



The Potter Yachter

Newsletter of the Potter Yachters

May 2010

Santa Cruz to Moss Landing



Commodore Bud Kerner showin' us how it's done.

Photo Tim Derry

The Weather Makes the Rules

Tim Derry

Something sailors know better than most is that the weather has to be dealt with, not controlled. During the week prior to the Santa Cruz to Moss Landing sail (April 9-11) forecasts showed that the typical on again, off again spring weather was going to be ON for the weekend.

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Though Saturday's prediction of 10 knot winds and light swell looked promising, Sunday had all the makings of a slug-fest back to Santa Cruz. A few Potter Yachters including Commodore Bud Kerner and Usual Suspects Jim Kirwan, Dan Phy, Don Person, and yours truly had planned to come down Friday because of distances traveled or, in Don's case, just a desire for more sailing time.

Because of Sunday's weather forecast, it was decided to launch at Moss Landing foregoing the sail back to Santa Cruz on Sunday. Don was the only one to venture out into the Friday afternoon winds reporting back spirited winds and confused swell.

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Commodore's Log

I finally got on the water, boy did I. By now everybody has seen the pictures. If you didn't some are in this newsletter.

I got the OK to lift things on Wednesday, and Friday I trailered to Moss Landing. I am sure glad we changed the sail. If we didn't, sailing back to Santa Cruz on Sunday would have been a real handful.

Tim asked me if this was the most difficult water I sailed in coming down the coast. It wasn't, my sail around Point Conception had swells three times as large as the ones we encountered at Moss Landing, and they were coming every four seconds. However, my sail out of the Gate in 35 knot winds to go to Monterey was not as difficult as going out and coming in the Moss Landing Harbor. Jerry Higgins shot some video returning to the harbor watching

it will give you a feel for the degree of difficulty. Our little boats did good.

The Elk Horn Yacht Club once again welcomed us with open arms. Not only did they let us use their guest dock for free, they also gave us keys for the facilities. Bathrooms, showers and free ice. Some lucky folks, everyone who came on Friday, got to park for free. I can tell you that saved them \$36, I know because I was the only one who paid for parking.

By the time you read this Bruce Hood's Alameda sail will be history. I am sorry I will miss it. Bad timing my oldest granddaughter is having her first communion the weekend of the Delta Cruise, so I will miss it this year. I hope I will see everyone at the Woodward weekend sail.

See you on the water,

Bud

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON:

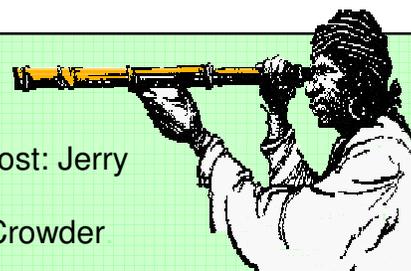
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*Organized in Northern California in 1978, the **Potter Yachters** is the longest running West Wight Potter club. Membership is open to owners of West Wight Potters and anyone interested in Potters and other trailerable microcruiser sailboats.*

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Jerry Higgins, somehow with a hand free for a camera.
Photo— Time Derry

Although admitting it was work handling the boat, he had a great time and the smile on his face told the story.

Thanks to the on-going generosity of the Elkhorn Yacht Club, not only did these intrepid sailors have berthing for the two nights, but were treated to cocktail hour munchies, and the warm atmosphere of the clubhouse.

Starting at about 4AM Saturday the ramps across from the dock were busy with fishing boats trying to get in a little more salmon fishing before

the seas picked up. Many of them headed right back in after finding out what it was like out there. Though the wind was not too strong nearer the shore, out at the 1 mile buoy apparently it was blowing 30 knots.

At about 7:30AM the fleet was rounded out with the arrival of Dave Kautz with his Oday 192 and Jerry Higgins in his Herreshoff



“Cat’s Meow” lookin’ happy Photo Tim Derry



Smile and.... Wave! Jerry, WAVE!!!

Photo—Tim Derry

12.5 Bullseye. Since we were beginning to question our sanity, the best thing to do was quickly eat breakfast and head out before anyone changed his mind. I was fortunate to be accepted as crew by Dave which both afforded me the opportunity to take some pictures and allow my breakfast to digest without thinking about single-handing my P19.

For those unfamiliar with Moss Landing there is a narrow access to the entrance channel behind the breakwater. Since Moss Landing is at the head of the bay the predominant NW swell heads right into the channel. This coupled with the SW breeze filled the entrance

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Don Person and "Sarah Anne" Photo – Harry Gordon

channel with confused breaking sets of waves coming in. Dave, Bud Kerner in his P19 and Dan and Jim in the Monty17 elected to motor out the channel while putting up sail. Jerry put his motor away before going out and tacked through the channel.

Once out of the channel passed the buoy, although busy, the swell was predictable and wind was perfect for broad tacks back and forth. All boats were reefed and shortly after going out all but Jerry chose to douse headsails to depower. From then on it was mostly picture taking and lunch.

At one point Jerry went out to see if a 40' sailboat that looked like it was having problems needed help. Finally after a couple of hours, as the wind started to build we decided to get back in before the channel entrance became too much worse. Breaking waves with the wind right on the stern made for a wild treble jibe ride in.

Though only out for a couple of hours there was ample time for the crews to come up with plenty of stories to be shared back at the dock all afternoon. As was pre-

dicted the storm front coming in produced winds all Saturday night and the sailors wasted no time Sunday morning hightailing it over to the deserted ramps to get out before the rain hit. For the sailors that braved "taking it like it comes" it was a fun memorable outing.

