



The Potter Yachter

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Report: Union Valley Reservoir Sail

by Jim Hunt & Kevin Crowder

Photo: Jim Hunt



Aurora and Blue Moon in the launch ramp parking lot. "Touchdown at UVR!" (The sailboats have landed.)

We had five boats at Union Valley Reservoir. The weather was great; a little cool early in the morning. Kevin Crowder (ComPac 19, *Aurora*) and Jim Hunt with crew of Alan Roberts (Santana 2023, *Blue Moon*) took off for [Summer Sailstice 2019](#) on Thursday. Jim's report: "Alan & I got there in the afternoon, rigged up and got across the lake when Kevin came in. We tacked back and decided to hang out for the night in the trailer parking lot with Kevin & relaunch in the morning. After a nice breakfast we got out on the water to look (See [UVR](#) continued on page 4)

Ship's Stores for sale. Order from Kevin Crowder:

Show your colors! Fly an official Club Burgee on your next sail!

- Burgees \$25.00
- Bumper stickers \$ 2.50 (just shows the burgee; no text)
- Patches \$ 2.50 (Both round and burgee shaped)
- Info Packets \$20.00 (Primarily P-15 information)

Or head over to the CafePress website and buy a Cap, Stein, or T-Shirt with the club logo on it.

Visit: <http://www.cafepress.com/potteryachters>

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The Commodore's Corner

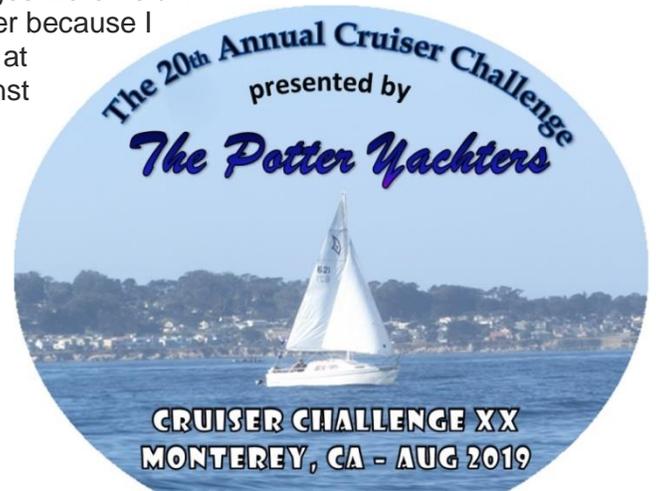
By Eric Zilbert

Once more we are on the cusp of our annual regatta in Monterey. Yes the Cruiser Challenge is coming up on August 3rd and it is shaping up to be a great one! Our twentieth! The first cruiser challenges were held in Alameda in the estuary, I remember because I was a participant, and I remember at least two of the boats I raced against and their skippers, *Redwing* (Judy Blumhorst) and *Sunshine* (Jerry

Barrilleaux). I am not sure what year we moved to Monterey, but it seems we have been there for a least 15 years and I think the consensus is still that it is the best place for it.

It looks like at least five of us will be sailing over from Moss Landing. This is a great warmup and can often be a greater challenge than the challenge itself! If you are planning to sail be ready for anything: high winds, chop, fog, etc. GPS, VHF radio, compass, and a good outboard motor are a must.

Looking forward to a great turnout and a super event. Thanks to Dana Suverkrop, Phil Marcelis, and Dick Herman for helping to put this together! See you on the water. Fair Winds! -Eric — 



It's not too late to register!

<http://challenge.potter-yachters.org/register.htm>

News from the forum

[Delta Sail is Cancelled.](#)

Eric Zilbert 17 May 2019, 11:08 AM | Views: 131

Due to weather, and what looks to be a general lack of participation, the Delta Sail is being cancelled. Everybody think good thoughts for Jerry and his surgery. - Commodore Z



From: Wallace Whiting (Past Commodore of SRSC)

Ahoy! Hope you can join us for our 67th Annual Labor Day Regatta! It's on Marshall Beach in Tomales Bay from Aug.30 to Sept. 2. You'll find all the documents at: <https://www.santarosasailingclub.org/regatta/>

Club Events on the Horizon

[See the Online Calendar](#)

