

March 1987

# Potter to Potter

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Assn.

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## Sailing Schedule

Sunday, March 29	Annual Business Meeting, Luncheon & Election of Officers, Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda
Sunday, April 12	Martinez Marina to the Naval Mothball Fleet
Sunday, April 26	Annual Opening Day on SF Bay, Sausalito to Angel Island
Sat & Sun, August 15 & 16	West Wight Potter Annual Regatta, Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda



## COMMODORE'S LOG

Last Sail: Saturday, March 7, Ballena Bay, Alameda to South Beach Marina, San Francisco

Those attending this sail were David & Candy Hogan (#261), John & Barbara Simpson (#266), Don & Dee Bernreuter (#817), John & Anne Ockes (#1060), Bill & Freda Sprietsma (#1205), Rob & Bruce McClain (#1168), Bruce Hood and Kathryn Kimberly (#1241), Scott Reuter (#1253), Jac Robinson (#1372), Wendell & Marion Spence (#191), and Bill Day and Gigi Cobb (#363).

This sail went off just as planned!!! The weather was cloudy to overcast but warm for March. Since there was no wind in the morning, our entire fleet motored most of the way across the Bay. We sailed around the breakwater in front of the marina and found plenty of space to dock at their long guest dock. For an overnight tie-up, the charge is .35¢ per foot. This would be a great spot to sail to for an overnight stay and a San Francisco waterfront adventure

Our next stop was the Java House Restaurant which overlooked the guest dock and next to pier 40. Good stable food at reasonable prices. While finishing lunch, the good old westerlies came up--10 to 15 knots. This gave us a fast run "wing-on-wing" sail back to Alameda. The small launch ramp was crowded and the pull-outs were slow. Barbara and Candy had time to make friends with at least one unhappy power boater at the ramp.

Next Sail: Sunday, April 12, Martinez Marina to the Mothball Fleet in Suisun Bay

We'll plan to sail from the Martinez Marina across the Carquinez Strait past the Port of Benicia and Army Point then under the Benicia-Martinez Bridge up to the old naval mothball fleet. This will be a 6 to 7 mile round trip sail. The tide will change about 1:15 pm. so we'll have the tide with us both ways. Bring along a picnic lunch for on-board dining. Perhaps after the sail we'll stop for Cajun food or even a pizza. Plan to have your reefing lines rigged as the Strait has been known to be a little breezy at times in April.

Skippers meeting 10:00 am. and launch & in the water by 10:30 am. Directions: From Route 680, turn off at Marina Vista and drive east. Turn right on Ferry Street where you'll pass the AMTRAK Station and railroad tracks. Turn right on Embarcadero which leads to the Martinez Yacht Harbor and launch ramp. If you're coming in from Route 4, turn north on Alhambra Avenue with a short right on Marina Vista then left on Ferry Street.

**WEST WIGHT POTTER**

## *What more can we say?*

As Potter Fleet 'Historians' in the past have done, I am submitting where we sailed in the last year with a little commentary.

April 27, 1986 - Opening Day on the Bay. 5 Potters & 1 Montgomery launched from Sausalito--boats stuck in the mud, motors konking out and water balloons.

May 4, 1986 - Del Valle Reservoir, Livermore. 7 Potters & 1 Montgomery sailed and met for dinner at SmorgaBobs.

May 17, 1986 - Clear Lake, Konocti Harbor Inn. 7 Potters & 1 Montgomery--past commodore's flag presented to Mike Bartunek. Lots of motoring, drifting and towing.

June 7&8, 1986 - Woodward Reservoir, Oakdale. 13 boats for reefed sailing and camping.

June 21-23, 1986, Treasure Island Cove. 5 boats rafted up to the Wight's yacht "Forever and the Averill's yach "China Moon". Choppy waters.

June 20-23, 1986 - Catalina Island. Terry Gotcher, Rob McClain and Don Bergst sailed the 26 miles across the sea.