Once again we cannot heap enough thanks on the Elkhorn Yacht Club for the generous hospitality and Mike Swartz for setting up the outing. <http://www.elkhornyc.com/>



Dave Kautz and Tim Derry in the O-Day Photo—Harry Gordon



Bud Kerner.

Photo: Harry Gordon

Looking For Survivors

Harry Gordon

The doubtful conditions forecast for Sunday caused the club to abandon the Santa Cruz to Moss Landing sail Saturday and to launch at Moss Landing instead. I got a late start, and conditions didn't sound too great for Saturday sailing either, so I left *Manatee* at home. I arrived a little after 1100 and didn't see any PYs about, so I drove out on a jetty for some sightseeing, and then saw Don Person's distinctive P15 pottering in the harbor. Then I headed out to the mouth of the harbor, where I soon saw the sails of some PYs returning from their gentle morning ocean excursion.

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### Santa Cruz to Moss Landing

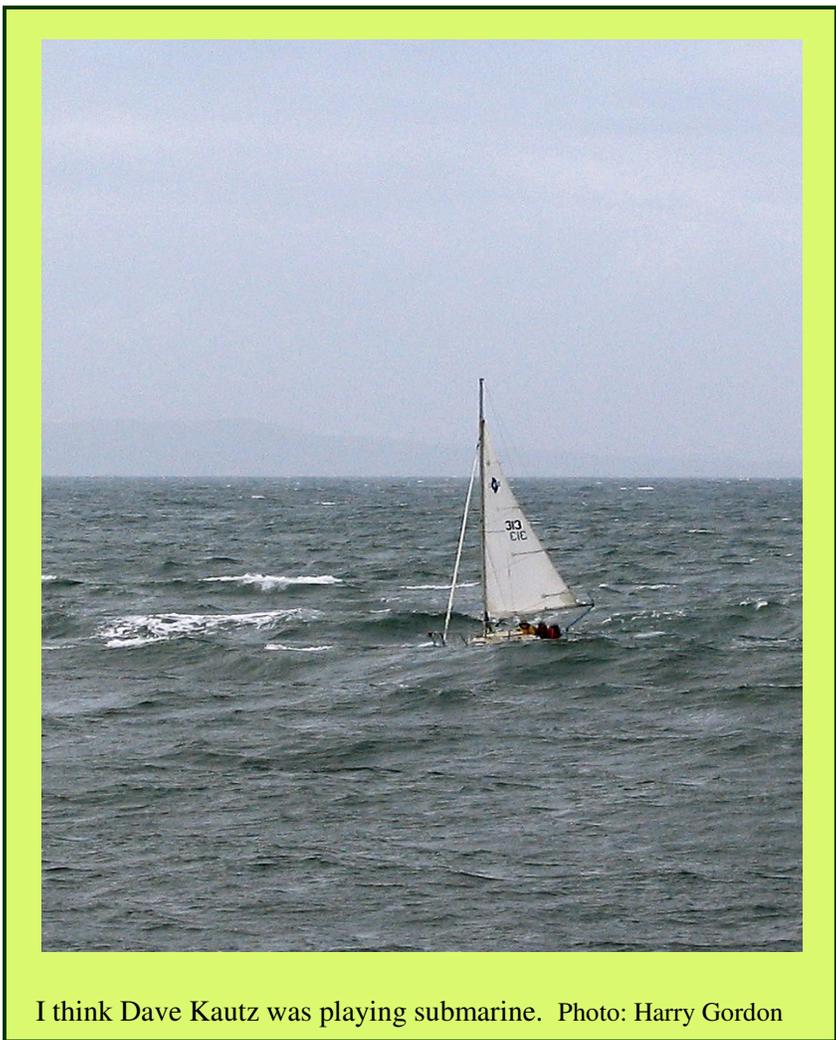
Mike Swartz

Where to begin, where to begin? Ooh, I have an idea! *The beginning!*

The Santa Cruz to Moss Landing sail started with a phone call from Bud Kerner early in the week to say the weather forecast for the Monterey Bay area was deteriorating and suggesting we switch the sail to a Moss Landing to Moss Landing sail. I readily agreed and the word went out to launch in Moss Landing (I hope everyone got the word and no one tried to sail down from Santa Cruz. Now that would have been a wild ride!).

For the few that did venture to Moss Landing, it was a chance to share some good times and get a dose of true ocean sailing, complete with fairly strong winds and lumpy seas.

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I think Dave Kautz was playing submarine. Photo: Harry Gordon



*“Cat’s Meow” and “Trailer Trash”*

Photo by Mike Swartz

On Friday the first, four boats arrived. Dan Phy and Jim Kirwan launched Dan’s Monty 17 “Six”. Don Person came out with his P-15 “Sarah Anne”. Bud Kerner and Tim Derry showed up with their P-19’s— “Cat’s Meow” and “Morning Dove” respectively. Friday the weather was warm and sunny, but that turned out to the literal “calm before the storm”. On Saturday morning Dave Kautz launched his O’Day 192 “Trailer Trash” and Jerry Higgins his Bull’s Eye “Lia”. Mitch Carnes, Kevin Crowder and Steve Chambers were there to see the fleet off.

Around ten o’clock the boat’s set sail, Jim and Dan in Dan’s Monty, Tim was with Dave, I hopped a ride with Don. Jerry and Bud went out solo. After seeing the wall of water breaking across the harbor entrance Don and I decided sailing around the harbor would be plenty of fun. We watched the others go out and play in the surf, and enjoy the confused seas and 20+

knot winds. After a couple of hours sailing we all headed to the Elkhorn Yacht Club guest dock to enjoy happy hour Potter style, where we met Harry Gordon who had come down to watch the activities.

