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POTTER TO POTTER

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Sailing Schedule

At The	October 6-7	Woodward Reservoir
Helm	November 4	San Leandro
	December 1-2	Treasure Island



The Lake Camanche sail on September 8th and 9th turned out to be a drifting contest on one of the hottest weekends of the year! The camping fees were higher than we expected but in spite of this, the weather and light air Camanche is still one of the most beautiful areas that we have sailed. The lake is large, 7,700 acres, with hilly shores, many islands, inlets and bays. A great place to explore. The locals say that as a rule there are few water skiers because of the wind and that it is a favorite lake for sailors.

It's a place worthwhile visiting on your own or to consider for a future group sail event. The fees for camping with vehicle and boat with up to 4 people is \$13 per night on weekends and \$11 per night on week days. There is a 50% discount for persons aged 62 and over.

I was the only person to arrive on Friday and enjoyed ideal sailing conditions in the late afternoon and again Saturday morning from 7a.m. to about 9:30a.m. The calm set in about the time the other Potters started to arrive. Ranney Thayer and April launched at the ramp about a mile away and then sailed over to visit with the group a few minutes. De Marsh couldn't find the group and he also launched at the ramp. He met other boats on the lake, then he and Sydney stopped by to say "Hi" on their way home.

In the evening John Simpson built his traditional campfire. Barbara served homemade cake in honor of her granddaughter Heather who was celebrating her first birthday by flirting with some of the older men who were very flattered by the attention.

Mike and Claudia headed for home about 10 p.m. It had been so hot and the winds so light that their poor boat didn't even get off the trailer. Swimming was more popular than sailing.

In all we had 10 Potters plus Tina Singh and her almost sinkable Hobie Cat and David and Candy Hogan in a Laser.

The Potters were:

- #221 Don, Marsha and Charlie Wilson in their P-19
- #266 John & Barbara Simpson
- #691 Frank Winans
- #706 Gwen Singh
- #748 Mike Bartunek, Claudia Hassler and son and friend
- #766 Ranney Thayer and April Edner
- #783 Fred Richter and daughter Chris
- #916 Chuck & Ruth Nugent and son Mike
- #1077 Gene and Sharon Averill
- #1205 Bill Sprietsma

John and Anne Ockes were with us by post card from the Isle of Wight.

Bill Sprietsma
Commodore

SAILS

Santa Cruz

The Santa Cruz sail brought six boats out onto Monterey Bay where light winds and some swells were experienced. Our commodore Bill Sprietsma though not feeling well with Fred Richter aboard and our host Jim Silva led us to witness the Santa Cruz Yacht Club races which provided us with a dazzling array of multicolored spinnakers and some excitement at one of the marks as hulls and rigging of their boats came together. Most of time was spent in the area of the wharf and out to the mile buoy and some watching the pods of seals.

When most of us came in we were entertained at the launch ramp as some guy who was obviously well into Miller Time tried repeatedly to get the trailer into the water and then the boat on it while letting go of the boat, falling in the water and blaming his brother-in-law.

Then Jim Silva took us for a tour of the harbor going all the way to the back of the harbor where we dropped off two boats. Then "8" people got onboard of Jim's boat and went back to the launch area for people to get their vehicles.

The Silvas, Richters, Derhams and Simpsons went out to dinner together at Anne Marie's Restaurant where we had a nice dinner.

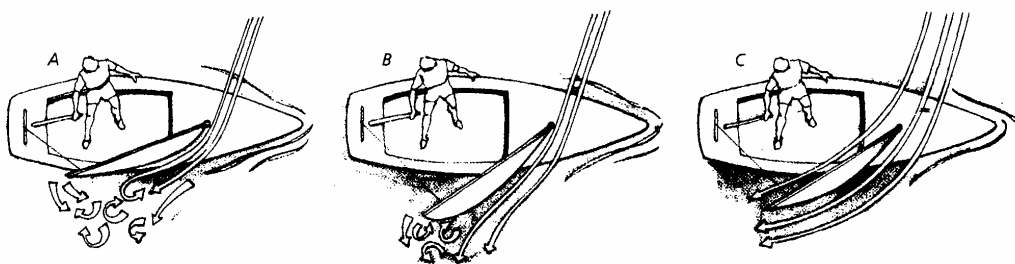
This is the time to take to the ocean if you are fearful of it and want to try it. Jim Silva will be glad to give you any knowledge he has of the area so if you get a chance go down and give him a call.

Those in attendance were:

Jim and Donna Silva
Chuck and Ruth Nugent with son Mike
Fred and Freda Richter in their motorhome
John and Barbara Simpson
Beth and Dan Derham
Bill Sprietsma
Lee Olin and daughter Maureen

Our thanks goes out to Jim Silva for showing us a nice time again.

Barbara Simpson



With an overtrimmed mainsail on a reach (A), the air flow breaks away from the leeward side of the sail. Similarly, with a closed leech (B), the air flow also breaks away from the leeward side of the sail. Both result in inefficiency compared with a correctly trimmed main (C) over which the air flow is smooth

LETTERS

Ranney Thayer wrote to suggest a future sail next year at New Melones Reservoir. I am including the information he provided for anyone who might want to try this out sooner than that.

The New Melones is formed by the Stanislaus River and is a huge lake as big as Don Pedro. It was formed by the controversial damming of the Stanislaus River and the flooding of many miles of "white water" which were beloved by canoeists and environmentalists. It is located at about 1000 feet of elevation in the Sierra foothills between Angels Camp and Sonora.

There are two major launch facilities - Tuttletown, on the Sonora side of the reservoir and Glory Hole, on a peninsula coming down from Angels Camp side of the reservoir. Both areas have hugh, brand new launch ramps with little docks which adjust to the water level by being pulled up or down with steel cables. Tuttletown is open now and Glory Hole will not be open until November 1984. On the peninsula out to the Glory Hole launch ramp there is a planned campground which should be in operation next spring. At present the Tuttletown launch ramp closes down at 10:30 p.m. and there does not appear to be any lakeside camping area open.

New Melones is a 2½-3 hour drive from the Bay Area. You go out I-580 across Altamount Pass, pick up Hwy 120 just after coming to I-5 and then go east on 120. Where 120 and 108 merge stay on 108 into Sonora, then go north on Hwy 49 to either the Tuttletown or Glory Hole Recreation areas. Glory Hole is after you cross a new bridge over a large arm of the reservoir.

The reservoir is large and seems well stocked with fish. It seems to have more wind than Camanche. There are not alot of boats but the majority are power boats.

Ranney Thayer



Editor's Footnote

My apology to Dan Derham and his daughter Amy for not including their names in the participants of the last Woodward sail.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

NEXT SAIL: WOODWARD RESERVOIR, OCTOBER 6-7

Due to decreasing water levels, this sail location may be changed. If you are planning on going to Woodward, call the Commodore-Bill Sprietsma or Barbara Simpson anytime after Tuesday, October 2nd. If the water is deemed to be insufficient for a weekend sail we will change the location to Emery Cove Marina in Emeryville and the sail will be on Sat., Oct. 6th. with a launch time of 10:30 a.m.

If the location is Woodward, drive east on route 120 off of Hwy 99 and continue east through Escalon to county route J-14. This road is on a curve. Turn left and follow the signs to the reservoir. Once inside the tollgate, check for the group location on the bulletin board. We will be at Sailboat Cove in the undeveloped area.

If the location is Emery Cove Marina, take Powell St., Emeryville off ramp on Hwy 80 and go down to the end of Powell where you will find a launch ramp and parking area.

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