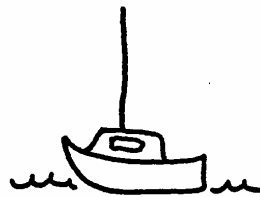


# Potter to Potter

NORCAL WWP NEWS



February 1979

February 11...An Angel of a sail! Eight Potters launched from Sausalito to sail to Angel Island and back. (The following was written from Jim Mangels' recollections.)

Because of overcast skies and the threat of rain, everyone was surprised and pleased to see such a nice turnout of Potters, including: #301 with new owners Don & Wendy Caldwell and John Scott, #234 Harry Gordon with children Jeff & Jill, #604 Jim Mangels, #564 Jerry Barrilleaux, #312 John Graham and John Nelson, #567 Bob & Sharen Adair, #??? a shiny new Potter proudly sailed by Stan & Dorothy Butler (what, no christening??!), and #512 De & Syd Marsh.

Seven boats launched from Caruso's; John Graham launched from Zak's (cheaper but less amenable). There was no wind of note, so all motored out onto Richardson's Bay. About one mile out a casual count of Potter sails revealed someone was missing, and sure 'nough, when the Adair and Jim Mangels returned to the launch, there were John Scott and the Caldwells, trying in vain to pump some life into #301's outboard. After attempting all manner of voodoo (including accidentally dropping a motor part overboard!) everyone gave up, and a tow line was rigged to Bob Adair's launch, and his 4-horse Johnson fired to life and muscled both boats out onto the Bay.

Meanwhile, the motorcade continued sans wind, but with intermittent sightings of cute little bay seals ("Seal ho!") who kept a friendly distance. In the middle of Raccoon Strait the breath of a breeze hit the fleet and everyone cut motors and tried for the wind, but it was no-go. #301, having dropped her tow line during the short breeze, now picked up a new tow from--either the Gordons or the Marshes; can't remember!

The fleet admitted to Hospital Cove at about noon, and proceeded to occupy the almost empty day dock facilities at the rate of one boat per slip, to the complete chagrin of some larger keelers who chanced to land later in the day. Of course everyone congregated on the dock and chatted. Jerry Barrilleaux

pulled out his Handy Dandy Outboard Repair Kit (a pair of vise grips) and -- voilà! -- fixed #301's motor.

The group tated lunch to the pleasant picnic table area where the following was discussed: 1) Opening Day Parade April 29. No one was too excited about launching from Sausalito at 3 a.m. and sailing past the Gate to catch the morning parade (we're no fools). And some people felt that entering the parade at all might be a little wild (sometimes powerboaters get out of hand at these parades; also, Jerry pointed out later that the parade is conducted at a speed of 6 knots--difficult to maintain in a Potter confronted with converging powerboat wakes.) If we do enter the parade, we can launch from China Basin or from a free ramp De found at Ft. Baker. An alternative that's looking better and better: launch from Sausalito and repeat the Angel sail, acting more as post-parade spectators than parade participants. 2) Regardless of Opening Day plans, everyone was sold on Angel Is. (it's beautiful) and a repeat Angel sail is a must. 3) Those who attended the S.F. Boat Show met the new owner of HMS Marine, Joe Edwards. He's expressed definite interest in our group and wants to do some limited sponsoring of the group, perhaps supplying racing trophies plaques, or other commemoratives. Our group is interested more in cruising and casual sailing than in racing, however. Those who met Joe felt he has real enthusiasm for Potters and would like to see a lot more of 'em on the water. He has plans for improvements and developments. We wish him well in his venture as a Potter manufacturer, and we appreciate his taking an interest in our group. 4) Next sails: Jerry suggested the March sail at Lost Isle (see info which folks --hope to see you there. The group discussed some summer sail sites: Clear Lake, Woodward Reservoir. De Marsh and Harry Gordon want to sail from either Santa Cruz or Moss Landing down to Monterey, either as a regular monthly sail, or as a 'bonus' sail sometime.

5) De Marsh and Stan Butler cooked up a mouth-watering sail idea for April 7. We can launch at Bodega Bay Yacht Harbor and De and Stan will head for their favorite abalone hole and dive for our dinner--fresh ab's over the campfire... Mmm-Mmm Good! Camping and overnight facilities available, and the sailing should be great. Circle your calendar for the Bodega Cruise, Sat. (and Sun.) April 7-8.

