



Potter to Potter



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APRIL CRUISE TO MANDEVILLE POINT

APRIL 4 & 5

LAUNCH TIME 0930/04 April

Directions: Exit state highway 4, one-half mile east of Oakley, onto Cypress Road. Continue three miles east to Bethel Island Road and turn left, then continue two miles to Gateway Road, turn right and drive one and one-half miles (end of road), turn left and continue three hundred yards to "Delta Resort." Pay the \$3.50 round-trip launch fee, after launching, park near the road for free.

Piloting directions: Sail via Sand Mound Slough to Old River to San Joaquin River to Mandeville Point (Tip). NOAA chart 18661 indicates sufficient water depth and any obstructions that we may encounter.

Mandeville Point - Sometimes called Mandeville Tip, falls under the jurisdiction of San Joaquin Parks & Recreation. The facilities are reported to be undeveloped, having much brush and only limited picnic tables, fire pits and chemical toilets. Tent camping will be primitive, at best. Deck space is abundant, first come basis. Also, the bow-to-shore stern anchor method of anchoring can be used. Motors and anchors are strongly recommended. The sail from the launch ramp to M.T. is 7 n.m. and should take only two to three hours, this will allow time for the one-day beats to return before dark.

Note: At lunch time on M.T. we can chart other nearby areas to spend the rest of the weekend exploring, i.e., circumventing Venice Tip.

Please, do all possible to be at the launch ramp at or before the launch time (0930).

OPENING DAY

Opening Day on San Francisco Bay has always been exciting, however, this year the tides will make it next to impossible to launch at Sausalito, so we decided to go out of Berkeley instead, with launch time being at 8:30 a.m. The Berkeley ramp has a toll gate that accepts only quarters, about \$2.00 worth, so bring plenty of them. From Berkeley, we will work our way around Angel Island to Ayala Cove for all the excitement. On the return trip you can expect winds of 25 knots, so this trip is recommended for the more experienced skippers. The date of this sail is Sunday, April 26. For anymore information and/or directions, call me at 415-828-3572; Jerry.

NOTE: This is the first day of daylight savings time, so remember to set your clocks accordingly.

SOME MORE INFORMATION

Terry Gotcher is interested in making a sail from Santa Cruz to Monterey within the next couple of months. Anyone who may be interested, give him a call at 408-238-3656.

Carl Sanchez, a non boat-owning member, would be very interested in crewing, should anyone need him. He's had quite a bit of dinghy and keelboat experience and could probably be available for any local sail

with a four to five day notice. He can be reached at 415-457-2389.

It looks like there is going to be quite a few Potter Yachters going down to the Nationals this year. From all the information we could obtain, Lake Isabella is a fantastic place. Please try to make it.

PETALUMA RIVER 7 MARCH 1981

Potters zig zagging back and forth waiting for their sisters to launch before "snaking" up the Petaluma. An impressive sight, thirteen boats in formation. Red, white, blue and yellow hulls with multi-colored sails running wing and wing before a gentle south wind. It is especially beautiful when the formation includes three brand new member boats; Terry Malloy #1047, The Abbotts #1051, Jim Takashaishi and Vicki Swan #1057. Welcome aboard. We are looking forward to meeting the other new members that have yet to sail with us. You will find us to be an informal group of amateurs learning from one another. Join us on our next sail - Won't you?

A number of regulars were on hand; Don Bergst #797, The Bernreuter family #817, John Graham #312, Harry and Sandy Gordon #234, De and Sydney Marsh #512, The Nearings #921, Fred Richter and Bob Smiley #783, John and Barbara Simpson #266, Bill Wight #818, and Frank Winans #182. We can remember being excited with a three boat turnout. This is going to be a banner year.

The wind let us down before we reached Petaluma although old salts Bill Wight and Don Bergst made it (We suspect they motored some). Half way down(up?) river is a watering hole for thirsty boaters. Some never made it past and others hit it on the return. In any event those in need had their spirits revitalized with a little R&R. Everyone straggled back to the ramp under power to end another successful Potter outing.

NON BOATING EVENT

Our fourth annual banquet has been changed to our fourth annual luncheon, Saturday, April 25, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., at Smorga Bobs in Livermore. Bring the whole family, the food is good and the prices are very reasonable. After lunch, we can discuss things such as future sails and events, and take officer nominations. To get there, take 580 to Livermore, then take the First Street off ramp. Go down about ½ mile and it is on your left. We will meet in the banquet room. See you there!