June 5, 1986 - San Leandro Marina. 4 boats sailed in perfect wind and weather with dinner at El Torito's

July 19, 1986 - Stockton to Lost Isle. 12 boats sailed in hot weather amid ski boats, power boats and lots of boat wakes.

August 2&3, 1986 - 19th Annual National Regatta, Encinal Yacht Club. 40 Potters and 90 sailors turned out for 2 days of racing, food and fun.

September 7, 1986 - Ballena Bay, Alameda. 7 Potters and 2 Montgomerys sailed in gentle winds to the Blue Dolphin for lunch.

September 20, 1986 - San Rafael. 9 boats launched from Loch Lomond sailing past the Marin Islands to China Camp with dinner at Pinky's Pizza.

October 11, 1986 - Coyote Point Marina. 8 Potters and 1 Montgomery and a Catalina held on in 20 knot winds with dinner at the Castaways.

October 19, 1986 - Lake Elizabeth, Fremont. 4 Potters in a Pumkin race.

November 8, 1986 - Richmond to Tiburon. 9 boats in light winds sailed to Paradise Cove and Raccoon Straits with Chinese food at Point Richmond.

December 6, 1986 - Santa Cruz Marina. 3 Potterys sailed on Monterey Bay in shirt sleeve weather along with the weals.

January 1, 1987 - Pete's Harbor, Redwood City. 39 Potter Yachters turned out for brunch , scuttlebutt and door prizes.

January 11, 1987 - Redwood Shores in San Mateo. Changed to Redwood City Marina with 2 boats in light winds and cold weather.

February 8, 1987 - Alameda to Quinn's Lighthouse. 9 Potters and 1 Montgomery for a good sail, good lunch and good weather.

March 7, 1987 - Ballena Bay Marina in Alameda to South Beach Marina in San Francisco. 9 Potters & 2 Montgomerys motored across the Bay with a brisk sail back.

### October Potter

Barbara Simpson, Historian

The Potter Boat Company Ltd recently sent the editor a booklet describing Stanley Smith's cruise in his plywood Potter-14 from the Isle of Wight, England to Kloster Fjord, Sweden that took place from October 12 to November 17, 1965.

Stanley Smith is the original designer and builder of the Potter where he had his boatyard on the west side of the Isle of Wight. It appeared he was a sailor's sailor. Contact the editor if you would like to read about this adventure.

If you are going "across the pond" this year to England and would like to see how the English Potters are constructed, contact Mr. Larry Rumbol at the Potter Boat Company Ltd, located at the Uppington Boatworks, Hinton Martell, Wimborne, Dorset BH 21 7HA and telephone when you get to England at (0258) 840810 so that they will be suitably prepared for your visit.

### 1987 Membership Renewal

Tom & Karen Kruse  
7820 Miller Avenue

Gilroy, CA 95020

P-15  
408/842-7458

Dodd & Mary Thorpe  
86 Hartley Drive

Colusa, CA 95932

P-15 #620 "Mini Mini"  
916/458-2829

And The Following Sail: Sunday, April 26, "Opening Day on San Francisco Bay"



We'll launch early, between 9:30-10:00 am because of the heavy boat traffic that is expected. Then we will try to sail as a group from Sausalito to Ayala Cove at Angel Island. Since the parade of boats is counter-clockwise around the Bay and mostly one-way traffic thru Raccoon Strait, it is recommended to sail/motor around the island to the Cove. There is a charge to use the dock but free to sail your boat onto the beach. Meet on the grassy area for our picnic lunch. There is a snack bar near the dock for fast food. Be aware that there may be some yachties in the area with water balloons. If time, we will hike to the top of the island to view the Bay and the hundreds of boats that will be on the water.

There are two places to launch your boat. One place is the public launch ramp on Turney Street that is between Zack's and Yet Wah Restaurants. Check out the parking first on Locust Street behind the railroad caboose and box cars before launching. The other place is at Clipper Yacht Harbor which is next to Caruso's Sportfishing and located at the foot of Harbor Drive just north of the Corp of Engineers facilities. There is a nominal charge to use the launch ramp but there is plenty of parking. It is recommended to use the north entrance from Route 101 to Sausalito to get to Bridgeway Boulevard and the launch ramps.