The group left the island at about 2:45, motored briefly out of the Cove and caught the ebb tide and steady 10 - 15 knot winds for a perfect ride home. It was a winner of a sail, and the weather had even perked up for the occasion. Days like that, is there any place you'd rather be than sailin' San Francisco Bay?!

The fleet had to toodle around waiting for dock space; some of the big fat heavies were sinking into the ramp moss and mud visible at low tide. The trailers and cars had no traction, and as Potters found room to dock, all hands went to the aid of the biggies, pushing at boats and sitting on cars; finally some towels placed in front of car wheels gave the needed traction and the backlog of trailers was cleared up. The Potters had no trouble; came out like little lambs.

There was more chatting during derigging; the Adairs tried to scare up some dinner company--were they ever successful? #301 thanked everyone for all the assistance, but it was all in a day's work. Group sailing is fun and safe, and we Potter Yachters take care of our own.

MARCH SAIL

MARCH 10, SATURDAY: "LOST ISLE" IN THE DELTA. Overnighter if desired.

Jerry Barrilleaux read of 'Lost Isle' in the '76 issue of "Sea", and he's checked into the story and found an island so unique it sounds too good to be true. It's 55 acres, accessible by boat only (docking facilities for 150 boats), lots of hiking trails and beaches, exotic animals (peacocks live there, and there may still be some monkeys around, too), fishing, and a restaurant that serves 50¢ MaiTais and a rib-eye steak dinner for \$6 (so they say, anyway).

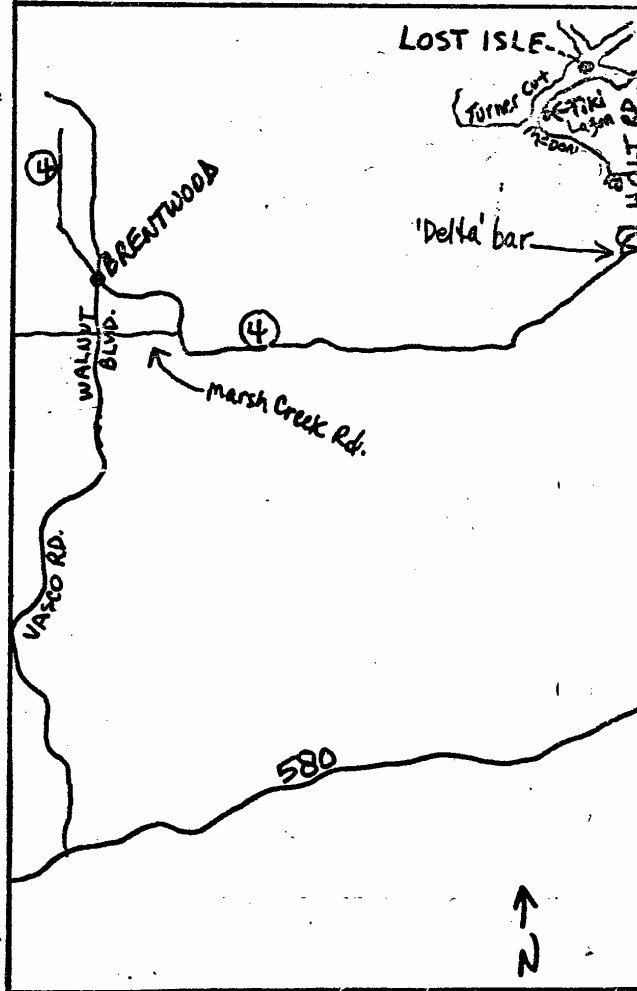
Jerry grew up in the Delta Meadows area, and he says Lost Isle is closer to the Bay Area and the sailing is far superior to the slack wind experienced often at the Meadows. There's an excellent launching spot, from which it should be about a 2½ mile beam reach

to Lost Isle. Camping and overnight accomodations are available on Lost Isle; call 209-465-6649 for more info. Camping is also available at the launch site.

Launch site: Tiki Lagun, on Turner Cut Slough. Good ramp, \$3.50 to launch, free to park for day. Reasonable campground rate electrical hookups available. (209) 463-4430.

