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REPORT OF LOST ISLE: by Jerry Barrilleaux

The Lost Isle sail had a six boat turnout: 564, Jerry Barrilleaux and father, Bill; 850, Stan and Dorothy Butler; 773, Leighton Johe; 797, Don Bergst and Fran Winans as crew; 512, De and Sydney Marsh; and 567, Bob and Sharen Adair. Richard Graham was also present, just to see the Potters in action and to compare the different models. Hope you got some good info, Richard.

Since the winds were very light, everyone motored to Lost Isle. When we arrived, we had a nice lunch and talked about Stan and De's trip to Anacapa Island (to be reported in next month's newsletter). We also discussed why Fran Winans didn't have his boat along. It seems that his boat was de-masted, not by heavy winds, but by a freeway overpass. It seems that Frank was having trouble launching his boat, so he decided to try another lake. Surely the mast on the old gunter rig didn't stick up enough to cause any problems ... So off he went down the freeway, until he came to an overpass... CRUNCH !!!... We hear that his new mast is almost ready. After lunch, we all went our separate ways, exploring the delta. The last time we saw Bob Adair, he had a GIANT Mai-Tai and was headed upriver for Stockton.

Three boats spent the night; Don Bergst, Leighton Johe and Jerry Barrilleaux. We had a peaceful night, despite the screaming peacocks and occasional drunks (who? the editor asks). We got up about 6 A.M. and I (Jerry) decided to do some fishing. Just as I was ready to cast my line into the water, some ! * ?##"- person, in a large cabin cruiser, flushed his toilet into the water, right next to us !!UGH !!. There went our appetite for catfish, right down the drain. We then decided to go for an early morning sail. It was very beautiful and peaceful, but there wasn't much wind, so we sailed back and had breakfast. It was quite a sight to see a red, white and blue Potter rafted together. After eating, we set sail again and eventually ended up back at the launch site, where we loaded our boats back on their trailers and had time for a cold beer before heading home.

(Thanks, Jerry)

ANNIVERSARY DINNER REPORT

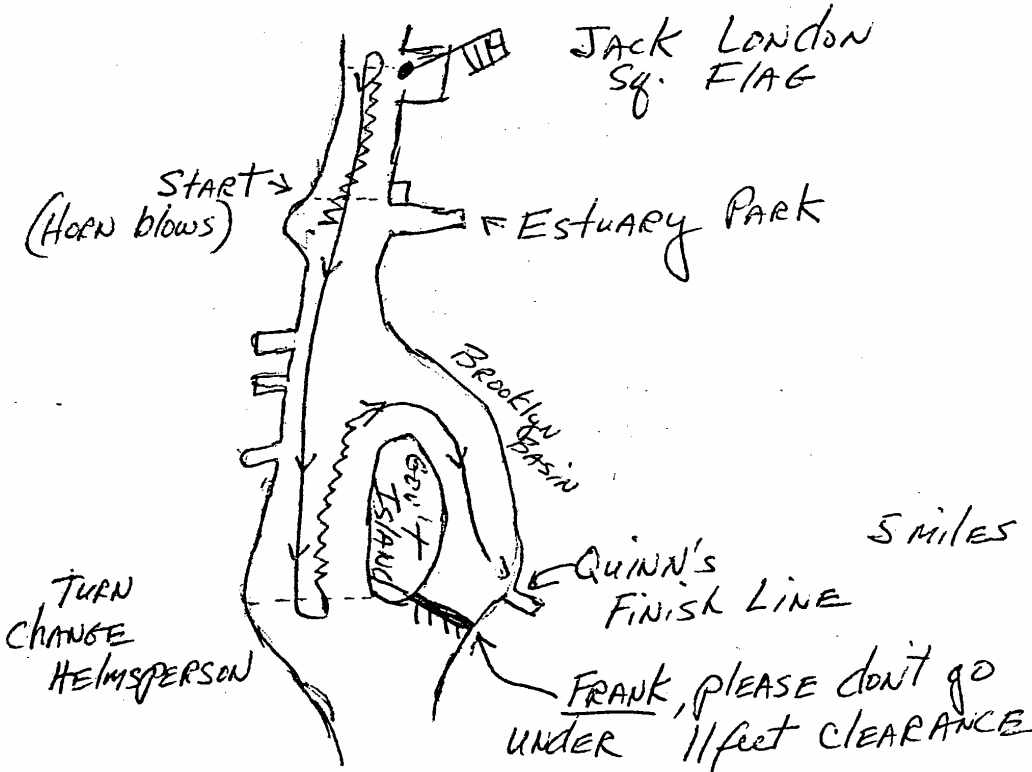
We had nineteen people show up for our annual dinner at the King's Table Restaurant in Redwood City. The Adair's, Butler's, Johe's, Don Bergst, Mangels', Marsh's, Nelson's, Nob's, Wight's, and the Winan's.

Our first plan for the evening was to EAT, which we did, some of us ALOT. After our Roloids, we shared past sailing events. De and Stan gave a brief run-down of their sail to the Channel Islands, the trip to Lost Island, and etc. Some slides were shown of our capsizing drill at Lake Elizabeth in Fremont, thanks to Herb Orford who donated the slides to the club. The slides are great, they show our struggle to knock down Frank Winans boat, we never really did !! One slide is really great showing De Marsh and his son diving off their boat. Try to see these slides some time.

We discussed our sail in May (which will be later reported on) and our sail at Bel Marin Key discussed by Bill Wight. The evening ended with us full, but it was good for us all to get together at least once a year.