Later we retreated to the yacht club as the wind was starting to howl. After enjoying the Yacht Club hospitality we made our way to various dinner spots and call it a day. By Sunday morning the weather was getting worse with reports of stronger winds, and ominous clouds on their way the fleet opted to pull out, and hit the road.

All in all, it was a good time with a chance to play in some sporting conditions, enjoy good company, and the hospitality of the Elkhorn Yacht Club. What a great club, and what a great time.



Jerry Higgins in *Lia*, calling it a day. Photo: Harry Gordon



*It's amazing how time flies when we are having fun! The year is already a third gone, and what an exciting season it has been already. Huge waves, high wind, fickle tide. It looks to be an exciting time to be had by all. Don't forget to take notes, and lots, and lots of pictures!  
~KT*

*Coming up real soon. Save these dates!*

**May 15** (Saturday) Del Valle Regional Park Day Sail . . . Host: Kevin Crowder

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**July 24 - 25** (Saturday-Sunday) Cruiser Challenge XI . . . Host: Gretchen Ricker/Race Committee

**August 7** (Saturday) . . . Richmond Day Sail to Loch Lomond Yacht Club . . . Host: Keith Hubbard

**August 21-22** (Saturday-Sunday) . . . Huntington Lake camp out with SoCal Potters . . . Host: Wes Harrison & Bard Johnson

**August 30 to September 15** . . . Messabout VIII . . . Host: Dick Herman

**September 11** (Saturday) S.F. Bay Day Sail, Clipper Cove Picnic . . . Host: Harry Gordon

**September 25 - 26** (Saturday-Sunday) . . . Tomales Bay overnight . . . Host: Eric Zilbert

**October 16 - 17** (Saturday-Sunday) . . . Overnight cruise Moss Landing to Monterey . . . Host: Mike Swartz

**October 23** (Saturday) . . . Richmond Day Sail . . . Host: Eric Zilbert

**November 20** (Saturday) . . . Delta Day Sail: Buckley Cove to Windmill Cove . . . Host: Bud Kerner

**FYI dates:**

**June 12** (Saturday) . . . Delta Ditch Rio Vista to Sacramento . . . Co sponsors: Richmond & Stockton Yacht Clubs



# Oakland Estuary Daysail

Saturday, April 16, 2010



Sweet Georgia Brown goin' "solo".

Photo: Goose Gossman

## Doing the Impossible

By Dick Herman

It had to happen sooner or later. Somehow, the Potter Yachters got organized for a sail-by in front of Strictly Sail on Saturday. It seemed a good idea at the time to show the folks on the docks who was actually out sailing. With a little bit of shouting and hand gestures (none rude), eight intrepid Potters circled upwind on the Oakland Estuary and headed for the docks at Jack London Square where the event was being held. Brad Evans in Mosey led the pod, which was good thing as he is one cool dude.

Behind him, seven Potters fell into a pretty tight formation, which was unusual in the extreme. As we approached the docks, two novice kayakers were paddling in. At the same time, the Mercury fleet was staging a race and some clever soul had decided to place their upwind turning point in front of the docks, without doubt thinking the same thing as the Potters. All converged in front of Strictly Sail. Talk about timing!

Somehow, Brad found a path through. But that's a story that needs to be told at the bar with the requisite amount of libations. Somehow, everyone kept their cool and only polite remarks were heard from the converging fleets, not wanting to shock the audience on the dock. The kayakers were obviously in a state of shock. As quickly as they had merged, the two fleets disengaged, each going its own way, none the worst for the experience, but a lot wiser.

The kayakers were not heard from.



Pat Brennan and *Eaglet* in front of a very busy Jack London Square.

Photo: Goose



**Saturday, May 15 Del Valle Regional Park Day Sail**

**Host:** Kevin Crowder

The rumors are not true. I went up to the lake to check. Back in December they had a main feed pipe fail. No funds to fix. But we've had several good rains and one of the rangers told me one rain storm brought the lake up 10 ft. So the lake is full. Lets go sailing!

