

Potter to Potter

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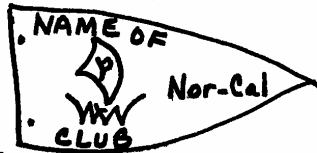
JUNE 3rd...a lovely sail! Nine Potters launched into the Estuary: #234 Harry Gordon and son Jeff; #610 Dory Taylor and friend Rich Spencer; #267 Les Clute with friend John Bower; #604 Jim and Carol Mangels; #301 Bill Pound with friend Gary Hastings; #567 Sharen and Bob Adair; #564 Jerry and Sharon Barrilleaux and two young sons; #312 John Graham with John Nelson (veterans of the Lake Berryessa mishap reported last month); and #512 Dee and Sydney Marsh. We launched under overcast skies, but by noon the sun won out and the afternoon brought pleasant 10-15 knot breezes (20-25 in late afternoon). Bill Pound, with Gary Hastings crewing, showed us a pretty sight; as we ran before the wind, #301 set her spinnaker, and lazily breezed on by. For some of us, it was the first Potter spinnaker we'd seen. Actually, there were nine Potters in the water and one Potter in the parking lot! The two red faces accompanying the parking-lot-Potter belonged to Chet and Bobby Goodson, who had forgotten to bring...their rudder! It was an ironic circumstance, as the Goodson's were the ones who had planned and made arrangements for that very same sail. (And after all that hard work repairing the Del Valle center-board problem on # 549 to have her ready!) But thanks, Chet & Bobby, for arranging a lovely sail--sorry you couldn't be on the water with us!

Lunchtime found all nine Potters tidily rafted two and three abreast at Quinn's Lighthouse dock, and skippers and crew trooped up to the second story bar and deck area to munch peanuts, have a drink, and order lunch (great thick sandwiches, hearty soups and salads). Two others joined us there: Herb Orford (and camera; Herb is a photographer of accomplishment), and Hans Wolf, who had elected to leave #691 at home that day. Chet and Bobby chaired the meeting, at which we discussed: 1) The July Sail. Several suggestions popped up (John Graham and John Nelson blanched visibly at the mention of Lake Berryessa!). Our final decision: a sail

(overnight camping optional) at Modesto Reservoir, July 8-9. More about this later. 2) A plea was repeated for someone to be T-shirt chairman, and in the dead silence which followed (blank stares all around!) Dory Taylor courageously volunteered his services as T-shirt chairman. We all immediately started telling Dory how to do his job, but he managed to ignore the fracas, and you'll find an official T-shirt order form at the end of this newsletter. Jerry Barrilleaux owns one of the shirts and says they look sharp and wear well. Thank you, Dory, for speaking up to handle the ordering etc. 3) Someone asked who the paid members are; herewith a list: Adair, Barrilleaux, Bell, Benton, Clute, Goldrath, Goodson, Gordon, Graham, Green, Hayden, Heatlie, Jeffs, Mangels, Marsh, Miller, Mortenson, Nobs, Orford, Pound, Roberts, Taylor, Winans Wolf. 4) Dory Taylor has a forward **mast** carrier for sale--"no reasonable offer refused". 5) Where-oh-where will we sail with S. Cal. in October? Suggestions include Morro Bay (state park has camping/ramp facilities; protected harbor), Santa Barbara, Paso Robles, Lake Nacimiento, San Antonio Reservo and the suggestion that wherever it is, it should be overnight. A murmur (origin unknown) suggested we let S. Cal. pick the site (since we're game for anything within reason, and they know the area better than we do, right?); that suggestion was heartily accepted with loud agreement all around. So Southern Cal West Wight Potters, we're trusting your good judgement, and we're all looking forward to The Big Sail. 6) Bob Adair had the audacity to suggest a terrific idea, a kind of Boner-of-the-Month club. He figures that since we seem to have a good strain of forgetfulness going in the group (first the forgotten sails at Del Valle; now the forgotten rudder at the Estuary), it should not go unnoticed, and whoever forgets whatever (the possibilities are limitless!) should have a little 'symbol' or 'token' to fly from the shrouds or hang on the mast or

whatever. If you've a suitable article, bring it to the next sail, and it will be duly awarded to some deserving soul...maybe even you!

