



Potter to Potter

WWP NEWS!



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December Estuary Sail/Brunch -

The Dec. 3 event was a sail and brunch. (Is that a "scrunch? Probably not.) Dory Taylor, 610; De and Sydney Marsh, 512; and Jim & Carol Mangels, 604 all launched about 11 AM at Estuary Park. Wind was negligible, so, running late, all motored in to the guest dock at Victoria Station restaurant (same dock used by Quinn's Lighthouse). At the restaurant the five were joined by Chet Goodson; Stan & Dorothy Butler; and Harry, Sandy, Jill, & Jeff Gordon--all of whom arrived by auto, sans boats. The food was great and the servings enormous. There was a minimum of business talk although we did touch on the January Work Day, T-shirts, and a possible Angel Island sail (see below). De told about a recent enjoyable sail he and his boys made from Estuary Park to the new Pier 39 in San Francisco, where they docked (slight charge; was it \$2?), lunched, then returned to Oakland. That might be a good Potter Yachters cruise.

After the brunch at Victoria Sta. there was a dockside discussion of the various features of different models of Potters, then the three boats sallied forth to do battle with the elements in the Estuary. But the elements weren't in a fighting mood. The following is Carol's report: "The 'sail' back was practically nonexistent. We got maybe a 5 kn wind down the leg of water from Vic. Sta. to the Estuary, then the wind just really died down and we drifted. Jim motored and so did Dory for awhile, but I don't think De did. (I went

ashore to pick up my kids from Grandma's so I missed the last part of the sail, but I don't think the wind ever got much above 5-7 kn)..All in all, it was 'The Big Drift!', but what do you expect on a full stomach?"

10 AM

January 6 - Saturday/- Work Day at La Purissima Winery - Barring unusually heavy rains, this will not be a sailing event. Bring your boats, tools, and taste buds to La Purissima Winery in Sunnyvale. That's at the corner of Hwy 9 (Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd) and El Camino Real. It's across the street from Toys R Us, next door to Aaron Bros Art Mart, and adjacent to Orchard Supply Hardware. From the East Bay take Hwy 17 to 237, take cutoff for Hwy 82 (El Camino), continue southeast on El Camino to Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd; winery is on the right. From the Peninsula take 101 to 85, get off at El Camino, and continue as above.

The owner of the winery is a friend of Chet Goodson. Extension cords for power tools will be available and "plenty of wine tasting" is promised. (Should we work on the boats before we taste the wine?) There is a deli where you can get sandwiches or bring your lunch. There is plenty of parking space. This will be a great opportunity to take a closer look at the other members' Potters and do some of the modifications and repairs you've been thinking about.

If the weather is too inclement for outdoor work, let's meet anyway for wine, sandwiches, sea stories and general conviviality.

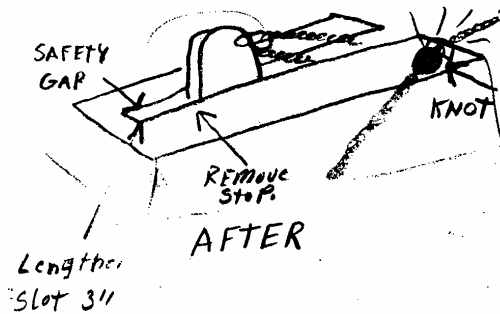
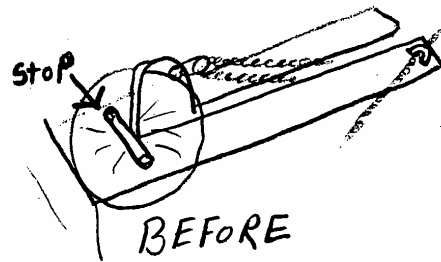
February 11 - Sunday - Angel Island
 For February we plan to launch from Sausalito (exact location to be announced later) at about 9 AM, sail to Angel Island, spend the day there, then return to Sausalito about 4 PM. At Angel Island the day dock fee is about \$1.50, or you can moor or beach your boat. You can bring a picnic lunch or use the snack bar there. More details next month.

T-Shirts - No new T-shirt requests were received, so we are not planning another group order for now.

Centerboard Hazard Fix - The following how-to-do-it was received from Jerry Barrileaux. Some of you might want to make this modification your project for the Work Day. Jerry writes:

"The centerboard on older Potters can be dangerous. My small son lost the tip of a finger when the keel (which was stuck) suddenly came loose and slammed back against the metal stop. He had made a grab for it just as it broke loose and inserted his finger into the well."