Next Event: Sunday, March 29, 1987, Encinal Yacht Club

Yes, it is time to attend our annual business meeting, luncheon, and election of officers. We will meet upstairs on the main deck about 11:30 am. prior to the noon luncheon. We'll be ordering from the regular brunch menu. The yacht club requires that you sign the guest register that is located inside the lounge, and sign as a guest of the Northern California West Wight Potter Association. For refreshments, bar tokens must be purchased and guests are restricted to cash only for dining room service.

After lunch we will retire to the Regatta Room downstairs where we will have a treasurer's report, discuss the 1987 National Regatta and future sailing events, and elect new officers. Your ideas, opinions, and suggestions are important for the planning of events and the administration of our association. Everyone welcome! In case you would like to sail over from the Grant Street launch ramp, contact Terry Gotcher at 408/238-3656 to see if there is dock space available.

Encinal Yacht Club is located in Alameda at the foot of Sherman Street on the Oakland/Alameda Estuary. From the Nimitz Freeway I-880, drive thru the Webster Street Tube and continue to Lincoln Street. Head south to Sherman then drive east to the Travelodge. The yacht club is just south of the motel.

If you cannot attend this event, send your suggestions and ballot to the commodore.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT TO THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WEST WIGHT POTTER ASSOCIATION

I nominate the following members to the office listed below. The term of office will be from March 29, 1987, to the next annual business meeting/luncheon/election of officers in 1988.

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EDITOR/SECRETARY/TREASURER: \_\_\_\_\_ HISTORIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

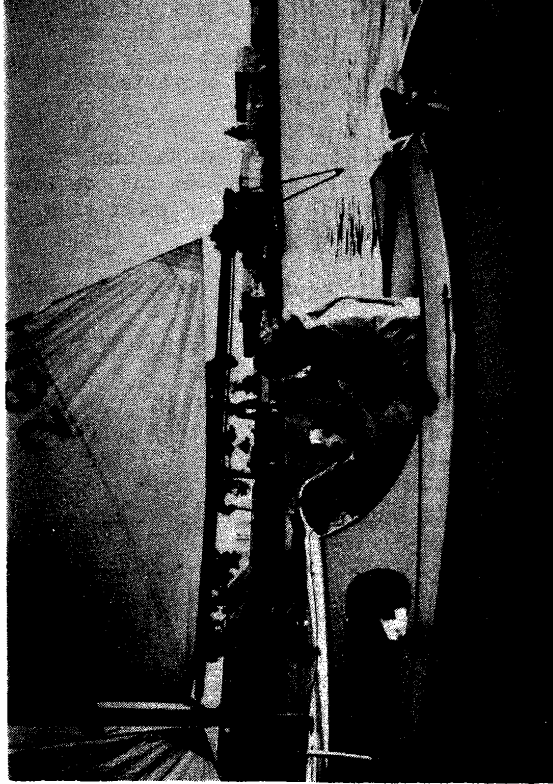
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SPECIAL NOTICE: Door prizes to the lucky winners immediately after the election of officers.  
BE THERE!

