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Potter to Potter

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Sailing Schedule



Sat-Sun, August 15-16 20th Annual WWP National Regatta
Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda
Sat-Sun, August 29-30 Woodward Reservoir Campout,
Oakdale
Sat, September 12 Monterey Marina



COMMODORE'S LOG

And The Sail Before Last: July 11-12, Folsom Lake Campout, Sacramento

Misinformation reigned supreme at Folsom Lake, especially from the park rangers about the entrance fee and campground capacity over the telephone. As it turned out, we camped at the Peninsula Campground across the lake. In order to get there, we had to drive up to Auburn, down Route 49 to Rattlesnake Bar Road (a 10 mile dirt road), then to the campsite and launch ramp. This is only a 10 minute sail across the lake to Granite Bay. The water was down about 30% along with light sailing winds. However, we were able to beach the boats near the launch ramps, pull our vehicles up on the beach, visit, and have our potluck dinner there.

Those in attendance were David & Candy Hogan with daughters Heather & Krystle (#261), John & Barbara Simpson (#266), Gwen & Mahendra Singh with daughter Wendy with Tina & Mike (#706), Terry & Mary Gotcher (#821), Frank Winans (#691), Sam Cocks (#1378), and Mitch De La Vaux with Ray Ryan (#1095).

For California State Park System family camping, call 1-800/446-7275 for reservation forms and to make reservations.

Last Sail: Saturday, July 25, San Leandro Marina

Overcast skies and brisk winds greeted John & Barbara Simpson (#266) and Rob McClain (#1168) It seemed as if they were going to be the only sailors there when Bill Sprietsma (#1205) and Paul Apfel with son Bill arrived (#1154). As the boats were being rigged, John & Anne Ockes drove up (#1060) and decided against launching due to the high waves and winds.

The four boats motored out of the harbor and began tacking between the channel markers that lead out to the Bay. The winds became stronger and everyone reefed their sails. Some even dropped their jib sails. Later on the sun came out and the wind died a lot. We were entertained by the commercial jet planes flying overhead to land at the Oakland airport.

After about 3 hours we set our sails for a run back and came back to the harbor. As we passed the jetty, we found the rocks along the harbor entrance alive with squirrels. As it turned out, it was a great day for sailing.

WEST WIGHT POTTER

Questions & Answers

wake up, it's 1987

Q 1. Who has the right of way in an overtaking situation, and when is a vessel clear of the other vessel?

A 1. Any vessel overtaking any other vessel shall keep out of the way of the vessel being overtaken. A vessel shall be deemed to be overtaking when coming up with another vessel from a direction more than 22.5 degrees abaft her beam, that is, in such a position with reference to the vessel she is overtaking, that at night she would be able to see only the sternlight of that vessel but neither of her sidelights. The overtaking vessel must keep clear of the overtaken vessel until she is finally past and clear. Reference is Rule 13, Part B - Steering and Sailing Rules of Navigation Rules.

Q 2. According to the Navigation Rules, when must lights be displayed?

A 2. Lights must be displayed from sunset to sunrise, and from sunrise to sunset in restricted visibility. In restricted visibility, all vessels are required to proceed at less than five knots. It is very important that all skippers know what conduct applies under the Steering and Sailing Rules in Restricted Visibility.

And because it's 1987, there are some new laws on the books that affect boaters. We'd like to review them with you.

— It is now illegal to operate a vessel with a blood alcohol level count of .10 or higher. (Boaters should also be aware that a blood alcohol concentration of as little as .35 can affect judgement, decrease coordination and change moods and behavior).

— If you have been arrested under reasonable cause that you're smashed, you may be requested to submit to a blood, breath or urine test.

— If you cause an accident that results in a death, you may be charged with vessel manslaughter. Nobody knows this better than actor Ryan O'Neal's son, who was at the wheel of a high powered dinghy when director Francis Coppola's son was virtually decapitated by a tow line connecting two other boats. Young O'Neal was charged but not convicted.

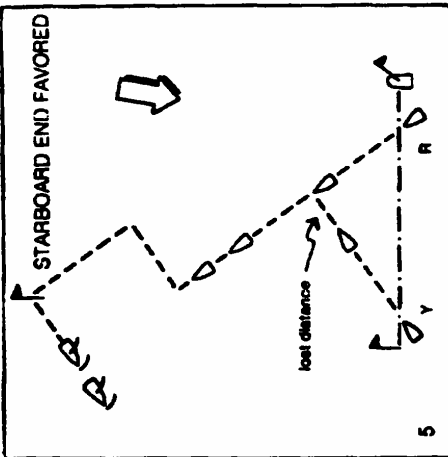
10 Million Americans Tried Boating Last Year

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Is this your 1st regatta, 2nd regatta, or ..? If you have raced before using the Small Boat Racing Association rulebook, then you know you have got to do some serious sailing.