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| Aug 3 (Sat) | 20th Annual Cruiser Challenge in Monterey | (Dana S) |
| <i>open ocean sail; can be easy to advanced, depending on winds and course; overnight at dock; some folks park in Moss Landing and sail the 16nm to Monterey on Friday; register online at challenge.potter-yachters.org</i> | | |
| Aug 23 (Fri-Sat) | Huntington Reservoir Sail and Overnight | (Jim H) |
| <i>generally gentle winds down the lake in the morning and more moderate winds back the other way in the afternoon; for details of a previous outing, see report in PYN Oct 2010</i> | | |
| Aug 31 (Sat) | Lake Hennessey Sail | (Rich M) |
| <i>easy day sail; no motors over 10 HP; no camping or swimming; nice launch ramp</i> | | |
| Sept 14 (Sat) | Clipper Cove Picnic Sail | (Carl S) |
| <i>typically an easy day sail, although wind can make it intermediate on occasion</i> | | |

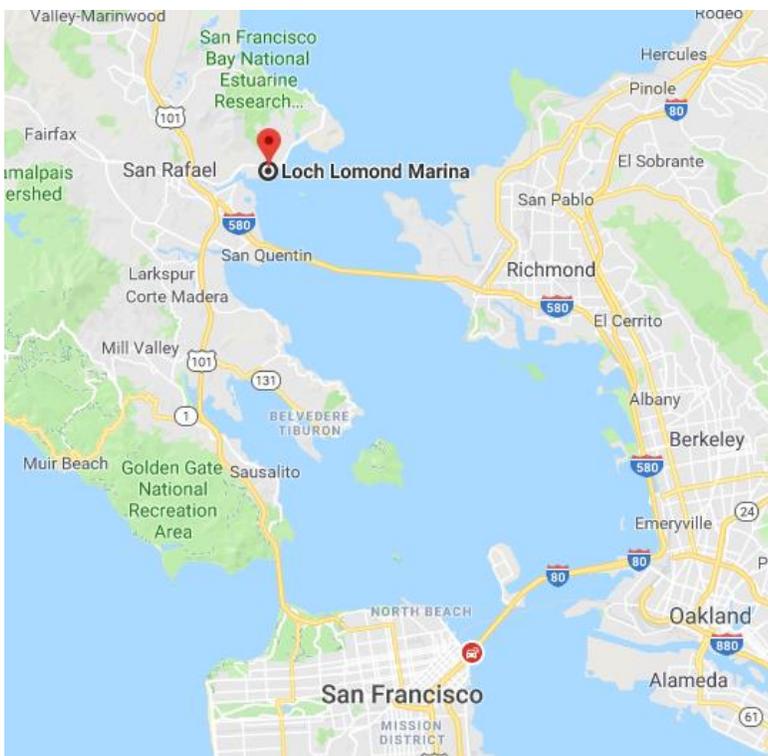
Upcoming: July 13-14, 2019

Loch Lomond Sail & Overnight

Sailhost: 'Goose' Gossman

Join the PYER's for a new event at [Loch Lomond Marina](#) in San Rafael. The marina has been recently upgraded, and includes a new upscale market adjacent to the launch ramp and Loch Lomond YC. Their incredible buffet/salad/wine/sandwich/Italian Ice cream bar is sure to please all Potterers... so plan on having meals there. The YC has welcomed us to stay at their guest docks and make use of their bar and facilities. There is also a new dog park, kids' playground, and walking paths. Guest slip fees are reasonable, and the \$20 launch fee is waived if you stay over. There is excellent sailing not subject to the full force of the Bay winds and fog, plus interesting scenery along the Marin waterfront, including China Camp, the San Rafael Canal, and several cool islands near the Richmond bridge. Hopefully many of us will make a weekend of it. (Although we plan on keeping our new boat, *Grace*, there for the season.)

Please let me know if you are coming so the marina can arrange trailer storage.



Directions to Loch Lomond Marina
 Hwy-101, exit 452, turn East at 2nd street.
 2nd St. becomes 3rd St. becomes Pt. San Pedro Rd.,
 Right turn at Loch Lomond Drive.

Goose — 

Participation in Potter Yachter events is subject to the guidelines published in [March 2018 PYN](#), page 3.

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for Potter Yachters and a nice anchorage for later. We cruised by the usual PY spot but it was maxed with ski boats, pontoon boats and the dreaded PWC's.

The usual campground was totally full, so we went across the lake to a really nice secluded cove, complete with Bald Eagles, Canada Geese & myriad water fowl. A great warm day Friday with fair wind made getting around a pleasure.