Directions to Tiki Lagun: Take 580, turn north on Vasco Rd. (toward Brentwood). Vasco changes to 'Walnut Blvd.', keep going. At the Marsh Creek Rd. stop sign turn right. Follow Marsh Creek Rd. to Hiway 4; turn right. Go about 15 miles till you come to a sign 'Cook Rd./Holt Rd.' (there's a bar calle he Delta on the corner). Turn left; that takes you to Holt Rd. Follow Holt to McDonald Rd. and go left on McDonald. Follow McDonald till you see 'Tiki Lagun Marina'.

Launch time: 10:00 a.m.



WELCOME, WELCOME!!

Welcome to the following new Potter owners!!

**Potter #266**

John & Barbara Simpson  
12 Brookwood Rd.  
Orinda, CA 94563  
415 254-2621  
(The Simpsons purchased Bert Gold-  
rath's boat.)

**Potter #773 - 'SouLyn'**

Leighton & SouLyn Johe  
402 Boardwalk #21  
San Bruno, CA 94066  
415 589-4699

**Potter #783 - 'Lille Skib'**

Erik & Erna Moberg  
1085 Tasman Dr., Sp. 435  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
408 734-4310

**Potter #661**

Dan Diehlman - 'AE6G'  
5478 N. Bond  
Fresno, CA 93710  
209 439-5520  
(Actually, it may be a quick hello  
in Dan's case; his #661 is for sale.  
Hope he can sail with us before he  
sells her. Dan's not a 'new' Potter  
owner, just new to our group. Heard  
tell he's one excellent sailor...  
remember Morro Bay?!)

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

First Anniversary Party: Saturday,  
April 21, 1979: 5:00 p.m., King's Table  
Restaurant, Redwood City (same place as last  
year's very first meeting of our group).

Bring your pictures and memories! We'll  
attempt a slide show also, if possible. Res-  
ervations have been made for our group in  
( ) same room as before. If there are too  
many people to fit into the room, they'll be  
seated in the adjoining area, and then when  
the 'festivities' begin they can bring their  
c'irs in and join the group. Cost of dinner  
i. \$4.85 per person (includes all-you-can-eat  
smorgasbord dinner, one non-alcoholic beverage  
and tax). Alcoholic drinks extra. By April  
you'll have a '79 Potter Yachters Membership  
Card (if someone will volunteer to 'print'  
some!); take it to the Restaurant to get

proper seating. Save the date: Saturday,  
April 21, 5:00. Hope to see you there!

BOATS FOR SALE

Mike Cady has # 291 up for sale; give  
him a call at 415 961-1200.

Dan Diehlman of Fresno writes: "Beaus  
of living so far inland, and having very lit  
opportunity to use my worthy craft, I have  
decided to sell my Potter #661. Partial lis  
of equip. includes: cockpit rails, Evinrude  
motor, whisker pole, good lights, bulkhead  
mounted \$90 compass, sail cover, inside  
cushions, trailer which has fresh paint and  
bearing buddies, good mainsheet jamb cleat,  
good jib cleats. If you hear of any pros-  
pective Potter owner who would like a good  
boat for a fair price, I would appreciate a  
mention." Phone 209-439-5520

T-SHIRTS

Dory Taylor, ever-efficient T-shirt  
chairman, has come up with a place which wil  
sell us a \$4 T-shirt if the club will put up  
a one-time \$10.00 fee for artwork. Are you  
interested? Let me know; call Carol or Jim  
at 255-8579 (Dory's in the midst of moving.)  
Hopefully, we can get a sample for the April  
dinner. The shirt people said there'd be no  
minimum order necessary.

SURVEY RESULTS

Remember the Survey you mailed in last  
December? Cumulative results are attached.

INFO AVAILABLE

De Marsh gave the group some  
copies of an HMS Marine Inc. bulletin on how  
to rig a gunther-rigged Potter. Let me know  
if you'd like one.

Mr. Joe Edwards (new owner of HMS) sent  
a copy of the "Constitution and By-Laws of  
the West Wight Potter International Associa-  
tion". It's interesting reading (altho'  
much of it applies to racing rules and measu-  
ment specifications; but I hope they're not  
too picky about Article XI-C, which begins,  
"Spars. The mast and booms shall be made  
of wood..."). The one and only copy will  
be in the Blue Book at the next sail.

