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# Potter to Potter

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Assn.

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## Sailing Schedule



Saturday/Sunday, October 5-6 Tomales Bay  
Sunday, November 3 Angel Island



At the Woodward Reservoir sail that was held on June 29-30, it was decided by club members along with former and present officers to modify the dues structure. We need to properly maintain the newsletter so that we don't have to use part of next year's dues to finance the mailing and printing. We also need a cushion of money to be used for our sailing and non-sailing events such as awards and trophies.

First of all, 1986 membership renewals will be \$15. Second, all new members in 1986 will be charged \$15 no matter what month they joined the association. Dues will no longer be prorated. By changing a constant annual fee, we can provide new members with the membership list and the Many Ways to Potter without additional charge. There will be no initiation fee. 1985 new members can join our group at the old rate. And last, the secretary/treasurer/editor will be exempt from paying dues because of personal expenses to take the newsletter to be printed and mailed.

Mike Bartunek, Commodore

Last Sail: Santa Cruz, September 21-22

It was beautiful weather for a great weekend sail. Sailing from the boat harbor on Saturday were: Frank Winans and Jim Silva (#691); Mike Bartunek and Claudia Hassler (#718); Terry Cotcher (#821); John and Anne Ockes (#1060); Bill Sprietsma and Freda (#1205); Steve Silva (P-19); Ron and Aldrene Lamb (P-19 # 211); Jim Silva, our host and WWP rep, arranged berthing space for the over-nighters.

**WEST WIGHT POTTER**



# MEMBERSHIP

Now is the time to give yourself an Xmas gift that will last all year long. What is it that is so great? What else, but your 1986 Northern California West Wight Potter Association dues! We are an association without bylaws, rules, or a checking account. Please make your check out to the treasurer, Albert J. Ockes, then you'll be sent a membership card. Oh, the cost you ask? \$15, and send it to 40915 Cantare Place, Fremont, CA 94539.

## We Want You For Shore Duty

# AHOY!

Whenever there is a boat show in town, our man from Santa Cruz is there. Jim Silva of Prime Time Boat Sales would like to promote our club as well as sell a bunch of Potters. In exchange for free tickets and refreshments, all you have to do is be a good will ambassador for our association. The show is the 2nd week in January at the Cow Palace. More next month.

## EMERGENCY SIGNALS

### THE LAW SAYS:

Boats using coastal waters or the Great Lakes are required, by law, to carry approved distress signals. Every boat 16' and over is required to carry approved **day and night** visual distress signals. Boats under 16' are required to carry approved **night** signals.

### THE APPROVED SIGNALS ARE:

- Orange 50-second smoke signals, **day only**
- 3' x 3' flag, **day only**
- Automatic electric SOS light, **night only**
- Red 6-second meteor flare with 10,000 candlepower, **day and night**
- Parachute flare, **day and night**
- Handheld 2-minute red flares with 500 candlepower, **day and night**

### ALERT/LOCATE

Although the Coast Guard requires only day-night capability, we feel the best protection for boaters is **Alert/Locate**, as well as day-night. The intent of an alert signal is to alert someone to a problem. The signal gives general direction, but not necessarily specific location. It should be spectacular and should move to attract help. Meteors and parachute flares are the only true alert signals.

Locate signals provide a homing device signal that should be of longer duration to pinpoint the distress area. Handheld flares, lights and smoke are in this category.

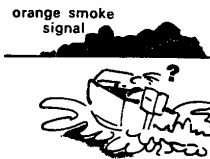
Red flares of any type are for distress only. White flares are for practice (familiarization with pistol's use) or attention-getting.

#### An Alert Signal

must broadcast a problem and attract help to a general direction.

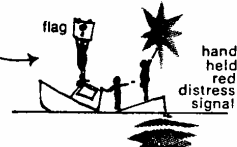


#### ALERT LOCATE



#### A Locate Signal

must provide signal of longer duration to **pin point** the distress area.



### WEST-ADVISOR on FLARES

1. Olin Parachute flares are the best, but the most expensive. For offshore use, please take them with you.
  2. The Olin 12-gauge Alert/Locate Kit is excellent for coastal use. After you own the kit, Olin's replacement flares are the least expensive.
  3. SSI Skyblazers give the best performance for the dollar. Unless you already own an Olin gun, SSI is the best value for coastal use.
- NOTE: Flare recommendations (like any safety recommendations) are very difficult. We don't desire to pump up your order by suggesting extras that you don't need, but on the other hand, **more is truly better**. To help you with your selection of safety equipment we publish the USYRU Minimum Equipment Standards in this catalog as an unbiased guide. We hope it's helpful to you.

## Helpful Hints

**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING**—There are few places where good housekeeping is more important than afloat. This includes properly stowing and securing all equipment and supplies, keeping decks and spaces clean and free from clutter and trash, performing safety checks and required maintenance on a regular schedule and ensuring that all repairs are properly made.

## IT SINKS!?

Leonardo da Vinci developed plans for an underwater warship but kept them secret. He was afraid it would make war even more frightful than it was.

The first boat known to have navigated successfully underwater was built in 1620 by a Dutchman, Cornelius Van Drebbel. He was credited with having developed a chemical that purified the air and allowed the crew to stay submerged for extended periods.

## WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS:

Douglas and Karen Garrison  
634 Cortola Parkway, Vallejo, CA 94590  
Telephone: (707) 552-7756  
P-15 #268 Gunter Rigged

Scott and Lynda O'Conner  
321 Cliff Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95050  
Telephone: (408) 427-2598  
P-19 #327

Robert and Gerturd Little  
234 State Park Drive, Antos, CA 95003  
Telephone: (408) 688-3800  
Montgomery-15 "Little Pearl"

Michael and Corinna Rowe  
825 Maison Way, El Sobrante, CA 94803  
Telephone: (415) 222-3318  
P-15 #828



### Potters For Sale

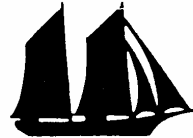
## CLASSIFIED

Here is a Potter-15 sailboat that is only 18 months young that is in excellent condition with many extras. The price of \$4500 includes an outboard motor and trailer. Contact Harold Novius, 2523 Pyrenees Ave., Stockton, CA 95210. Telephone: (209) 478-5768

The asking price is \$3700 for a Potter-15 that was purchased Jan. 7, '83. Everything is in top condition and the price includes a bow pulpit, side rails, and miscellaneous items. Also included is a special aluminum trailer with 13" wheels. Contact Melvin Dincaen, 2905 Wheatland Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93313. Telephone: (805) 834-5185

### Potter Wanted

Don Fleming of 136 Craven Street, Vallejo, CA 94590 is looking for a nice used Potter-15. Give Don a call at (707) 644-5146.



### Let's Take A World Cruise in a Potter Yacht . . .

Or how about a Transpac race! When point B is over the horizon, just how do you get there? Tom Stanton brought to our attention a new magazine called Navigator. The Sept/Oct issue tells about a navigational overview of the S.F. Bay, digital display gyro compasses, vector diagrams to solve navigational problems, Navtex weather receivers, and sailboat racers describing navigational details of their voyages.

Six issues per year is \$12.00. Address Navigator, P.O. Box 2150, Stanford, CA 94306.

# On A Clear Day, We Can Sail Forever...