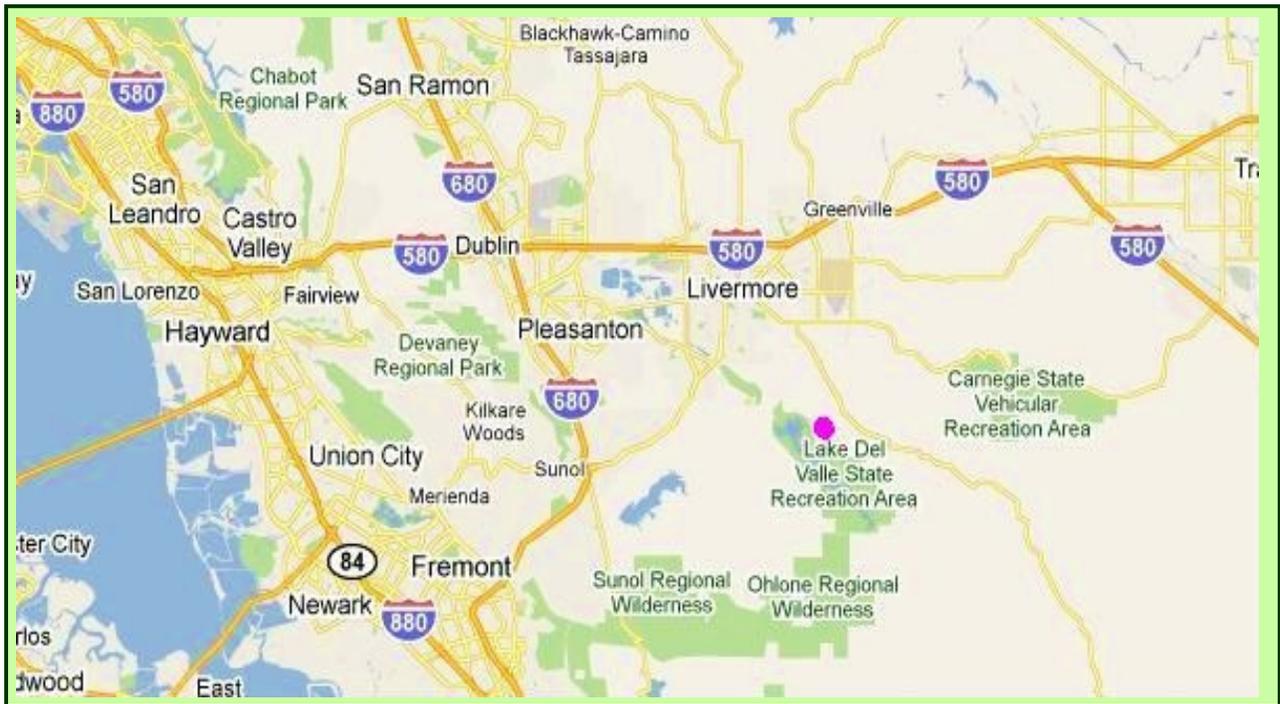
You will want to get there a little early. East bay parks is inspecting for Zebra and Quagga Mussels. So make sure your bilges are dry, your sails are dry and no sand in the bilges. Ranger said sand feels just like the immature mussels. The ranger said that if we get there after 8:00 we should miss the line of fisherman. Plan to have a brief Capt meet around 9:00 then go sailing. Plan lunch up near the dam west side. Good place to beach. Or straight across the lake is a deep cove with shade and shelter if needed.

**Directions to Del Valle:**  
*(Courtesy of EB Parks)*

Del Valle Regional Park is located on Del Valle Road off Mines Road south of Livermore (parking fee). Exit I-580 eastbound or westbound in Livermore at North Livermore Avenue. Head south and proceed through town (North Livermore Avenue will become South Livermore Avenue in town). About 1.5 miles outside town, turn right at Mines Road, go about 3.5 miles and continue straight on Del Valle Road (Mines Road turns left). The park entrance is about four miles ahead.

**EAST SIDE BOAT LAUNCH AREA**

Food, bait and tackle, firewood, and rental boats are available. A tour boat offers tours of the lake featuring the natural and cultural history of this manmade reservoir. See posted hours and rates. For information on fishing, boating, and windsurfing (including rentals of boats and sailboards), phone: (925) 449-5201 (boating and fishing), (925) 455 4008 (windsurfing). Parking Fee \$6 per vehicle. \$4 per trailered vehicle.



# Woodward Campout and Sailfest

**Hosts:** Dory and Katie Taylor

**When:** Saturday-Sunday, May 22nd–23rd (overnight camping on shore; RVs & tents welcome)

**Where:** Woodward Reservoir Regional Park, 14528 26 Mile Rd, Oakdale, CA

**Fees:** launch \$7.00; day use \$8.00 per day; camping \$15.00 per night

**Meals:** Saturday Evening “Happy Hour” & Pot Luck

**Events:** Saturday Morning Race

Hosts: Dory and Katie Taylor . . . . . (408) 621-4592  
Woodward Res. Regional Park . . . . . (209) 847-3304

Hook up your boats, dust off your tents, RV’s, water toys, and what-not, it’s time again for the annual Potter Yachters Woodward campout! We will be camping at our usual spot, "reaching point" by Pelican Cove (See Map). This event usually has a big turnout so you don’t want to miss it. Early birds can arrive as early as Wednesday. Woodward Reservoir is located approximately 3.5 miles north of highway 120 between Escalon and Oakdale. From Hwy 99 in Manteca head east on hwy 120 for about 17.5 miles and turn north (left) onto J 14. Boats are \$7.00 per day, day use cars \$8.00 per day, camping is \$15.00 per night. Senior discounts are available for 62 and older, ask at the entrance kiosk. While you are there, also ask for a

map of the various stores you might need in Oakdale. There’s a great supermarket, Big 5 and a K-Mart, to name a few.

Woodward Reservoir is known for steady San Joaquin Valley ‘trade winds’ which provide some fantastic fresh water sailing, and boasts nice launch ramps. Use the Bay View Boat Ramp, within walking distance of the camp site, look for the windmill.

Saturday morning there will be a race. Be fully dressed, fed and beached by 10:00 for the skippers meeting, where instructions will be given, the race will follow immediately after. Later the same evening will be a pot luck you won’t want to miss, so bring your own favorite secret recipe to share. Dinner will be around 6:00, or whenever the food’s ready.