LETTERS

There's quite an accumulation of interesting letters here (most arrived in Jan.):

Donna, Gary, and Randy Green write that "We will be brave one of these days and sail along (we are still lake sailors) but till then we look forward to the news".

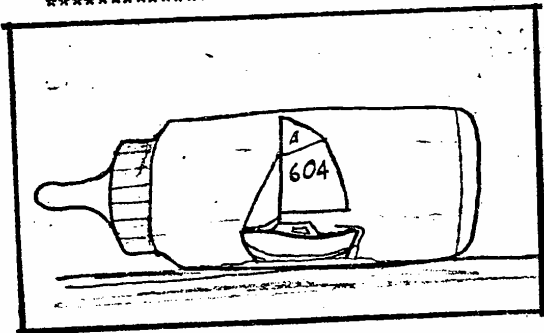
Frank Winans wrote: "I hope to get my Potter repaired (it leaks!) tho' probably not by Feb. 11. I enjoyed the last two issues of the news, and Jerry Barrilleaux' cartoons; but what happened to the logos? I really like 'Potter to Potter'." (Frank: See what one word of preference will do? P-to-P is back where you liked it!)

Bert Goldrath, who sold his boat to the Simpsons, wrote: "Too bad my health situation forced me to give up ownership of a fine little boat. I've had three heart attacks (although I've been in splendid health for 2 1/2 years) and the last time I sailed I threw out my disc again. Anyway, I'll still be sailing on my friend's Gladiator 24 out of Coyote Point and will look for Potters. My best to all the sailors".

Walt Nobs wrote: "Our Potter #351 is still in the water at Pete's Harbor, Redwood City and much in need of cleaning up and a new coat of bottom paint. Took her out a couple of weeks ago with a lawyer for HMS Marine and Tom Blackaller (Champion 'Star' class sailor) in connection with that lawsuit. Didn't have much wind so didn't have much of a sail, but it was good to get out anyway."

Les Clute wrote: "Don't want you all to think I've abandoned you - but I've been so tied down on the job and elsewhere I just haven't been able to make any of the meetings. Last time I sailed was in August, when Liz (spouse-to-be) and I, my kids, and the baby Liz adopted in April spent the weekend in Monterey. We were fortunate in having beauti-

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(Vessir. that's our baby!!)

ful weather on Saturday, and David and I enjoyed the best sail I've ever had in the Potter. The wind was in the 15 to 20 knot range, I would guess, quite steady, and altho' there was some chop overlaid on the big rolls rolling in from the ocean, it wasn't nearly as hard to handle as the chop I've experienced in the San Francisco Bay. And once you clear the harbor, which is quickly done, you can go in about any direction you want to. We were out almost 5 hours, and I never had to sail on a beat. Super neat! The steady winds gave us a chance to experiment with weight distribution, sail trim, etc., and I can verify what Jerry and others have said-- the boat does go better when you keep the bow down. It is also my prejudiced opinion that my self-tending jib set-up enhances performance off the wind, in that the jib boom keeps the sail spread out when you slack off on the jib sheet and thereby gives you a little more sail area. We did have one problem - we discovered we were taking on water at about a gallon per hour. When we pulled the boat out, David found the cause. It seems the boat has been riding a little too high on the trailer, and the bottom was scraping slightly across the fenders each time it was launched or retrieved. So I've got two spots on the bottom, under the forward portion of the cockpit seats, that have been worn away. I've gotten a fiberglass patching kit, but haven't gotten around to using it, yet. Other things I hope to do soon are to install the aluminum mast and boom, like Norton Bell did on his boat, and to install a 12-volt battery, fluorescent lights in the cabin, and a CB radio. Oh, Les, you dreamer! I enjoyed both the first Del Valle sail and the Oakland Estuary sail I had with the group (although I wish the Del Valle wind could make up its mind which direction to blow from), and I would heartily recommend Monterey Bay, provided you can arrange for the nice weather that we experienced there. I'm game to try anywhere, except the south end of S.F. Bay-Alviso, Palo Alto, etc. I spent three 'weeks' one after noon trying to dislodge myself from mud bars in Palo Alto (that was before I had a motor and that ain't my idea of recreation. Here I wish you all much happy sailing in '79 and I sure hope I'll be able to share more with you than I did last year."