"There is a very easy and fast way to prevent this kind of tragedy. Procedure: Remove wooden cap from centerboard well. With a saber saw, make the slot in the cap about 3 inches longer. Remove the metal stop and reinstall the cap. On your next sail, lower the keel slowly, then tie a knot in the line so it will stop the centerboard in the same position as before." (Thus the knot serves as a stop to prevent the keel from slamming into the front of the centerboard trunk, and the extended slot provides enough clearance to prevent disaster if someone's fingers happen to be there.)



New Potter People - Bill Pound has sold WWP 301 to John Scott and Don Caldwell, 280 Easy St #304, Mtn View, CA 94040. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Westfield, 487 Stulman Dr, Milpitas, CA 95035 recently bought WWP 766. To John, Don, the Caldwells, and anyone else out there with a Potter (or interested in Potters), we want you to know you are already a member of the Potter Yachters and are invited to any and all events.

Sorry, But Its That Time Again - Dues payments of \$5.00 per boat for 1979 should be sent to Carol Mangels, 7078 Coronado Dr, San Jose, CA 95129 (or give her the money at the next event. This money pays for the postage, supplies, and printing costs to produce the monthly newsletter. This month and next month we will send the newsletter to all the known Potter owners in the Bay Area. After January we will have to limit circulation to the paid-up members.

Get the Lead Out - The Nov. newsletter reported that Jerry B. had put 200 lb of lead in 564's forepeak for better balance. Well, guess what? It was only 20 lb! So-oo, if you have already put 200 lb in your bow and discovered that your rudder and outboard are now too short to reach the water, well that's why.

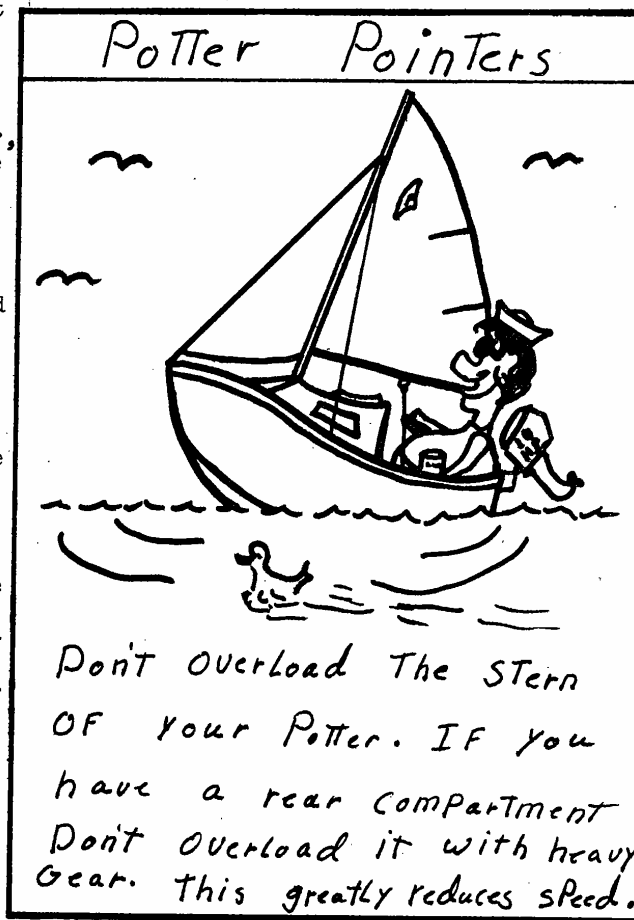
Jerry says the extra 20 lb (twenty) of ballast in the bow helps to compensate for the motor weight on the stern. His Potter Pointer in this issue emphasizes the importance of keeping the weight forward for proper trim. An instruction sheet published by Herb Stewart of HMS Marine says essentially the same thing: "Keep as much weight forward as is possible. She was designed to carry heavy loads (water, etc.) forward. Front third of lee chine must be allowed to do its work."

Have You Seen Potter 345?

