



Potter to Potter

WWP NEWS!



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The Potter owners of the Bay Area have UNITED! And are we ever a good group! Our first dinner meeting had a turnout of 29 people --all ages, shapes, and sizes--and we certainly enjoyed getting to know each other. People came from San Mateo, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Campbell, Hayward, Redwood City, Santa Clara, and Walnut Creek. Conversation was fast and furious; 'Potter patter' filled the room, punctuated here and there with interesting little placemat and napkin sketches (Don Hayden's were particularly good!).

Thanks especially to Dory Taylor for the great restaurant suggestion--The King's Table provided us with a central location, the food was good, the price was right, and we had a room to ourselves. The dinner meeting was organized by Dory, Jim & Carol Mangels, and Chip & Piera Shackelton. We all shared the initial telephone notifications, and we're all pleased with the result. One sad note: Chip & Piera's #685 will no longer be sailing our fair Bay; Chip will assume duties at a new job in Reno in a couple of weeks. Thanks, Chip, for your help in getting our group started. Best wishes in your new job, and happy sailing at Tahoe! One additional big thankyou: to Herb and Virginia Orford, who introduced the Mangels, Shackeltons, and Dory Taylor to each other and encouraged us to get a Potter group together. It worked!

Of the people at the meeting, about half indicated they are primarily reservoir sailors, half primarily Bay sailors. Most have families. A few indicated interest in racing. Our primary concern was to establish a monthly newsletter, and to set dates and places for our first two sails together. We borrowed heavily from the ideas of our sister group to the south, the So. Calif. WWP Assoc. (L.A. Area), whose president, Chuck Holden, provided us with several months' newsletters and some good suggestions. (Thank you, Chuck!)

Here's what was decided by our group:

1. A monthly newsletter will be mailed to every member who pays yearly dues. Dues are simply to cover newsletter copying and mailing costs.

Dues for 1978 are \$3.00, and should be mailed (along with the interest survey, if you choose) to the address listed on the survey form. The newsletter will be our primary source of communication between each other, and can include anything you want it to--announcements, boats and/or parts for sale/trade, boat improvements you've made, suggestions and 'tips' for trailering and overnight experiences, packing food and cooking aboard, good and bad places to launch, etc., etc. We'll always include the report of the most recent sail, and tell where the next sail will be.

2. We generally agreed to have a 'skippers' meeting about one hour before launch time, whenever and wherever we sail. This means that meetings and sailing are easily combined and everyone generally knows what's going on. If you aren't at a particular sail, you'll get the scoop from the next newsletter, which will be mailed right after each sail.
3. We figured it would be easiest to keep a fairly consistent schedule. For the time being, we will have a sail together on the first weekend of every month. We will alternate Saturdays and Sundays. (There will be exceptions, as you will soon see!)
4. Enclosed is a roster of all known Bay Area Potter owners. Please send in your additions and corrections, to be printed in the next newsletter; that way everyone can update his/her own copy.

*****ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

FIRST SAIL: DEL VALLE REGIONAL PARK, SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1978. Skippers meeting, 10:30 a.m., Launch time, 11:30 a.m.

(Note: We had originally set May 7 as the date for our First Sail, since that's the first weekend in May. However, we found out that there are races scheduled at Del Valle for both May 6 and May 7. We realize that May 21 is the date of the Potter Nationals in Southern Calif., but since the other two May weekends are

Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend, it seems like May 21 is our best bet.)

To get there: follow map. After you exit 580 onto Livermore Ave., pull to the side of the road and meet there at 10:00 a.m. for a caravan to Del Valle. Or, follow the map and arrive whenever's convenient for you. The reservoir is small enough that you'll be able to find us.

This particular sail may be less than challenging if you're accustomed to sailing the Bay. But it will be a great opportunity for us to get to know each other, our families, and our boats.

Entry fee is \$2.50 (1.50 entry+ 1.00 boat launch). Bring a picnic lunch for your family, and throw in a frisbee or football; in case the wind isn't that great for sailing, we can take advantage of the large lawn area, and the beach area. This is one sail where there will be 'something for everyone' so don't leave anyone out.