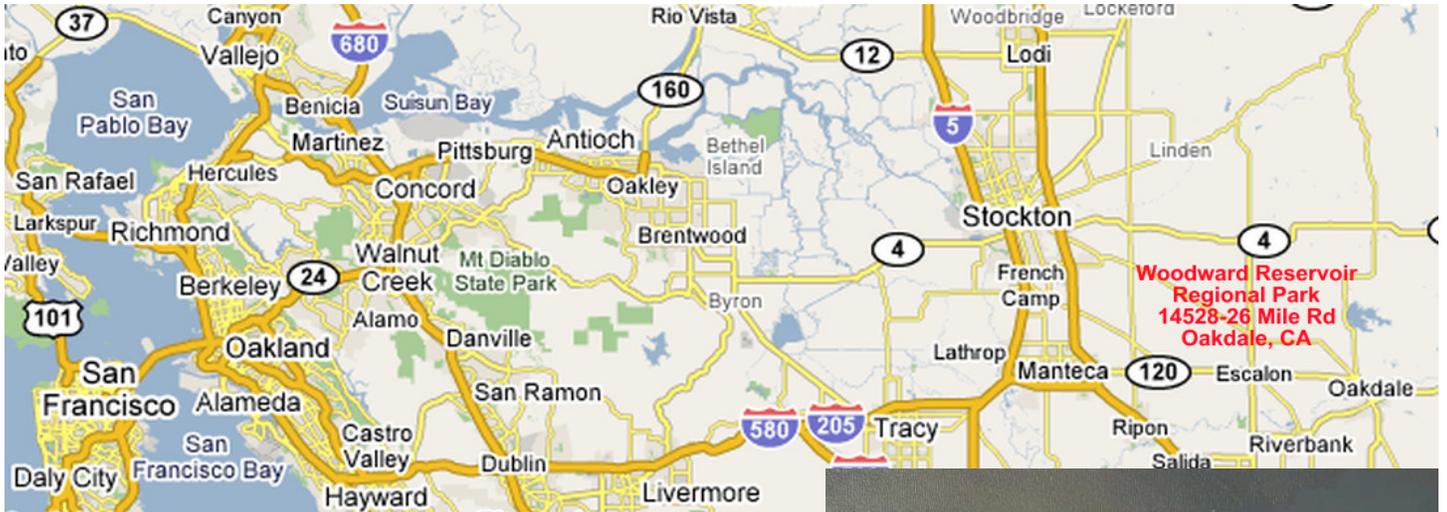
Meet the neighbors! There is a club that sail Hobies, who’s home port is Woodward. They have no events scheduled this week, but Dory and



I agreed that it would be fun to invite them along, too. Under one condition: bring something for the potluck! One of the Hobie sailors is also a member of the same FIAT America of which we are members (small world, huh?). FA has planned a tour to Woodward, though it’s not a very scenic drive, and may camp out nearby.

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MAPS —>



There are lots of things to do at Woodward: sailing, hiking, sailing, flying RC airplanes, sailing, kite-boarding, sailing, even just sitting around under a tree, reading. Oh, did I mention sailing yet? Below is a good map of the lake. Check out this address for a good over-view map of the park: <http://www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/er/parks/pdf/WRPKMAP.pdf> And here for a brief description of what's available: <http://www.co.stanislaus.ca.us/ER/Parks/pdf/woodward-reservoir.pdf>



# Lopez Lake, June 11-13<sup>th</sup>

. .Host: Gretchen & Dan Ricker

The [Lopez Lake](#) weekend is coming up fast! One of the great things about the Lopez event (besides the great sailing) is the proximity to the [Edna Valley Wineries](#), shopping in the nearby [Village of Arroyo Grande](#) and [Pismo Outlet Malls](#). These attractions will be particularly interesting to those non-sailing partners who would like to get away but don't want the added adventure of the wind and waves.

The sailing at Lopez is generally great. However the wind can pipe up in a heartbeat so come prepared to reef if necessary. The [Marina](#), which is a short walk from our group campsite, makes great hamburgers, has a general store with the basics in case you forgot anything, and boasts a building with hot showers. You can also contact them if you want to rent a slip by clicking this link: [Marina](#). However, there is ample shoreline to beach your boat right at the base of our campsite. Since the lake is currently rising rapidly, I can't tell what kind of bottom (sandy, rocky, or muddy) we will encounter though so keep that in mind. You can also anchor your boat out from the shore but you are not allowed to sleep on your boat.