Jim Mangels was recently contacted by an insurance adjuster, Larry Birkle, representing HMS Marine. Mr. Birkle is seeking information regarding the whereabouts of WWP No. 345. He says an accident occurred about 6 years ago off the Berkeley Marina. The Potter was knocked down, the owner stayed with the boat and survived, but the guest tried to swim to shore and didn't make it. His heirs are suing HMS Marine, claiming unsafe boat design, lack of safety equipment/features, etc. The adjuster would like to find the boat to determine what exact equipment was aboard, the boat design, self-bailing and flotation features, etc. If you know of this boat, you can call Larry Birkle on 781-6063 in San Francisco, home phone 697-4907, or call Jim Mangels at 255-8579.

Southern California Report - The Nov. newsletter from the So. Cal. WWP Assoc. reports a 7-boat turnout for their "Potter Puff" race, an event in which the skippers were all women and the crews were men.

The newsletter also reported that HMS Marine has developed a new all-fiberglass rudder for the Potter. The item states, "It works very well and improves speed. Call HMS Marine to find out when they will be available if you are interested. This should be the end of plywood blades coming apart."



Looking Back at '78 - Here's a wrapup of the past year's activities:

April - Birth of the Potter Yachters - organizational meeting at King's Table in Redwood City - 29 attended.

May - First sailing event - Lake del Valle - 13 Potters - strong gusty winds made for some "interesting" sailing and an unexpected swim for Hans Wolfe and Frank Winans...De Marsh and Stan Butler took 12th in the Potter Nationals at Marina del Rey in So. Cal.

June - Oakland Estuary sail with lunch at Quinn's Lighthouse - 9 Potters (actually 10 counting the one in the parking lot (Chet and Bobby Godson forgot their rudder) - nice breezes in the late afternoon...We name the club the "Potter Yachters."

July - Weekend at Modesto Reservoir - Good sailing Saturday including lovely sunset cruise and groping our way in the dark through the snags and shoals back to our campsite - sea stories and John Graham's wine in the evening - Sunday hot and windless, but nice for swimming.

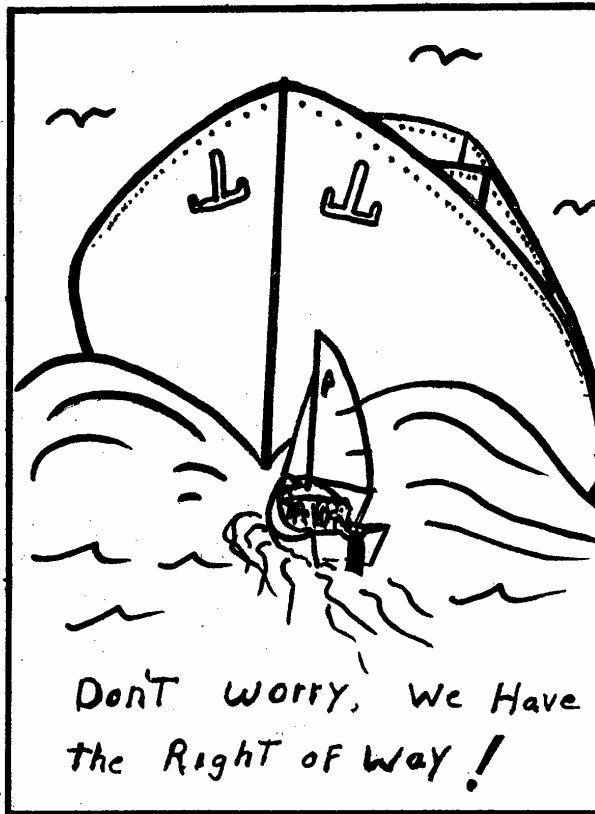
August - "Chicken Bay" - 5 Potters motored up the Estuary then sailed down the Bay toward Candlestick Point - a benign sea and winds that ranged from ho-hum to whee.

September - Lake del Valle - 4 Potters - weird winds again. ...Potter Potluck at the Mangels - 33 people

October - Morro Bay - joint north/south sail - 2 of our Potters and 4 from the So. Cal. WWP Assoc. - strong harbor currents, gentle seas, light to moderate winds, fog later - then cocktails hosted by the So. Cal. people....We receive our Potter T-shirts.

November - Folsom Lake weekend - 6 Potters - launched at Granite Bay - sailed to Beals Point where camped - open reaches and steady winds for super sailing Saturday - food and conversation around campfire - unexpected waves hit beached boats in the wee hours - stuck centerboards in the AM - De Marsh went under the cold water to free Frank Winan's board - some sailed to the Marina for lunch while others enjoyed beach activities.

