



Potter to Potter



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NEXT SAIL:
SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 9

Location; Oakland Estuary.....Launch time; 9:30.
Directions; Take the 5th street exit from Highway 17 in Oakland, turn right at stop sign and continue on to Estuary Park.

This has been a favorite spot for Potter Yachters in the past, because it has a good ramp, restrooms, ample parking, a nice picnic area and best of all, IT'S FREE! This is a great place to get together and have lots of fun!

OCTOBER: LAKE CAMANCHE SAIL
By: Don Bergst

The weekend sail at Lake Camanche brought out a good variety of Potters, but only a small variety of weather. Boats launched on Saturday to practice assorted aspects of light air techniques. Among the methods observed were: sitting still and watching a bubble alongside to see how long it would take to pass the boat, paddling hard to get the boat moving fast enough to cause "apparent wind", heaving to in order to keep the boat under control while eating lunch (or having a cool one) and "outboard motor drill", so as to get back to the beach before midnight.

Around the campfire, the usual tradition of a Camanche Bar Hunt was observed. The results were as anticipated and I'm sure many are looking forward to the same next year with new participants. Following this were, Sea Stories, Singing, and Solving all The World's Problems, which lasted well into the night.

Present on this sail were new Potter owners Parveen, Irfan and Saira Malik with Joann and Dianne Leong; #661; Charlie and Dorothy Nearing, #921; Bob and Sharen Adair, #567, with family; Carl Kunze and Erie, #438; Bud and Sandra Nelson and family, #584; John and Barbara Simpson, #266; Frank Winans, #182; Jerry Barrilleaux, #564 and Don Bergst, #797.

POTTER FOR "SAIL"

1973 Potter; #515, very good condition. Includes; tilt trailer, 3 sails, 3 life jackets, anchor, 1 fender, bow light, boom vang and bow pulpit. Asking \$ 2400. Interested? Call (415) 653-5275.

NEW MEMBERS

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UNCLE HARRY'S KIDDIE KORNER

RIDDLE: "Why do Potter Yachter people all get along so well?"

"Because they're all in the same boat!"

POWERFUL POINTERS ON POINTING YOUR POTTER

By Jerry Barrilleaux

Over the years I have heard many comments about the performance, or lack of it, concerning Potters. One such remark is that Potters won't go windward well. If you take a close look at the Potter, you might be inclined to believe this statement. She has a high freeboard and a cabin, creating a great amount of resistance, not to mention the rather small sail plan that just couldn't produce enough power to drive her well, and the Potter hull is a far cry from a sleek racer. However, when properly sailed, not only will she go windward, but she can be surprisingly fast.

Last weekend, Don Bergst was sailing his Potter close hauled, in the Oakland Estuary, when he passed up a new Spirit 23. This made Don extremely happy. I don't think the skipper of the Spirit 23 was too overjoyed, it seems he was a yacht broker, taking out a couple of prospective customers for a test sail.

So, here are a few simple steps to help you get the most out of your Potter.

1. The Potter was designed to carry heavy loads of gear in the cabin. If you have any gear, stow it as far forward as possible, also, position the crew weight as far forward as possible. This will raise the transom out of the water and cause less turbulence, and the lee chine will dig deeper into the water to help the boat squeeze upward.
2. You must also adjust your outhaul to meet the present wind conditions. In light wind you want a large belly in the sail, and for heavy air you want it much flatter. This also holds true with aircraft, as the slower planes have a greater airfoil than the fast ones.
3. Bring the boom in, just to the outside corner of the transom. This will give the mainsail it's maximum power.
4. As you head your boat upwind, trim in the jib so you have about 1½" of belly in it.
5. Continue to bring her upwind until the jib begins to luff, then back off a few degrees and hold her steady. Even though the Potter may feel like a larger boat, she is still a dinghy. When trying to beat into a heavy chop, it might be wise to back off a few degrees to increase power.

If these simple steps are followed, I think you will be amazed at your boat's performance.