cleared the harbor, so we had the full force of the afternoon winds. It was a beautiful sight those Potters dancing on the waves on their way up towards Hunter's Point where some claimed to have sighted parts of "the other fleet." About 3:00 pm we turned and with decks awash, headed back to the marina. Most boats were on the water over 4½ hours--a real workout for the skippers in those winds.

After the sail Mike Bartunek, Claudia Hassler, Bruce & Paul Hood, Jack & Joac Spencer, Ranney Thayer, Carol Ann Bringuel and Bill Sprietsma went over to the Castaway Restaurant for a meal fit for hungry sailors. The good food was topped only by the joy of sharing the day's adventure.

Optional Sail: Sunday, October 19, Lake Elizabeth, Fremont



It was a warm, sunny day on the lake and at times we were playing bumper tag with Lido-14's, Flying Juniors, and El Toro's that were racing with the Fremont Sailing Club. After exploring the 52 acre lake and having a quick lunch, the Potter Yachters had a pumpkin race, rounding the mark at each finger of the lake and finishing at the dock. And the winner was-- Jac Robinson.

Those attending this sail were John & Anne Ockes (#1060), Paul & Natalie Apfel with Jan, Sarah, and Scott Rankin (#1154), Jac Robinson (#1372), and Bill & Freda Sprietsma (#1205). The optional sail is not part of the regular sailing schedule and the editor would like to know of places to sail that would be of interest to our members such as Lake Berryessa, Folsom Lake, Tomales Bay, Carquinez Straits, New Mellones Reservoir, Lake Tahoe, etc, etc, and etc.

Next Sail: Saturday, November 8, Richmond to Tiburon Peninsula

SAIL ON..

It was about a year ago this month that we sailed from the Richmond to Angel Island with 11 Potters. There was light winds, favorable currents, and plenty of sunshine. Again we'll launch from the Richmond Marina at 10:00 am sharp. This is a new marina with a free launch ramp and plenty of parking. Take Highway 17 that leads to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and turn west at Cutting Boulevard. Then south when you get to Marina Way and drive all the way to the end where you turn left to the marina.

The sail plan is to go to Point Bluff at the lower end of the Tiburon Peninsula then cruise up past the Tiburon Oceanographic center around Point Chaucey and into Paradise Cove. If time permits, we'll land at Paradise Beach County Park for a picnic lunch.

Looking Ahead - 1987

Notes of Interest

Now would be a good time to start looking ahead to next year and what activities do we want our fleet to become involved in such as our National Regatta, location of scheduled sails, social activities, and other things you can think of.

As some members may know, I went to Denver where a new Potter fleet is forming and I went to their first scheduled sail. They have the potential of becoming a 25-30 boat fleet by next year. I have also written to Potter dealers in Portland, Oregon and Tacoma, Washington. Both have expressed an interest in starting a fleet in their areas as the Denver dealer has done. Now if I can find someone in Southern California to start a fleet, then more the merrier.

With this much activity and hopefully future activity, we should try to find answers to these questions: (1) Is HMS Marine interested in having the 20th National Regatta in Southern California?, (2) If not, do we want to hold the National's in Northern California? If so, where and when?, and (3) If we don't sponsor a regatta, how many members are willing to travel and how far. Lastly, how many skippers are interested in sailing in a National Regatta for Montgomery 15's & 17's and Potter 15's & 19's only at Encinal Yacht Club? This regatta would be sailed under US Yacht Racing Union rules and sponsored by EYC with trophies from EYC. This regatta would be in addition to any sponsored by our fleet.

Phone or write the Commodore, newsletter editor, or Terry Gotcher and let them know your thoughts.

Terry Gotcher (#821)

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Send this form to the editor/treasurer along with your 1987 membership renewal dues.

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Potter For Sale

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Ranny Thayer has a WWP-15, Mark II, #766, that was built in 1978. It has an orange hull with a white deck and white sails. This boat came over the finish line first in the 1984 National Regatta and came in second in 1986. Included is a Highland galvanized trailer with a wheel jack and a spare tire. The boat has side rails, running lights, a whisker pole, and a 2 HP Suzuki outboard motor--all for \$2900 dollars. Contact Ranny at 6093 Elmbridge Drive, San Jose, CA 95129. Telephone: Days 415/852-7264, nights & weekends 408/996-1468

Mike Ekern is planning for the future and needs to sell his WWP-15, #1321, to achieve his goals. The boat is only 3 years old and in excellent condition. The hull is blue with a white deck and the sails are powder blue and white. The main sail has reef points and sail slugs for easy set-up. Also included are side rails, porta-potti, paddle, boat hook, boom vang, 1-3/4 hp Sears outboard motor and a Dilly tilt trailer. Asking price is \$3,500. Mike