December - Estuary sail and brunch at Victoria Station - 3 Potters

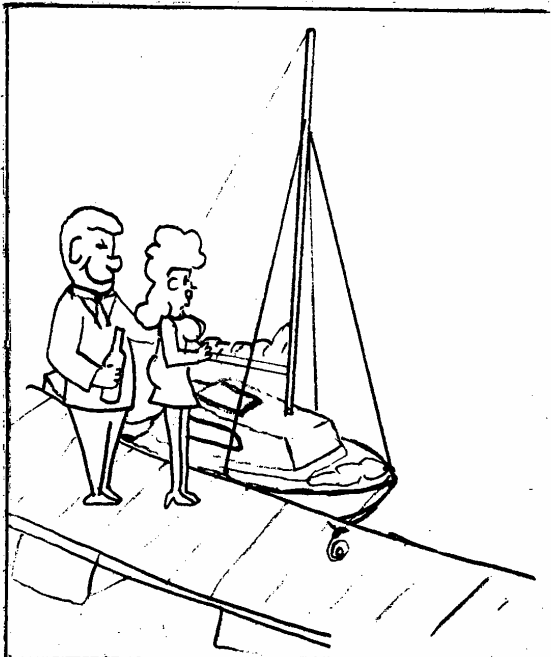


Thanks, Carol - To say the least, the Potter Yachters are a loosely knit group. We have no formal organization, yet we have had an active and satisfying first year. Thanks are due to all the active members who have contributed their time, ideas, and enthusiasm; who have investigated sailing sites, made arrangements at restaurants, coordinated with the So. Cal. Assoc., handled T-shirt orders, etc, etc. But, most of all, thanks are due to Carol Mangels. She has functioned as organizer, president, secretary, treasurer, editor, activities chairman, historian, coach, cheerleader, and more--and still manages to maintain her own enthusiasm and sense of humor. Take a bow, Carol.

Comic Section - The cartoons that enliven this issue were contributed by the multitalented Jerry Barri-leaux. Others will appear in future issues.

As You Like It - In order to plan future events, we need your ideas. This is still a new club and we are feeling our way by trial and error. If there are changes that you would like to see to make the Potter Yachters more fun for you, please say so. We need to know what you liked and did not like about the past year's activities. Please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed questionnaire and mail it to Carol Mangels (hopefully with dues enclosed). We'll report the results of the survey in a subsequent newsletter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Does This Take us out to your yacht, Mr. Wolf?



I HATE POWER BOATS!

QUESTIONNAIRE

Name(s): (Please list spouse and offspring also so we will have their names correct in newsletter when they participate in events.)

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Boat Sail No.: _____

Boat Name: _____

Event Preferences: (Check appropriate column to show your desire for the types of events and places listed.)

	More	Less	None	Same as 78		More	Less	None	Same as 78
Lakes, reservoirs					1-day event				
Oakland Estuary					2-day event				
San Francisco Bay					3/4-day event				
Ocean					(holl wk end)				
Cruise to place					1 wk event				
Just sail around					(vaca)				
Racing - casual					Faraway places				
Racing - serious					Close to home				
Nonsailing meeting					Nonsailing party				

When should meetings be held? (Check preference.)

Before sailing _____ After sailing _____ During sailing (lunch stop or rendezvous) _____
 Separate from sailing events _____

Favorite 1978 Sites (Which sailing place did you particularly enjoy?)(Check)

Lake del Valle _____ Oakland Estuary _____ Modesto Reservoir _____
 Chicken Bay _____ Folsom Lake _____ Morro Bay _____

Places we didn't go in 1978 (Would you be likely to attend sails at the following sites?)

	Yes	No		Yes	No
The Bay			Other Bays/Ocean		
Alviso			Tomas Bay		
Palo Alto			Monterey Bay		
Redwood City			Half Moon Bay		
Coyote Point			Tahiti		
Oyster Point					
China Basin			Lakes		
Sausalito			San Luis Reservoir		
San Leandro			Clear Lake		
Berkeley			Lake Berryessa		
Richmond			Lake Tahoe		
Petaluma					
Napa			Other suggested sailing sites, cruises, events:		
San Rafael					
The Delta					

Would you be interested in special meetings featuring speakers or sailing film
 Yes _____ No _____

Miscellaneous comments, gripes, suggestions, expletives, etc - Use other side.

Dues enclosed? Yes _____ No _____