SECOND SAIL: SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 1978. Launch either from Berkeley Marina or Richmond Public Ramp; sail to Brooks Island and return. We need to hear from sailors who've launched out of Richmond. (Condition of ramp? Cost? What kind of sail is it from ramp down channel and into Bay?).

This will be a Bay sail. Launch time and place will be decided at the Del Valle sail. If you can't be at that meeting, but have comments concerning Richmond/Berkeley, please contact Jim & Carol Mangels or anyone else attending Del Valle. (Remember, after the Del Valle sail another newsletter will be mailed, announcing the definite plans for the June 3rd sail.)

"OPENING DAY" for the SF area yacht clubs is Sunday, April 30. Jerry Barrilleaux will be launching his #564 from Berkeley and sailing to Angel Island to moor at Hospital Cove. He welcomes everyone to launch with him, but stresses the starting time: 7 a.m. (for optimal tide conditions). He gave us a good tip: bring a pocketful of quarters! To enter the launch area requires feeding \$1.25 to a machine which eats only quarters, dimes, or nickels. (He found that out rather unexpectedly one morning at 5 a.m.!) For particulars, give Jerry a call. 'De' Marsh vouches that Jerry is one avid Potter sailor. (Jerry was unable to attend our first meeting.)

THE POTTER NATIONALS RACE will be held May 21 at Marina Del Rey, Calif. Jerry Barrilleaux and DeLoss Marsh are two people who can give you more information on that--one or both of them plan to attend. Chuck Holden of the So. Calif. Assn. says, "even if you don't race, please come". For more info, contact Chuck (his address is at the end of our Fleet Roster).

A GREAT COURSE FOR SAILORS ONLY is offered thru the Coast Guard Auxiliary. MaryAnn Mortenson and Jim & Carol Mangels just completed the 13-week session held at Prospect Hi in San Jose. (Some insurance companies will give you a cheaper rate upon completion of such a course.) Next session at that location begins Sept. 20. Contact Chuck Stephens of the Auxiliary at 264-5546 for more information.

FOR SALE: Ken and Pat Johnson of Pacific Grove have a Mark II Potter (#602) for sale; "Like new" and "loaded with extras"--such as: '78 new Seagull long shaft motor, 150% genoa, lighted compass, 6-volt battery with master electrical panel, two anchors with line, one two-man raft, bilge pump, etc. Reduced from \$3950 to \$3500. For a full listing, see Jim & Carol Mangels or call Pat & Ken at (408) 375-2385.

WANTED: Bert Goldrath needs a spare tire for his trailer.

***** IDEAS*** IDEAS*** IDEAS*****

Bob Adair can arrange to have an emblem printed on various size T-shirts (child, adult) for sale to group members. If you'd be interested in purchasing one, check the box on the enclosed survey form. Maybe we can consult Don Craig's friend Ulricke for some good design ideas. Any other artistically inclined sailors in the group? Bob said we'd need to order about twenty or so T-shirts to make the venture worthwhile. Any ideas for a logo? Insignia? Slogan?

Suggestions for future group sails: the Oakland Estuary; Coyote Point; Lake Berryessa (overnight?); Lexington Reservoir; the Delta Region (trailer up and sail some, spend the nite?); Ballena Bay. What's your idea of a good sail? We have sailors of every capability in the group, from those who've never sailed much (some of the spouses, not at all), to those who can tell of great sailing experiences on the Bay and ocean (check Don Craig's stories, for starters!). Some

have owned their boats for a few weeks, and some, like Walt & Hilda Nobs, have owned their boats for 10 years!

If you'd like to read the So. Cal. monthly newsletters, Bill Pound is a member; also, our club will receive a copy; which I'll (Carol Mangels) keep in a folder and bring or send to sail meetings. Chuck Holden sent us quite a few back issues, and they contain interesting 'galley' tips and other informative notes.

Safety hint: Bert Goldrath has made good use of non-skid self-adhesive tape. It comes on a roll, he says, and the only problem he's found is that it can curl on the edges. He suggests applying it to the trailer fender, and to the boat's side and fore decks, and cockpit.