Barbara Simpson (just bought #266) writes: "We are really happy with the boat. We have taken it out twice and are really looking forward to taking it up in the Delta when it

warmer. First time we took it out we had the sheet rigged backwards and didn't know where the boom vang was or what to do with it when we found it. We went to Estuary Park and took off from the dock, sails raised, tiller in hand and floated right across into rocks. Forgot the centerboard! So finally got out of that, and went up the Estuary for a couple hours. This last Saturday we got the boat rigged right--found the boom vang and found a place to put it. We motored out the Estuary onto the bay and fooled around out there. Met up with a "big" tanker coming back where we turn into Estuary Park and we started our motor and cut in front of him and the engine died. No wind and that sucker was coming straight for us with a minute before impact. But John got the motor going and we got out of there fast. Next week we try Berkeley - to see if we can launch there."

Thanks for all the letters!! It's fun for all of us to read your experiences!

#### SAILOR - CARTOONIST - NEW FATHER

Jerry Barrilleaux' cartoon on p.4 has more significance than you might think; Jerry's thoughts are going to be more and more concerned with baby bottles soon enough, as Jerry & Sharon are expecting Baby #3! Congratulations to both of you! But keep thinking up those cartoons, Jerry; you just may need a few around during those 2 a.m. feedings, for comic relief!

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#### Dates to Remember:

March 10 Sat. Lost Isle cruise } optional  
 April 7 Sat. Bodega cruise } overnight  
 April 21 Sat. Anniversary Party  
 April 29 Sun. Opening Day Parade

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Note: I definitely need someone to write the May '79 newsletter - I'll be away for awhile that month. Any takers? You can use your own style and format - it's fun! C'mon... you can do it!! Let me know, O.K.?

Paul Marshall

#### POTTER YACHTER FLEET

As long as there's a spare column here, might as well list for you the ~~last~~ names of those who've paid '79 dues. There were 26 members in '78; there are 30 in '79; several boats have changed hands, too. Hopefully the '79 roster of addresses & phones will be included in next month's newsletter. If you've named your boat since last year, please let me know.

(Boat #)

1. Adair, Bob & Sharen 567
2. Barrilleaux, Jerry & Sharon 564
3. Bell, Norton & Ann 230
4. Benton, Hugh & Peggy 519
5. Butler, Stan & Dorothy
6. Caldwell, Don & Wendy 301
- \* 7. Clara Clipper Sails
8. Clute, Les 267
9. Diehlman, Dan 661
10. Goodson, Chet & Bobby 549
11. Gordon, Harry & Sandy 234
12. Graham, John 312
13. Green, Gary & Donna 568
14. Heatlie, Mervyn 320
- \* 15. Holden, Chuck
16. Johe, Leighton & SouLyn 773
17. Mangels, Jim & Carol 604
18. Marsh, De & Sydney 512
19. McKinney, Michael 373
20. Miller, Charles & Joy 279
21. Moberg, Erik & Erna 703
22. Nelson, Bud & Sandy 584
23. Nobs, Walt & Hilda 351
24. Orford, Herb & Virginia
25. Roberts, Art & Judy 629
26. Scott, John 301
27. Simpson, John & Barbara 266
28. Taylor, Dory 610
29. Westfield, Michael & Patricia 766
30. Winans, Frank & Inez 182

\* These newsletters are sent as freebies; Clara Clipper Sails is the Potter dealer for the Bay Area and passes on Potter Yachter information to Potter buyers. Chuck Holden is the president of the Southern Calif. West Wight Potter group, which also sends us their newsletter free each month; they're kept in the Blue Book available at each sail