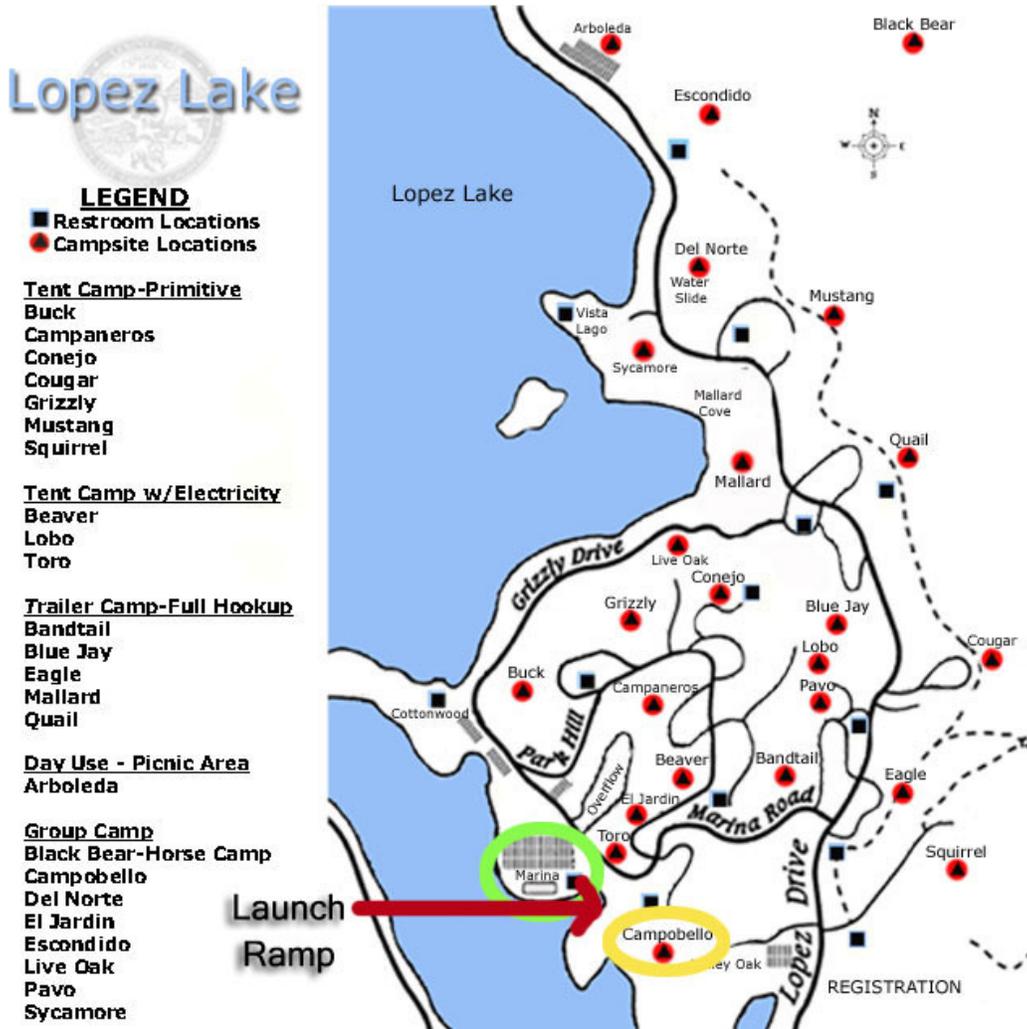
The fees are \$19.00/night per vehicle and \$23.00/night for camping. I will have more information soon regarding how to make your reservations. Please DO NOT contact Lopez directly for this event. However, if you want to arrive BEFORE June 11<sup>th</sup> or stay longer please contact Dave White ([weeboat1@aol.com](mailto:weeboat1@aol.com)). He is coming early and has the scoop on that.

To check on the weather, go to [iWind-surf.com](http://iWind-surf.com) where you can sign up for their free membership and take advantage of the weather station located at the lake. [Here](#) is an example of the last 7 days of wind at Lopez. It's been a bit sporting as you can see. This is typical of Lopez this time of year.

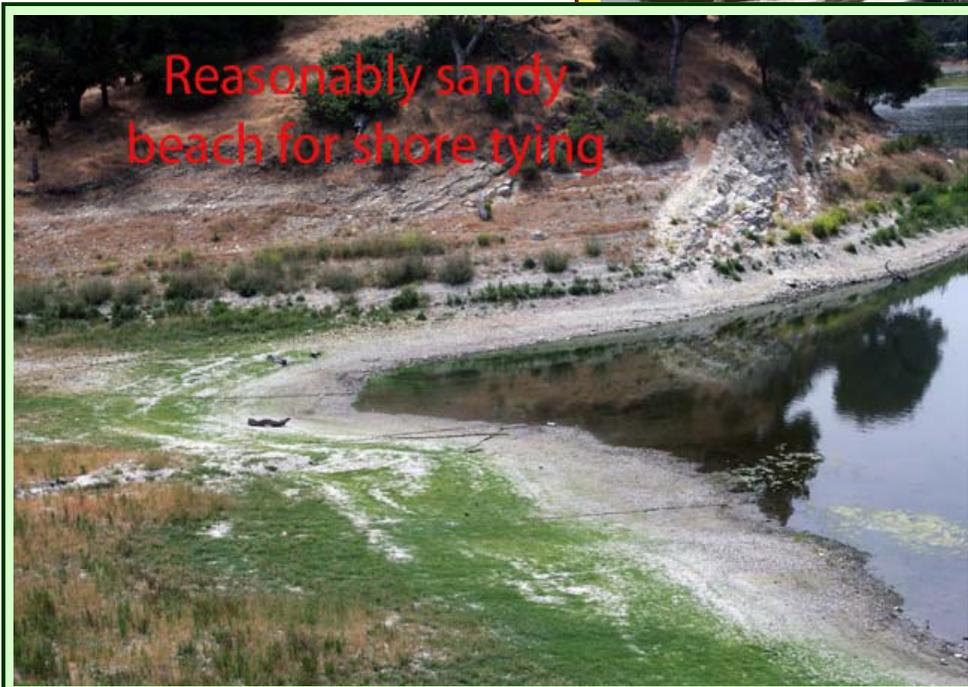
Look forward to seeing a bunch of you!



[Gretchen Ricker](#)  
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## Save the Date!

Cruiser Challenge XI is coming up July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. It will again be hosted with the help of the generous folks at Monterey Bay Yacht Club. This year's event will have the added bonus of dinner at the yacht club on Saturday night. Details are in the works so stay tuned to the newsletter and the Potter Yachter Forum for details or contact [Gretchen Ricker](mailto:Gretchen.Ricker@montereybayyachtclub.com). (805-674-1278)



## Drifting with Dory

### Don't move a Mussel!

Here I am again, although I'm really "drifting" on dry land this time getting ready for our planned outing at Lake Del Valle Regional Park, which is just South of Livermore.

