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POTTER TO POTTER

Newsletter of the Northern California West Wight Potter Assn.

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Sailing Schedule

December 3
January 1

Del Valle Reservoir & Concannon Winery
Pete's Harbor Marina, Annual Brunch



From the Bridge

As winter approaches, we start to think about putting the boat away during the cold weather. Some are fortunate to have garages to shelter their Potter while the rest of us throw a tarp over our boats. Last winter we left our boat outside. The long rainy season caused condensation inside the cabin area and caused our cushion supports to rot. This was due to leaving the cushions in the boat and what a job it was tearing out rotten wood and pieces of fiberglass. Take your cushions out!

Here is a winterizing checklist that would apply to all boats:

1. Replace worn decklines. Frayed and stiff lines should not be relied on over the winter months.
2. Check fenders. Blustery winds and abnormal tides can threaten your boat's security.
3. Protect your boat with a cover. Canvas covers last longer than synthetic covers and also they "breathe" to prevent mildew and rot caused by moisture trapped under cover.
4. Protect your hull from ice damage. Use a de-icer.
5. Add fuel treatment to protect vital engine parts. Use a gas or diesel "store and start" to prevent gas oxidation that can cause fuel to break down or diesel fungal growth which becomes sludge that foul fuel lines and clog injectors.
6. Protect metal components. Lubricate above and below decks--engine, gears, steering mechanisms, outdrives, bailers, anchors, deck fittings, locks, winches, and decorative metals.
7. Lubricate gear shifts. SAE 90 grade oil for outboard motors.
8. Protect electrical ignition. Spray distributors, coils, regulators, alternators, starters, batteries, and electric motors with electrical cleaner.
9. Winterize boat trailer. Grease wheel bearings.
10. Water seepage. Make sure bilge pump, strainer, and float switch are in good working order for protecting your boat whether stored afloat or ashore.
11. Double clamp all through-hulls. Freezing water in a hose can pull the hose off a fitting.
12. Guard against burst pipes in the fresh water system and head. Flush with non-toxic anti-freeze.
13. Winterize engine block with anti-freeze.
14. Keep water out of exhaust pipes.

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15. Get a jump on spring. Clean, wax, paint, and varnish.
16. Clean bilges.
17. Protect deck, cabin against leaks. Use silicon rubber around windows and check chainplates.
18. Oil change. Do your engine a favor and change its oil.
19. Give your outboard motors' cooling system a bath. Flush the cooling system before draining your outboard for lay-up.
20. Protect cabin from dampness and mildew. Dehumidifiers; lower vents and damp away.
21. Touch-up. Polish the brightwork, oil the teakwood, varnish/paint topside trim.
22. Engine rust. Touch-up with engine enamel.

As a member of the Boat Owners Association of the U.S., I can get repair and tune-up manuals for many models at reduced cost. If you are interested just give me a call.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Barbara J. Simpson



Collision course

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K-Mart in your area may have the "Olin" signal kit for \$8.50. The container is waterprooc and holds three hand-held flares along with a signal flare launcher with three meteor flares. Meets U.S. Coast Guard regulations. There is an expiration date on the box of 1984.

Special



International Boat Show

Mr. Joe Edwards, president of HMS Marine, Incorporated, has extended a special invitation to all Potter Association members to attend the boat show at Moscone Center in downtown San Francisco from January 6 through January 15.

Courtesy tickets will be waiting for you and family members at the main ticket office but first you'll have to write to HMS Marine and say how many are coming to this event. HMS Marine, Inc., 904 West Hyde Park Blvd, Inglewood, CA 90302. Telephone: (213) 674-4540.

Thanks, Joe. Also members, stop by the West Wight Potter exhibit and say hello.

Thank You



One of Those Days

You back out of the garage and bang into you son's car. You head out for a sailing even but get lost in Berkeley. Worst yet, you get a flat tire on your boat trailer. This is what happened to Lee Olin at our last sail in Alameda.

The "Hero of the Day" award goes to Dave Grandt who went back home to Oakland and brought back a spare tire for Lee and Maureen Olin to get back to Santa Cruz. Nice going, Dave. Anyway, the Olin's enjoyed the Bay cruise and will join us at Dell Valle Reservoir sailing ev



OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS

Write us

We welcome your letters and will publish as many as space allows.

We're looking for stories

Last Sail: Alameda, November 5

It was an 'indian summer' day on the Bay when our Potter-Yachters assembled at the Encinal Launch Ramp in Alameda. We were met by Bill and Joyce Wight who live aboard their yacht "Forever" at nearby Ballena Bay Marina. Eleven boats launched under blue and gray skies and drifted out with the light breeze. Robb McClain and Bill Cunningham (1168) faded into the west bound for San Francisco.

The breeze freshened to 'pleasant' and the rest of us tacked and frolicked and soaked up the sun. Chuck and Ruth Nugent (916) sailed with their son Bill. Dave and Carey Grandt (105) were along with their guest Dana Hatch.