7) Chet Goodson designed a prototype burgee for our group, a crude facimile of which appears below. The logo is an attempt to include both logos in one design. Any ideas as to color, etc.?



8) The Goodson's sounded the group out on the idea of a midweek sail from Konocti Inn at Clear Lake. There was enough interest that Bobby will look into it and let us know the possibilities. 9) Hans Wolf suggested a 'Work Day'--a meeting by land to check our boats, perform necessary repairs or optional installations, and generally tighten up ship. Bill Pound and Gary Hastings offered the lagoon area adjacent to where they live (Redwood Shores); an area that is not patrolled and with sufficient parking lot to allow a Potter assemblage; the boats could be launched into the lagoon for brief shakedown runs. After further discussion, it was decided to schedule this event in addition to a monthly sail, rather than replacing it, and to schedule it either at the beginning or end of the season. Look for more info later this summer/fall. 10) Jerry Barrilleaux suggested that for our August Sail we launch from Estuary Park and sail up onto that portion of the Bay between the Estuary mouth and the Bay Bridge--it's called the 'Chicken Bay', says Jerry, because winds/swells/currents are not as difficult as the part of the Bay past the bridge. This might be a good beginner's Bay Sail. (Another angle: It might be more of a sailing day and less of a socializing day, for those who favor more sailing and less talking!) All in favor of Jerry's Chicken Bay for the August Sail? (Pk-pk-pawk!!)

NAME THAT CLUB

Well, folks, the votes are in, and here's how it goes: Voting returns from the May newsletter: Potter People-2, Bay Potters-1, West Wight Yotters-1, Potter Yotters-4, West Wight Wanderers-0. A hand count at the June Sail produced these results: Potter People-2, Bay Potters-1, Bay Area Potter Sailors-2, West Wight Yotters-2, Potter Yotters-10, West Wight

Wanderers-0. So, by popular consensus, we have appointed ourselves the 'Potter Yotter'. A note of thanks to Bert Goldrath, who came up with that name; it caught on from the time it was mentioned. Harry Gordon suggests that the name be spelled 'Potter Yachters'; "it still sounds the same but will be more readily recognized as a boat club when read. The Mangels agree; anyone else have comments?

ANNOUNCEMENT

JULY SAIL: SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JULY 6 & 7
MODESTO RESERVOIR (Overnight Camping Options)
 Dee and Sydney Marsh suggested this sail, and it sounds like a winner. Follow the attached map (thanks, Dee), and (I'm quoting Dee) "take a right turn at entrance. Proceed past the developed area (launch ramp) and continue to the S.E. end of lake. Turn left at the cattle guard and you are there!"

We will camp in the 'undeveloped' area (don't let it scare you; all you're missing, they tell me, is a tent 'pad', a table, a BBQ, and drinking water.) Entry fee: \$1.50/car, \$1.50/boat, and somewhere near \$3-4 for the campsite. There is a charge for pets, but it seems to vary, was the opinion of the who've been there. Since the park doesn't accept reservations, Dee and Sydney will be our 'advance persons' and will try to pick an area where we can all camp together (chances are best in the undevel. area). Sydney says BRING LOTS OF WATER; and the Marshes and the Adairs caution that it can be quite hot. The Adairs sail there very frequently, but unfortunately won't be attending the July Sail (they're on an 8-wk cross country vacation). Bob Adair says they've never had a 'bad' day at Modesto Res.; the sailing has always been good. He and Sharen especially enjoy nighttime sails--full moon, etc. So pack up your tent, lantern, sleeping bags, ice chest (water, water, water), kids, dog, etc., and throw in your old guitar; hitch up your Potter (sails? rudder? and Make It To Modesto! If you'd rather, just come for the day on Sat.--all comers welcome!

SALE OF SAILS

Some Potters have changed owners since our last newsletter. We're sad to report the Mortensons have sold 'Ducky', #291.