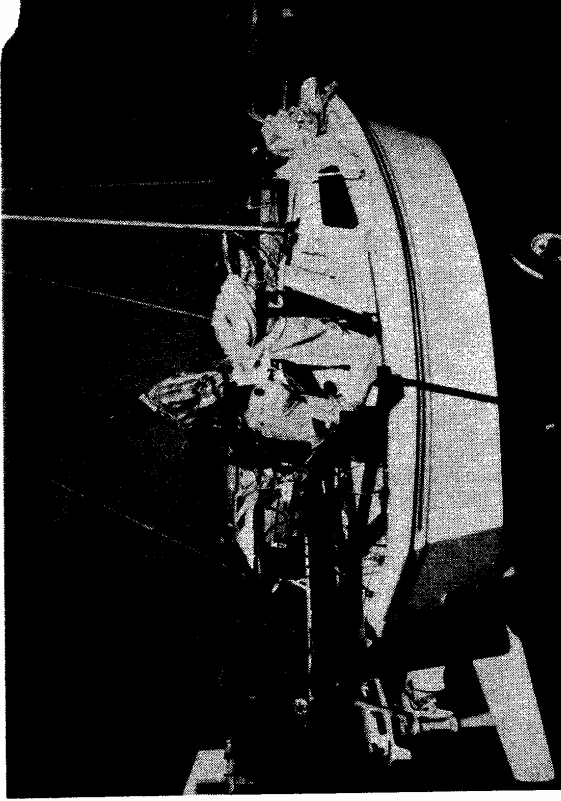


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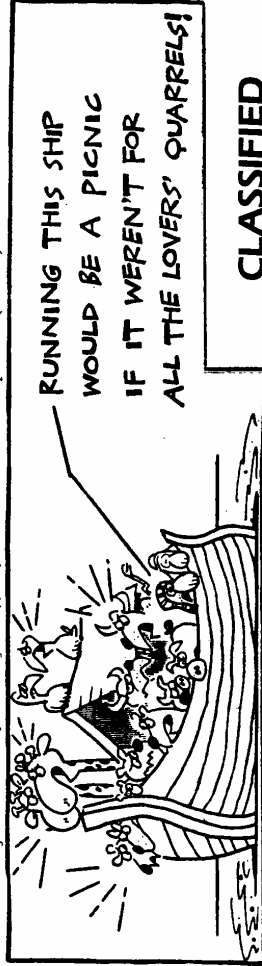




Mickey Bow Wow, Candy Hogan, & Barbara Simpson (#261)



Mike Bartunek (#748)

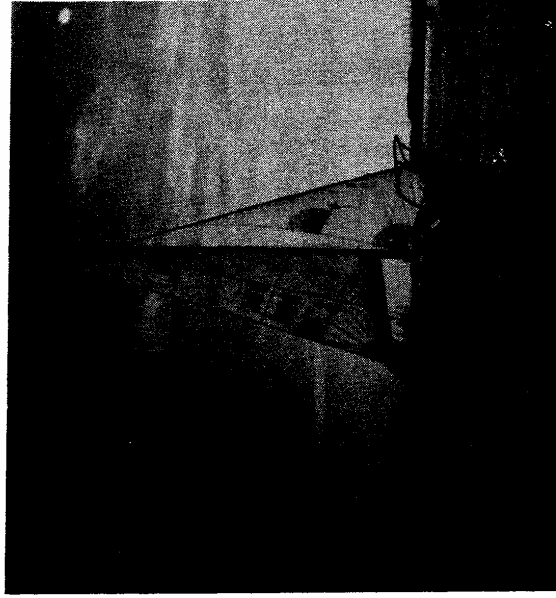


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Ranney Thayer has a WWP-15, Mark II, #766, built in 1978, and included in the price of \$2600 is a galvanized trailer with a wheel jack & spare tire. The boat has side rails, an anchor, a whisker pole as well as a 2 HP Suzuki motor. Call 415/852-7264 (work), or at 408/996-1468 (home).

Bob Bennett is moving up to a larger boat and his boat comes with all required Coast Guard Equipment. This P-15, #629, also has a bow pulpit, boom vang, whisker pole, 2 HP Evinrude motor, oars, cockpit access port, and other extras. The like new trailer has the larger wheels. Call Bob at 707/942-0387, 3255 Bennett Lane, Calistoga in the wine country. Price \$2900

Here is a chance to trade up to a Potter-19. George Bunn will tell you about all the extras and he wants a Potter-15 that is equivalent to his boat and \$2000. Call George or Annie Bunn if you are interested at 415/851-3755 and they are located at 242 Corte Madera Road, Portola Valley, CA 94025



Norman Dwight & Diana Goad, M-15 (#360)