A note from the ?editor?---

Please write, call or otherwise communicate your ideas to me--I'll print whatever I hear or read (even anonymous letters!). This newsletter is yours, and I'm just doing the typing and mailing (and a little gabbing) for the time being. Hopefully, after this initial 'long' explanatory newsletter, I will hold down the chatter to one page (typing is a bore). If you're interested in doing the newsletter or any part thereof, please let me know, as I'm sure I can't keep it up indefinitely.

---Carol Mangels

SAIL ON, POTTERS!! Isn't it great to be communicating with each other? See you May 21 at Del Valle and June 3rd on the Bay!!

SURVEY

(Tear off this form and send to: Carol Mangels, 7078 Coronado Dr., San Jose 95129. If you want to continue receiving this newsletter, please send your \$3.00 dues for 1978.)

1. What would you like to call our group? 'Vote' for one of the following names (suggested at the April dinner meeting), or write in your own suggestion.

- Nor-Cal Potter
 Bay Potters
 Potter People
 Potter Power

- Northern Potters
 Potter Sailors
 West Wight Armada
 WWP Bay Sailing Club

2. Do you primarily sail (check one):

- Bay Reservoir

3. Does your Potter have a motor?

- Yes No

4. Would you like to be able to purchase a Potter T-shirt?

- Yes No How many? _____

5. List places from which you've had a good sail (enjoyed launching).

6. List places from which you'll never launch again, come hxxx or hxxx wxxxx! (Bad launches) And tell the reason it was a difficult launch.

7. List some places you'd like to see our group sail. Include any relevant information or suggestions. (Those of you living out of the immediate Bay Area: any ideas for overnitters in your area?) --Use back of sheet when necessary--

To all West Wight Potter sail club members:

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the death of one of our members, Don Craig.

Most of us first met Don at the April dinner meeting, which he attended with his friend, Ulrike. To know Don for even five minutes was to become aware of his personable, easy-going nature. He loved to sail his Potter, and his enthusiasm was contagious. Those of us who talked with him at the dinner were anxious to see him again and get to know him better. We will miss his enthusiasm, and we'll miss his ideas and suggestions.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ulrike, and to Don's family and friends.

P.A. man dies in boat accident

PACIFICA — A 34-year-old Palo Alto man drowned Saturday morning just south of here after a sailing accident.

The San Mateo County coroner's office identified the victim as Donald Craig, 34, of 321 Whitclan Drive, and said he had been dead "a few hours" before the Coast Guard found his body on the beach near Devil's Slide.

A spokesman for the Coast Guard said Craig had been reported overdue at about 1 a.m. by a friend, and a helicopter search was begun at about 3 a.m.

Craig's 14-foot sailboat was spotted at about 9:30 a.m., the spokesman said, and it was tied to the shore up by people who were swimming in the area. About an hour later, the boat broke loose and was destroyed on the rocks.

According to the coroner's office, Craig's friends said he had been sailing most of the week, but had been coming ashore at dark every night. When he did not return Friday night, they asked the Coast Guard to initiate a search.