We rafted up for a nice dinner and an easy night on one anchor for the two boats.

Saturday we sailed to the ramp to get ice and met up with Dave and Brenda with their Monty 15 & new Sea Dog. They were in the campground in the farthest spot from the water and the dog wasn't doing well so they decided to leave. Then we saw Mark and Cynthia with their SunCat and they were going to launch for a day sail. After a nice lunch out at the local cafe (and having gotten ice) we were back on the water with great wind and saw an O'Day 222 from 3 years ago.

Getting back to our cove, we got sundowners and dinner when a nice P-19 came in and asked to join us. Our new friends Matt & Monty from Sacramento turned out to be great company and a good time was had by all. The usual pot luck was at anchor with no other Potter Yachter members to hang out with.

The wind was a little late on Sunday so we lazed around having a leisurely breakfast with some swimming in "Wedding Ring" Cove. If you want the story to THAT one, catch Alan at the OYC bar & by him a drink! Sunday was take-out time after a rising wind made a wonderful sail back to the ramp, then off to the [Ice House Bar](#) to present Bob, the owner, a PY burgee that he has graciously said will hang with honor in his great bar."

Kevin's account:

"On Friday we had great wind I even reefed in later after noon. The snowcapped mountains and pine trees - what a great sail. With whitecaps covering the lake, *Aurora* and *Blue Moon* took shelter in a deep cove across from the place we usually beach. We set anchor and rafted up, sheltered from wind in a great place. Saturday was a little warm; love that bimini! We motored to ramp to see if any Potters were there. Talked with Mark and Cynthia on their ComPac SunCat. Dave and Brenda were there with their dog. The wind did finally fill in and we had a great time. Campground was full and so was the usual beach. So we rafted up in the cove again; no



Jim Hunt (left) and Kevin Crowder enjoy dinner aboard *Blue Moon*.



Now that a Potter Yachter burgee has been presented to [Ice House Bar](#) owner, Bob, we have a new "away" YC at Union Vallev Reservoir.

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waves - sheltered. Dave & Brenda came by and, as we were talking, their dog decided it was “swim time” and jumped ship. They quickly recovered the dog; handle on dog life jacket made that possible. So they decided to go back to the ramp to put four paws on land. The crew of *Aurora* and *Blue Moon* feasted on ribs, corn, and potato salad. Soon after we were joined by *Rambling Rose* (Potter 19) now owned by Monty and crew Matt. Great guys! We had a good time.

Our good friend Al on *Blue Moon* had an incident. Trying to wipe all the BBQ sauce from his fingers, his ring popped off, hit the transom and >plunk< over it went... in 6-ft of water. To mark the spot he tossed my good BBQ tongs in. Many diving attempts did not recover the ring. Still, it was a great sail, good fun.” — 



Union Valley - June 2019

Attendees:

- Kevin - *Aurora*, ComPac-19
- Jim & Alan – *Blue Moon*, Santana 2023c
- Dave & Brenda – Monty 15
- Mark & Cynthia – *Half Fool*, CP SunCat
- Monty & Matt – *Rambling Rose*, P-19



From: Mike Kennedy

The weather got the better of the Poker Run event. Saturday was wet cold with light winds. A few diehard club members started the long distance race but there was no enthusiasm for getting soaked. In the process of setting it up I did meet with the manager of the Downtown Stockton Marina. They’re able to handle up to 100 guest boats! They also partner with the baseball and hockey facilities to promote attendance at the games by visiting boaters. It is possible to dock and walk a short distance to either stadium.

I am not sure when the snow will pull back enough to allow access to Spicer Res but I do plan to make an expedition to the Touolumne Wilderness. I will keep you posted as I get some notion of just when this will be possible.

Potter Yachter Membership

Join the *Potter Yachters* – the club that has been around since 1978 and, with your participation, will continue to withstand the test of time. We’re really a bunch of nice folks who would just love to have other nice folks join us. Your dues help support club activities and publish the newsletter, so you can join us on sails in person or vicariously through our stories. Annual dues are \$25 per family.

Make checks payable to “Kevin Crowder”, or use PayPal to treasurer@potter-yachters.org, or use the link <https://www.paypal.me/sailAurora/25> and include “Potter Yachters Dues” in the notes.



Or see us online at: www.potter-yachters.org

Send your payment (with Kevin Crowder your name and address) to: P.O. Box 124 Standard. CA 95373

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



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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

