



The Potter Yachter

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Club

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The new year starts with the Annual Meeting

Sailing & Event Calendar 2007

January, Annual meeting

The Newsletter will return for the February edition, with news of events for the coming year.

Sunday, January 7th, 2007 will be the Annual "Brunch" Meeting of the "Potter Yachters" at the Oakland Yacht Club.

Join us for brunch from 9 to 11 am. Then downstairs to the Regatta Room for the annual business/election of officers meeting, scheduled from 11:00am to 1:00 pm. There will be an inexpensive nautical gift exchange so bring a small gift and join in the fun.

The Oakland Yacht Club is on the estuary on the east side of Alameda Island at the foot of Triumph Street at the Pacific Marina.

Racing will return to the Cruiser Challenge for 2007

A group, chaired by Dave Bacon, has committed to planning and resuming the Cruiser Challenge Races.

This notice is to encourage every member to participate in the process. Anyone with ideas about, or wishing to help with, the Cruiser Challenge join in.

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Here is an opportunity to show your colors

A letter to the editor:

Hello,

I am the publisher of Classic Yacht online magazine. I am interested in doing a story in a future issue of Classic Yacht about one of your association's more colorful members and their boat, or the Potter Yachters as a whole. Please contact me if you have a story in mind or know of a member who has begun or completed a restoration of their Potter.

Please accept my invitation to visit classicyachtmag.com. Click the "Read New Issue" text on the home page, have fun turning the pages, and subscribe for free to this new online magazine.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Bill Prince

Publisher

Classic Yacht online magazine

Letter from the Editors:

There is electricity in the air. The Annual Meeting in January is expected to bring a fresh wind to the Potter Yachters. Some of the topics we can expect is a new schedule of events, possible sailing classes and The Cruiser Challenge is returning to a racing format.

For us, the past year has been a wonderful experience publishing the Newsletter. We want to thank those members who came

through with stories of trips and events to be shared with those who could not join in.

Group participation of writings along with the great photos made this Newsletter a viable part of this organization.

We couldn't have done it without you.

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Good Sailing to All !!!

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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*