← From the Sunday, April 30 San Jose Mercury News

From the Monday, May 1 Palo Alto Times ↓

Palo Alto man's body recovered from ocean

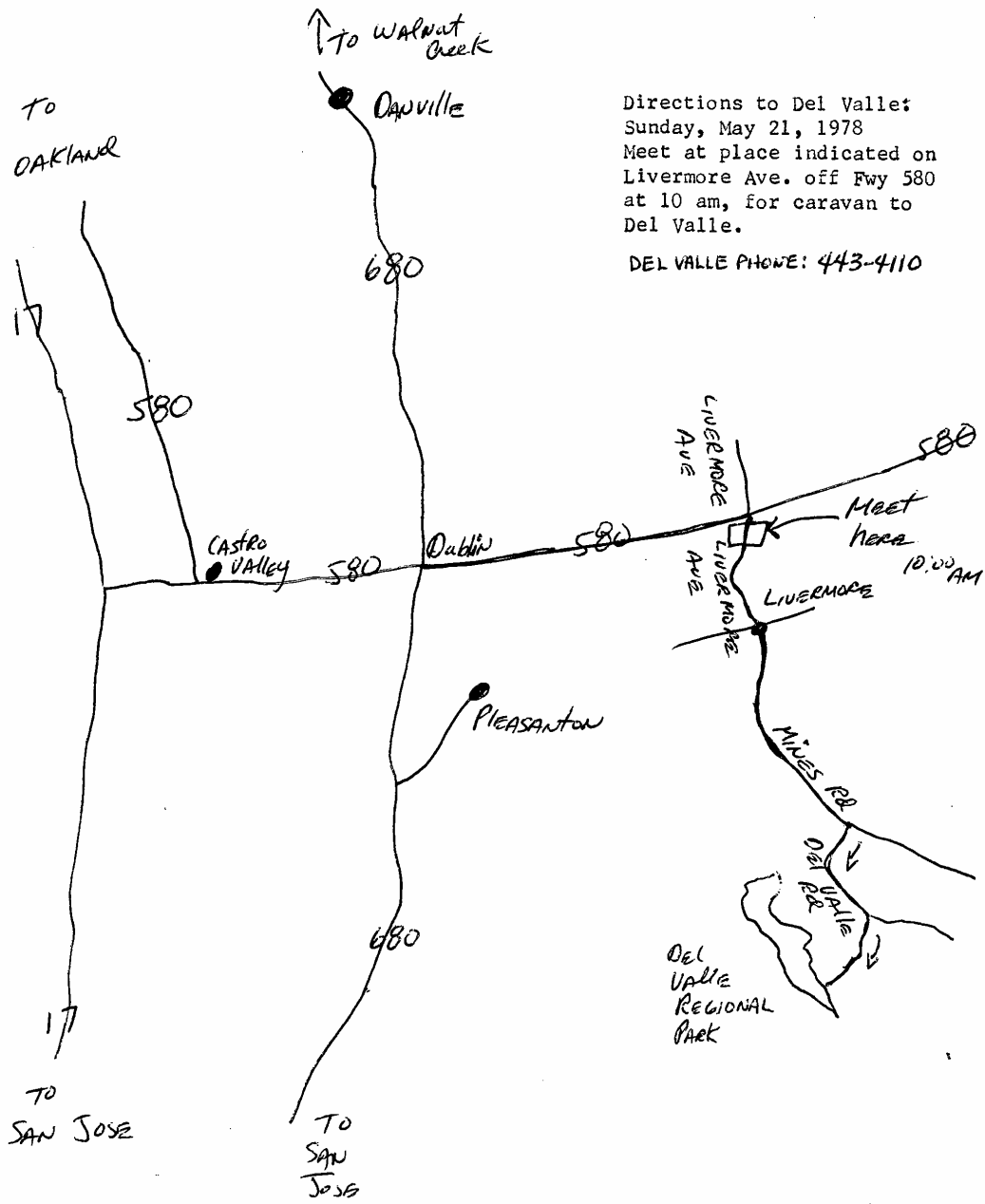
The body of a Palo Alto man was recovered off Devil's Slide near Pacifica Saturday morning after he was reported late from a sailing excursion.

U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Helen Waters said officials recovered the body of Donald Craig, 34, of 321 Whitclan Drive, Palo Alto, on the beach near Devil's Slide.

Craig had sailed from Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay on April 25, bound for a three-day trip to Drake's Bay, Waters said. He was reported overdue around 1 a.m. Saturday by his girlfriend.

A search by the Coast Guard begun at daylight turned up Craig's 14-foot sailboat at about 9 a.m. followed a half-hour later by the location of Craig.

We have been advised that it was Don's wish to be cremated and have his ashes strewn at sea. Final arrangements have not yet been made, and there is no plan for a memorial service. Several members asked that a fund be established, or that flowers be sent. Since there is no service to which we can send flowers, a memorial fund will be collected and donated, to be applied toward burial expenses. If you wish, you may send a contribution of any amount to Don's Fund, c/o 7078 Coronado Dr., San Jose 95129.



Directions to Del Valle:
 Sunday, May 21, 1978
 Meet at place indicated on
 Livermore Ave. off Fwy 580
 at 10 am, for caravan to
 Del Valle.

DEL VALLE PHONE: 443-4110