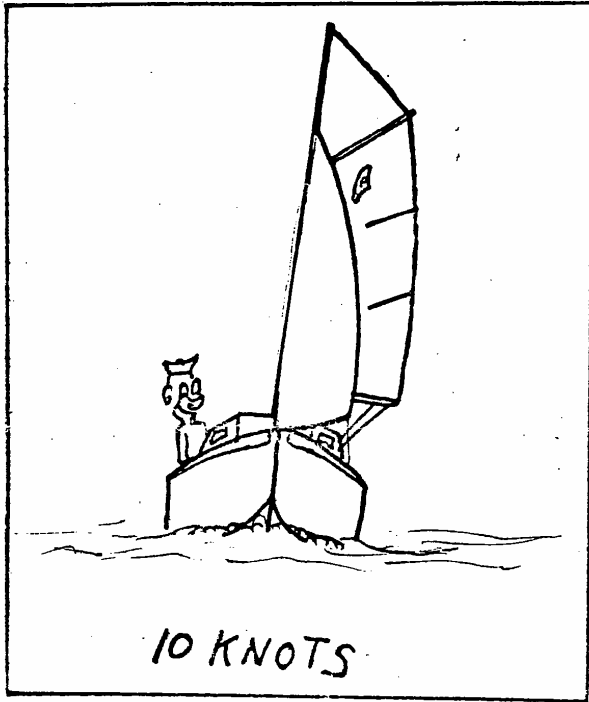
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All cartoons by Jerry Barrilleaux

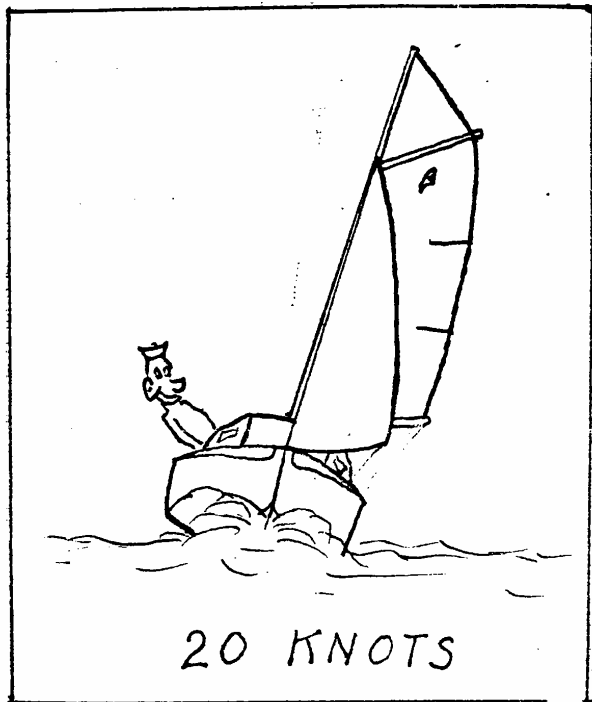
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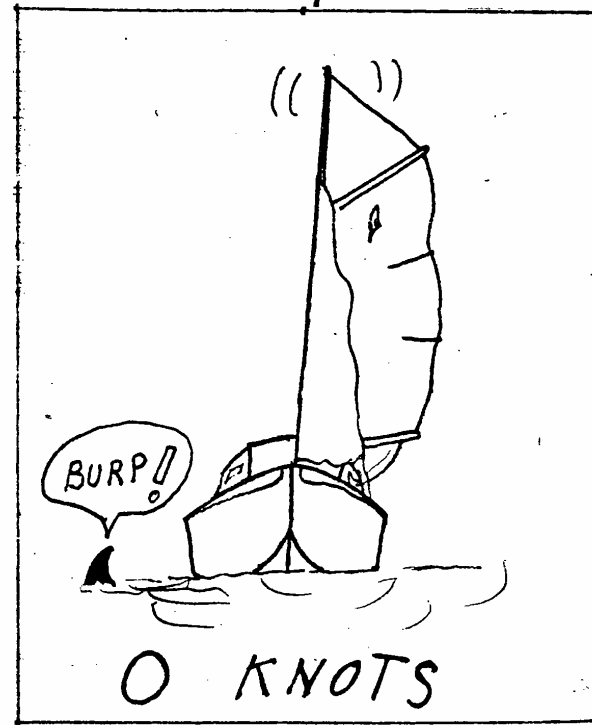
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NOTE: QUESTIONNAIRE was submitted by 19 people. Listed below is the total number of responses tallied for each category.