Most of our lakes, reservoirs and some rivers have now been quarantined for the invasive and highly destructive Quagga and Zebra mussels. Many East-side waters have these little pests, and CA Fish and Game is doing all they can to keep them out of our water here. Infected CA lakes so far: San Justo Dam, Imperial Dam, and our new favorite, Lake Havasu. Adults can live five days out of water, and multiply far faster than rabbits. They clog intake jets, hydro-electric equipment, filters, what-have-you. The mussels are also displacing native species. *Anyone have any good recipes? ~ED*

Here are the rules and procedures for mussel inspections. Tight adherence will gain you access to regulated reservoirs.



### Invasive Mussel Program Links

The 100th Meridian Initiative: [Invasive Mussel Monitoring and Early Detection](#)

CAL\*Boating: [Stop the spread of Invasive Mussels](#)

US Dept. of the Interior: [Bureau of Reclamation - Mussel Infestation](#)

California Natural Resources Agency: [Invasive Mussel Guidebook](#) (PDF)

### Regional Parks Boat Inspections

Mandatory boat inspections are required at the following locations:

- [Contra Loma Regional Park](#)
- [Del Valle Regional Park](#)
- [Lake Chabot Regional Park](#)
- [Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area](#)

The purpose is to help prevent the introduction of invasive mussels into local lakes and reservoirs. The inspection includes two parts: a vessel history survey and a visual inspection. The survey ensures that the watercraft has not been in an invasive mussel-infested water body within the last 30 days. This list includes: Lake Mead, Lake Havasu, Lake Mojave, Lake Skinner, Copper Basin Reservoir, San Justo Reservoir, waters of Santa Clara County, San Benito County, and California counties south of the Tehachapi Mountains and any waters outside of California. Note that this list is growing as we learn more. A thorough visual inspection by trained staff ensures that watercraft are clean and dry. Wet boats or boats with wet motors gears, or equipment will be denied launching.

**Current registration is required for all motorized craft.**

### Fees

Non-refundable inspection fees:

- \$6 for motorized vessels, can be waived for future visits after initial inspection with use of banding program;
- \$3 for car-top or inflatable. Kayak/car-top inspection fee is good for 30 days from date on receipt, but must be inspected every time.

**Float tubes and inner tubes are free. Park entrance and launch fees still apply on each visit.**

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## Visual Inspection

To pass inspection, boats and accessories must ABSOLUTELY be clean and dry. This includes motor (plus outboard motor cooling system), deck, hull, bilge and bait wells, ropes, lines, floats, fishing equipment, trailer, rear of vehicle, personal flotation devices, and any other inflatable watercraft. Boats that fail inspection will not be permitted to launch and must wait five days before returning.

**BOAT OWNERS**--several boats fail inspection each day and unfortunately are not allowed to launch. The most common reason for failing is water in the outboard motor. DO NOT FLUSH YOUR MOTOR PRIOR TO VISITING THE PARK. Staff recommends allowing at least a five-day waiting period after flushing your motor to give it plenty of time to dry. Double check before leaving home that the motor is dry, many people are surprised that, when asked to lower their motor, water comes out. By contract, inspectors cannot pass these boats to launch. Water in live wells accounts for the second most-common reason for not passing inspection.

## If You Do Not Pass

If you do not pass inspection:

- Your boat launch fee will be refunded, and your entry fee will be refunded if you exit the park.
- Trailerred vessels not passing inspection will be subject to a five-day quarantine period. For example, not passing on the 1st of the month will require waiting until the 6th for re-inspection.
- Trailerred vessels not passing must pay another inspection fee when being re-inspected.
- Kayak/car-tops not passing inspection will be subject to the 5-day waiting period.

**Refunds** for entrance and launching are given at the main gate. All refunds must occur on the same day as the inspection. All refunds require receipt and inspection form.

## Banding and Re-entry Program

To make re-entry easy, the Park District offers a banding program to place a secure, tamper-proof plastic tie between the boat's bow-mounted eye bolt and the trailer when boats leave the lake.

- Boats returning to an EBRPD lake or reservoir with an intact band will receive an abbreviated inspection, and will not be subject to another inspection fee. Entrance and launching fees still apply.
- Boats may be re-banded repeatedly, as long as the boat arrives at the lake with an intact band, the operator has in his or her possession a copy of their inspection form, and receives a new band immediately after coming off the lake.
- EBRPD will honor the [EBMUD quagga program](#) banded boats at all EBRPD facilities. EBMUD banded boats will not be subject to an inspection fee. However, all other park use and boat launch fees will still apply.

Car-top boats such as kayaks and canoes are inspected each time they enter a lake, but the inspection fee is only charged once every 30 days. The owner must provide a copy of the initial inspection form, with the receipt dated within the previous 30-day period. The survey and visual inspection are performed prior to launch every time a car-top boat is brought to the lake during the 30-day period.

Inspection fees are charged to partially offset the cost of the inspection program.

## Wet Weather Protocol

Inspection stations will remain open regardless of weather conditions. The only conditions under which an inspection station would close, is during weather that presents a serious risk of injury to the inspector, or if the governing water agency closes the body of water to launching. In the case of a body of water being closed, boat inspectors shall remain on duty until the normal close of inspection station or all boats are off the water and banded.

Inspectors may permit water on the hull of a vessel and inside the vessel during rain and during the rainy season under the following conditions:

- The inspector conducts a thorough survey of the history of the vessel's whereabouts to determine that the vessel has not been launched in an infested water body within the last 30 days.
- In the best judgment of the inspector, the presence of water is determined to be caused by the current rain event and not from use in a lake or other water body.