Next Sail, May 3, Saturday, Estuary Regatta

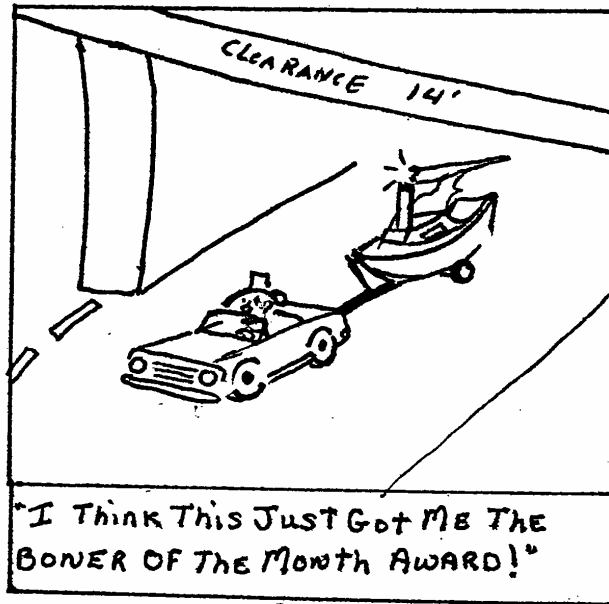
Since no suggestions came forth from the last sail, the next sail was suggested by Jim Mangels. The idea behind this sail is to have alot of participation, families, friends, you name it. The Oakland Estuary is a fun place to sail, light winds, but scenic. The idea is to start a race from Estuary Park up to Jack London Square turn around at the flag pole, sail down to the bottom of Government Island turn around and tack back up to the top of Government Island, turn into Brooklyn Basin Channel and head toward Quinn's Lighthouse. The winner is the first one to Quinn's, however, first place will also be given to the first pair to come in. To add drama to the race, if you have a partner, you must change helmspers at the bottom of Government Island. Working Jibs and Main. Trophies will be supplied by Mr Joe Edwards from HMS (Thanks Joe). We can either stop for lunch at Quinn's, or if the mood is right sail after the presentation of the trophies. I need a volunteer to start the boats and to keep track of the first place boats. Launch from Estuary Park off of 5Th Street on Highway 17 in Oakland. Race to start 11:00, brief skippers meeting to go over course before Course is about 5 miles in length. See map.



SUNDAY JUNE 1 st, Bel Marin Keys Sail

Bill Wight has completed the arrangements for the sail at Bel Marin Keys. This is the second year for this sail and last year it was really terrific. For those of you who attended and last year there was eleven boats, it should be just as good. We had a nice race, even though Bill Wight really sailed our cleats off, food was good, and we had the wonderful hospitality of the Wight's . Keep this date open. A map and further plans will be outlined in the next newsletter. Trophies will be supplied by Joe Edwards, thanks again.

In a recent telephone conversation with Joe Edwards, I had a chance to find out some additional information about the HMS 18. It should be out in about 2 months. The design will be essentially the same as the earlier HMS 18. Sleeps 4, galley, head. The living area is very large Joe says, since the boat has alot of freeboard, is 8 feet wide, and the sides are pretty straight up and down. Sounds nice to the Mangels'. Maybe Sommer could be our dinghy.



By Jerry Barrilleaux

CRYING UNCLE By Carol Mangels

A year ago I said that if my Potter Yachter responsibilities got overwhelming, I'd cry "uncle" and let you know. Well, here goes ... "UNCLE"!

I've enjoyed being organizer/secretary-treasure/sometime newsletter-writer/historian for the last two years. But it's time to divide these responsibilities among the group.

I think it's unhealthy for the responsibility for an organization to be left to just a few people-- and that's what's happening to the Potter Yachters. We're two years old, we have 40 members, and, like it or not, we're going to have to "organize". This means elected officers: people who know their responsibilities and agree ahead of time they're willing to do the job.

I didn't pursue these thoughts at the Anniversary Dinner because I didn't fully realize until later that I definitely want to relinquish my club responsibilities. ("You're not quitting SAILING are you?? Jim anxiously asked. NOPE !)

Listed below are the officers I think the Potter Yachters should elect on a yearly basis. I think the first election should be held by mail in June.

Commodore: Doesn't do anything, just makes sure somebody ELSE does everything!

1. Represents the club. Handles phone calls and inquiries to the Potter Yachters (from prospective boat owners, etc.)
2. Makes sure a newsletter is sent out each month by the secretary.
3. Makes sure the other officers do their jobs

- Secretary/Treasurer - 1. Finds someone to write and type the newsletter * each month. (Does NOT personally write the newsletter, unless desired.)
2. Mails out the newsletter every month.
3. Keeps an up-to-date mailing list.
4. Keeps track of the club's money.

** The newsletter is too long. All it really HAS to do is tell when and where the next sail will be. Newsletter copies can be made on any copy machine or at a fast-~~PRINT~~ shop (see the Yellow Pages). The club treasury pays for the copies and stamps.

- Historian - 1. Keeps the picture album up-to-date (yes, we already have one).
2. Keeps the file of miscellany (yes, there already is one), such as Potter magazine/newspaper articles, bumper stickers, tide charts, etc.

There's a place on the enclosed questionnaire for you to comment on what I've suggested. I don't want to be an elected officer; it's time for a change, both for me and for the group.

I've especially enjoyed writing the newsletter; it was a unique chance for me to practice writing. Thanks for listening!

QUESTIONNAIRE TIME

We are enclosing a questionnaire that needs your attention. Please fill out the STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED, SEPARATE PAGE, questionnaire. The club needs your suggestions, comments, what-ever, to make this club used and enjoyed by the 40 members.

THANK YOU

See you all at the OAKLAND Estuary Regatta
that's next Weekend!

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