



Potter to Potter

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NEXT SAIL

.....
Bel Marin Keys Sunday, June 1

We will meet at Bel Marin Keys launch ramp between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. There will be a skippers meeting at B.M.K. yacht club at 12:00 p.m. The first race is scheduled to begin at 1:00 and the second at 2:30. We will meet back at the yacht club for refreshments and the awards presentation. Trophies will be furnished by Joe Edwards of H.M.S. marine. Our thanks to Joe again.

This is certainly one of the best events of the year. If you have never sailed with us before, be sure to take advantage of this one. Last year everyone who ~~attended~~ (oops!) attended had a ball!

More information later in this newsletter.

OPENING DAY

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By Jerry Barrilleaux

Opening day had five Potters on the bay. #564; Jerry Barrilleaux, with crew Dan Lory; #850; Stan and Dorothy Butler; #797; Don Bergst; #821; Terry and Mary Gotcher; and #512; De Marsh and son.

We had a great sail to Angel Island, where we beached the Potters and had lunch. Hospital Cove wasn't quite as crowded as in the past. The weather forecast wasn't very good, but it turned out to be a great day. We checked out all the decorated boats, and the Potters had their own decorations. The ships store, ~~****~~ (oops!) at the launching ramp, gave everyone a large batch of helium balloons to decorate their boats with.

There were some great water bomb wars going on and we each carried a few bombs for self defense. Some people had giant slingshots made from a funnel and rubber tubing. * The power of these things is awesome; you can knock down someone from his boat at 100 yards.

After lunch we all took off to see more sights. You will recall, last year, Dory Taylor thought he saw a beautiful indian maiden standing on the deck of a large ~~**~~ (OOPS!) cruiser, wearing nothing but feathers????, well, this year, Terry and Mary Gotcher spotted the same beautiful creature, ONLY..... this year she wasn't even wearing feathers!! She was also spotted by the entire crew of the Coast Guard cutter anchored

in Raccoon Strait. Everyone immediately rushed to the same side of the ship, as she went by, causing a 20 degree list. I was a little disappointed, because, this was my sixth opening day and so far the best thing I've seen was a couple of belly dancers.

***** THE OAKLAND ESTUARY RACE *****

The May 3rd race had a tremendous turnout; 10 Potters showed up; #234; Harry and Sandy Gordon; #604; Jim and Carol Mangels; #797; Don Bergst with crew Andy Taylor; #818; Joyce and Bill Wight; #817; Don and Dee Bernreuter; #850; Stan and Dorothy Butler; #182; Frank Winans; #661; Dan Diehlman; #821; Terry and Mary Gotcher and #564; Jerry Barrilleaux.

At the time the race was supposed to start, all the boats were not in the water and there ~~was~~ was little or no wind, so the race was put off until noon. Sure enough, at the start of the race, the wind came up. New member, Richard Graham, was the official starter. He is still looking for a Potter. Thanks for the start Richard.

The first leg of the race was a beat up to the flag at Jack London Square and then a run back down the channel to the end of Government Island. We then had to beat our way back up the channel and around Government Island to Quinns Lighthouse. At the end of the race, we found that the docks at Quinns were full, but Carol Mangels came to the rescue. She found some empty berths for us to use, thanks to Sailboats Inc., Potter dealers, whose docks we were able to use. We then went up to Quinns and had lunch. After lunch, Jim Mangels awarded the trophies. First place went to Jerry Barrilleaux; second place to Bill and Joyce Wight and third place to Dan Diehlman. Dan lives in Fresno and doesn't get up here very often, but he is one heck of a sailor. The Mangels boat led the Wights for most of the race, but the Wights pulled ahead on the last leg. Frank Winans surprised everyone by coming in fourth. He can really make that old boat move!

The trophies were donated by Joe Edwards of H.M.S. Marine, and they were really beautiful. Thanks Joe!

***** OFFICIAL FINISHING TIMES *****

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| 1. #564 Breezy 1:25 | 6. #850 OOH NO 1:42 |
| 2. #661 AE6G 1:30 | 7. #821 John B.? 1:50 |
| 3. #818 Isle of Wight 1:35 | 8. #817 Burn Rudder 1:52 |
| 4. #604 Sommer 1:37 | 9. #234 Manatee 1:55 |
| 5. #182 Sweetheart II 1:40 | 10. #797 Ms. B. 1:58 |