Water found on the inside of motors will be deemed cause for failure.

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In the absence of rain, new inspections of unbanded boats will be performed, and all existing clean, drained, and dry standards will be enforced.

Banded boats will be permitted to launch regardless of weather conditions.

The quarantine periods for standing water should be adjusted according to the calculator provided by the 100th Meridian Initiative.

Signage reflecting the change in quarantine periods should be added to each inspection station and all appropriate paperwork.

Source URL: <http://www.ebparks.org/invasivemussels>

Visit: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/quaggamussel/>

For more information, or call their hotline at **1-866-440-9530**.

Download: [FAQ from CA Department of Fish & Game](#)

The CAL BOATING web page also has more information:

<http://dbw.ca.gov/Boaterinfo/QuaggaLoc.aspx?gclid=CLfD1t2Cx5wCFRFMagodrGHfIQ>

If you haven't had enough yet, go to <http://dbw.ca.gov/PDF/BoatingQuaggaGuide.pdf> for more information on how to comply with the regulations. Well illustrated.

## Mussel Marinara

### Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons light oil or olive oil
- 1 small white onion, finely chopped
- 4 large cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 cup white wine
- 2 to 3 cans chopped plum tomatoes (32 to 48 ounces total)
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped oregano leaves
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley leaves
- 4 pounds fresh mussels, debearded, scrubbed and rinsed
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped basil leaves

**Pasta, as an accompaniment or bruschetta for dipping**



### Directions

Heat the oil in a large saute pan over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and saute until cooked. Add the wine and reduce it by half, then add the plum tomatoes, oregano and parsley. Add the mussels to the pan and allow to cook for about 10 minutes until all the mussels are open. Transfer mussels to a platter. (Discard any mussels that do not open.)

You can mound some pasta in the center of the plate surrounded by the mussels or have some bruschetta handy for dipping into the sauce. Adjust the seasoning for the sauce with salt and pepper, as necessary. Coat the mussels with the sauce and sprinkle with fresh chopped basil just before serving.

Courtesy of [Foodnetwork.com](http://Foodnetwork.com)





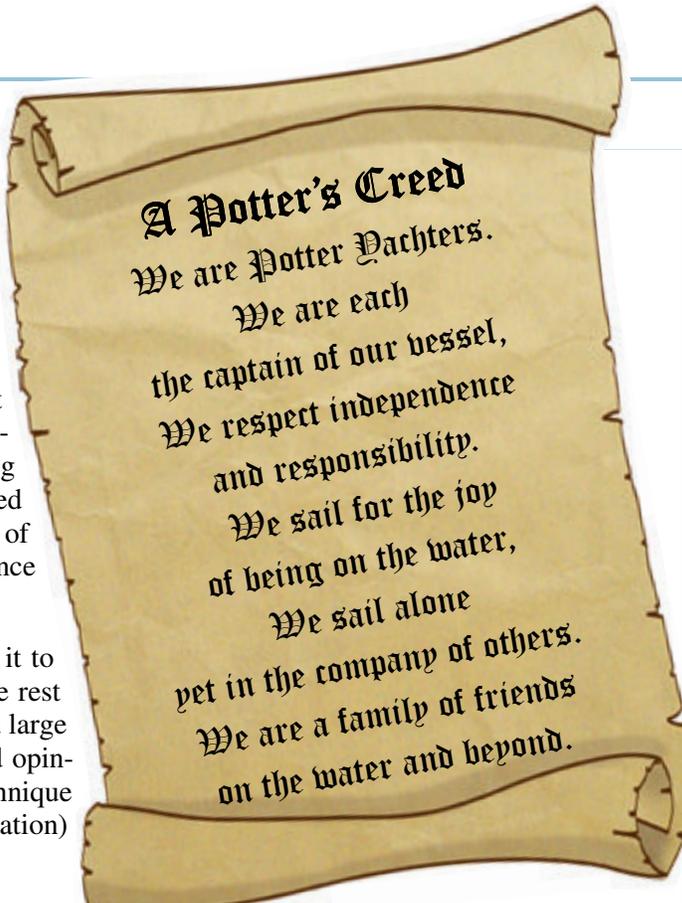
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## With a Grain of Salt

The **Potter Yachter** is a forum for exchange of ideas and information among West Wight Potter (and other mini-yacht) sailors. But we Potter Yachters are mostly a bunch of amateurs finding our way by trial and error and luck.

You will probably find some very helpful tips or ideas in the Potter Yachter that will enhance your sailing experience, but you may also find some ill-advised suggestions or ideas that just don't work for your particular boat, your sailing environment, your level of sailing experience, or your boat-working skills. So please understand that any sailing tutorials, suggested boat modifications, recommended cruises, etc., are the opinion of the author, based presumably on his or her personal experience and judgment at the time the article or letter was written.

If a Potter Yachter believes s/he has a good idea and submits it to the newsletter for publication, we will usually pass it on to the rest of you in the newsletter, but take it "with a grain of salt" and a large portion of your own good judgment, and perhaps get a second opinion before undertaking a modification or cruise or sailing technique you read about in the **Potter Yachter** (or any other publication)  
- *The Editor*



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We are each  
the captain of our vessel,  
We respect independence  
and responsibility.  
We sail for the joy  
of being on the water,  
We sail alone  
yet in the company of others.  
We are a family of friends  
on the water and beyond.