MISC. COMMENTS INCLUDED: "I would like to see the fleet make it to Opening Day on Angel Is."; "Special meetings could include discussion re: more scintillating shoreline activities"; "We frequently conduct meetings during best sailing times"; "I do hope that we do more bay sailing".  
 SUGGESTED SAILING SITES: "Possible long weekend or vacation outing to places such as Channel Is. Santa Cruz, or Anacapa; Lake Oroville boat-in camping; San Juan Is. in Puget Sound area; Gulf of Mexico, San Felipe (paved roads)"; "3-Day weekend sail to Channel Is.: a) Depart from Oxnard/Channel Is. Marina, b) 12 1/2 mi. to Anacapa Is., 5 more to Smugglers' Cove, Santa Cruz Is. for overnight anchorage, c) return following day. Or, Overnight Sail from Santa Cruz to Monterey: a) sail to Santa Cruz, b) sail to Monterey, c) someone not sailing could carpool group back to Santa Cruz for boat trailers, or else sponges (SPONGES????? - ed.) meet sailors @ Monterey with trailers, etc. Or, Group Sail at 'Big Break' in Delta: a) Many sunken barges, etc., b) several isolated beaches for swimming, berry picking, picnicking, etc.

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

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|                    | More | Less | None | Same as 78 |                  | More | Less | None | Same as 78 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------------|------------------|------|------|------|------------|
| Lakes, reservoirs  | 6    | 1    |      | 8          | 1-day event      | 8    |      |      | 6          |
| Oakland Estuary    | 7    | 2    | 2    | 3          | 2-day event      | 10   | 1    |      | 3          |
| San Francisco Bay  | 13   | 1    |      | 1          | 3/4-day event    |      |      |      |            |
| Ocean              | 10   | 2    | 1    |            | (holl wk end)    | 5    | 2    | 4    |            |
| Cruise to place    | 12   | 2    |      | 1          | 1 wk event       |      |      |      |            |
| Just sail around   | 7    |      | 1    | 3          | (vaca)           | 4    | 3    | 4    |            |
| Racing - casual    | 8    |      | 3    | 1          | Faraway places   | 4    | 3    | 2    | 2          |
| Racing - serious   |      | 1    | 9    |            | Close to home    | 8    |      |      | 4          |
| Nonsailing meeting | 4    | 1    | 1    | 4          | Nonsailing party | 4    | 1    | 1    | 5          |

When should meetings be held? (Check preference.)

Before sailing 4 After sailing 6 During sailing (lunch stop or rendezvous) 1  
 Separate from sailing events 5 (Some people checked more than one)

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

Lake del Valle 4 Oakland Estuary 7 Modesto Reservoir 7  
 Chicken Bay 4 Folsom Lake 6 Morro Bay 3

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       | 7   | 1  | Tomales Bay  | 10  | 1  |
| Palo Alto    | 11  |    | Monterey Bay   | 13  | 1  |
| Wood City    | 13  |    | Half Moon Bay  | 12  |    |
| Coyote Point | 13  | 1  | Tahiti   | 7   | 2  |
| Oyster Point | 10  | 1  |  |     |    |
| China Basin  | 9   | 1  | Lakes  |     |    |
| Sausalito    | 13  |    | San Luis Reservoir   | 8   |    |
| San Leandro  | 8   | 1  | Clear Lake   | 12  |    |
| Berkeley     | 9   | 2  | Lake Berryessa   | 9   |    |
| Richmond     | 8   | 2  | Lake Tahoe   | 8   | 2  |
| Paluma       | 9   | 2  |  |     |    |
| Linda        | 10  | 1  | Other suggested sailing sites, cruises,                    |     |    |
| San Rafael   | 10  | 1  | events: 1986 CONCORDIA; 1987 SCA CIRCUMNAVIGATION          |     |    |
| The Delta    | 14  |    | BAR IS. (REDFORD CITY) CIRCUMNAVIGATION; WILSON TOWN; CON. |     |    |

Would you be interested in special meetings featuring speakers or sailing films  
 Yes 10 No 4

SUGG. SAIL SITES, CONT'D: HUNTINGTON LAKE (E. of Redwood at 1900' ELEV.); a lot of good sailing, Campsites, beautiful view; CHICO RESERVOIR; LAKE ELIZABETH (BRIGHT) FOR RACING OF RECREATION BOATS; CHICO, SANTA CAROLINA RESERVOIR.