Appetites built as the sun reached its zenith, and soon the fleet was following Barbara and John Simpson (266) in search of lunch. Our course lead directly upwind through the crowded marina, so we motored. Soon boat after boat was moored at the guest dock: John Graham (312) with Tom Stanton, Bill Sprietsma & Gail Frankel (1205), Lee & Maureen Olin (1299), John & Ann Ockes (1060), Mike Bartunek & Claudia Hassler (748), and Frank Winans (691) with Bill Wight.

Soon the Fleet was at grub and grog at the Whales Tale. Last to arrive was that stubborn purist John Quill (222) who insisted on sailing every inch of the way through the marina to the dock. Besides, he didn't have a motor.

Fueled and rested, we scattered again over the Bay. Alas, I streaked for the ramp and the long haul back to Sacramento.

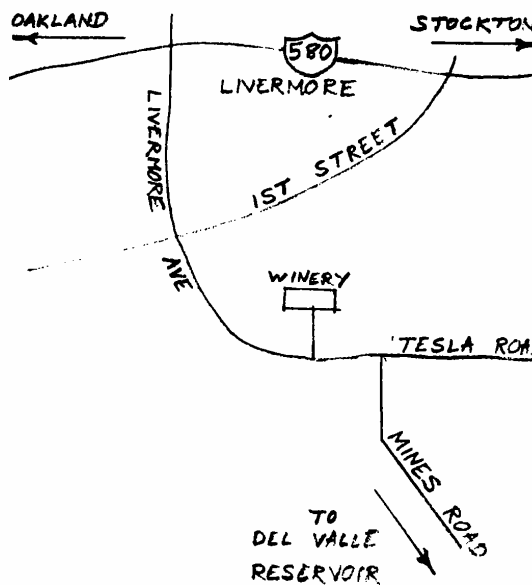
Frank Winans (691)

Next Sail: Del Valle Reservoir & Concannon Winery, December 3, Saturday

Directions: From Route 580 at Livermore, head south on Livermore Avenue (Route 12) which runs into Tesla Road (also Route 12). The winery is on your left when you make a short jog onto Tesla Road.

We will meet at the Concannon Winery between 10:00-10:30 am. After a little libation, we'll head on to the reservoir. Continue a short distance on Tesla Road then turn south on Mines Road until you get to the park entrance. Entrance fee is \$2.50 plus \$2.00 for the trailer.

In case of inclement weather, we will still meet at the winery then have lunch at Smorga Bob's.



Happenings

Coming Event: Pete's Harbor, January 1

Pete's Harbor Restaurant in Redwood City has been a traditional place for the members of our association to meet for sharing ideas about places to sail, swapping sea stories, meeting new members, displaying our photos, and the like for a couple of hours. We will meet for brunch/lunch about 11:00 am. This is a non-sailing event.

From highway 101 in Redwood City, take the Whipple Avenue off-ramp east. Then follow the frontage road past the drive-in theater, past the marina, and to the end of the road where you'll find the restaurant. Look for a large group of sailors with a bunch of tables pushed together.

WELCOME

Welcome Aboard: New Members

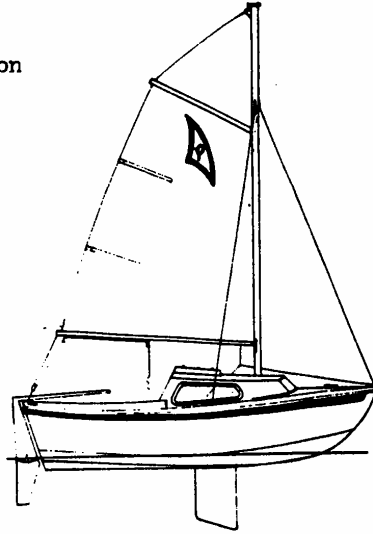
The Northern California West Wight Potter Association is pleased to accept the following new members:

Donald Brown
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Sail Number: 1204

Robert & David Luke
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Potter 15

Ron & Aldrene Lamb
17785 Casa Lane, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Potter 15

Dan Derham
1576 Parkcrest Court, San Jose, CA 95118
Potter 15



We bring variety to life!

One, Two, Three, Four . . . I'm a Potter-Yachter for '84

Yea Team! And what a great group of congenial sailors we have. This year we have membership cards for those who renew their membership in our association for 1984. Dues will remain at \$8.00 thru January 1.

In addition to those who renewed their membership last month are these great sailors:

Altamura	Brown	Hamrah	Macaire	Nugent	Taylor	Wilson	John
Bartunek	Derham	Lamb	Marsh	Silva	Weese	Winans	
Bliss	Ekern	Luke	McClain	Singhs	Wight	Nobs	

For those members who are going to renew their membership in our association, please include your sail number and boat's name on your check. Make your check payable to John Ockes secretary/treasurer.

IN THE WORKS

West Wight Potter National Regatta

Our commodore is waiting for the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda to finalize their 1984 calendar so we can plan our two-day annual event. This usually takes place during the month of June, but the time and place may change before then.

For this regatta, the Potter-19's will be racing in their special category. The commodore or the newsletter editor would like to hear from the Potter-19 owners about these three questions: (1) How do you like your P-19?, (2) What changes have you made of your P-19?, and (3) Where do you generally sail?