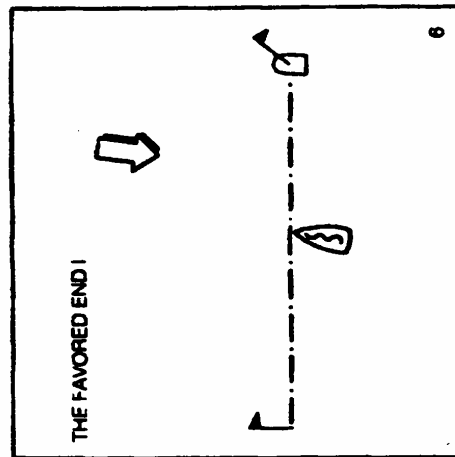
We will have two rules only. Rule #1 is to have fun. Rule #2 is defensive sailing and watch out the other boat and use normal courtesy as on a regular sail. In the general rules of the road, it also means the starboard tack boat has the right-of-way.

Before the first race, we'll go over the rules in detail, especially rule #1.

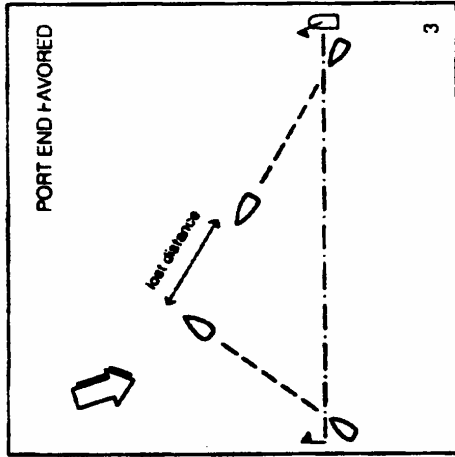


The port end is closer to the mark, but the starboard end is closer to the wind. Which end is favored?

The starboard end, as our example shows. R never loses her initial advantage versus the wind; R crosses Y and leads her the rest of the way. Lesson: if it's a windward leg, the favored end is closer to the wind, always.



The standard way to find the favored end. When you luff head to wind in the middle of the line, your bow points towards the upwind end.



The port end is favored. The boat at the port end starts three lengths in front.

The 20th Annual West Wight Potter National Regatta, August 15-16, Encinal Yacht Club, Alameda

On Saturday there will be two races along with a buffet luncheon and a B-B-Q dinner. Then on Sunday there will be a ladies powder puff race and a final last race of the series before the trophies are presented. If you are joining us as a non-participant and would like to attend the buffet and/or B-B-Q, contact Barbara Simpson for details immediately.

Encinal Yacht Club is located in Alameda at the foot of Sherman Street on the Alameda/Oakland Estuary. From Route 880 Nimitz Freeway, turn off at Broadway then 2 blocks south to Webster Street. Drive west thru the tube to Lincoln Avenue. Head south to Sherman Street and then east as far as you can go. The yacht club is just south of the restaurant.

The 20th Annual West Wight Potter National Regatta

NATIONALS



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1987 WEST WIGHT POTTER NATIONAL REGATTA ENTRY FORM

HULL NUMBER _____ BOAT TYPE (Circle): P-15 GUNTER RIG, P-15 MARK I/II, POTTER-19

NAME _____ NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING EVENT _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE NO. () _____

I need an overnight berth for my Potter: YES _____, NO _____ \$6.00 Entry Fee Enclosed _____

Send this form with the entry fee to: BARBARA SIMPSON, 12 BROOKWOOD ROAD, ORINDA, CA 94563
Telephone: 415/254-2621 (Res), 415/376-0010 (Work)

STATEMENT OF SKIPPER: I assume the risk of all hazards of the races for the 1987 WWP National Regatta on August 15 and August 16, 1987. I agree that I shall hold blameless the Northern California WWP Association and its members, and the Encinal Yacht Club and their members from liability for any injury, damage, or loss incurred by my entry in the event and related activities, releasing and waiving any and all claims that might arise from my participation.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

It shall be the responsibility of each skipper to ensure that his/her vessel complies with the appropriate US Coast Guard rules and equipment.

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After you send in your registration entry form, you will receive a packet of information in the mail that will describe this weekend event in greater detail.

Treat Yourself... Go Cruising!



And The Following Sail: Sat-Sun, August 29-30, Woodward Reservoir Campout, Oakdale

This is not a misprint. YES, THE RESERVOIR HAS WATER IN IT. The last scheduled sail here turned out to be a mudflat but the commodore has assured us the water level is back to normal. Bring along your boat(s), spouse, kids, friends, and other things like cold drinks, water, camp chairs, grill & charcoal, firewood, flashlight, etc. For the saturday night potluck dinner, bring your own entree and a potluck dish such as bread, beans, salad, dessert, etc. Before dinner there will probably be wine and snacks. Oh yes, bring firewood for the campfire.

Directions: drive east on Highway 120 and on thru the town of Escalon. A few miles before getting to Oakdale, turn left on County Route J-14 and follow the signs to Woodward Reservoir. At the tool booth, turn right and head toward "Sailboat Cove." At the sign, turn left for a short distance and you'll soon see the tents, RV's and potter by the water. Launching will be from the shore but P-19s & Montgomerys should use the ramp near the entrance. If you can't come for the overnight then come for the day and the potluck dinner.



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Welcome Aboard: New Members

Jim Scarpa and Eileen Savlo
1801 South 2nd Street

Philadelphia, PA

P-15 "Bay Window"
215/336-0627

Bonnie Katz and Marjorie Baraff
14 Timberline Court

Pittsburgh, PA 15217

P-19 #314 "B-Mine"
412/521-3349

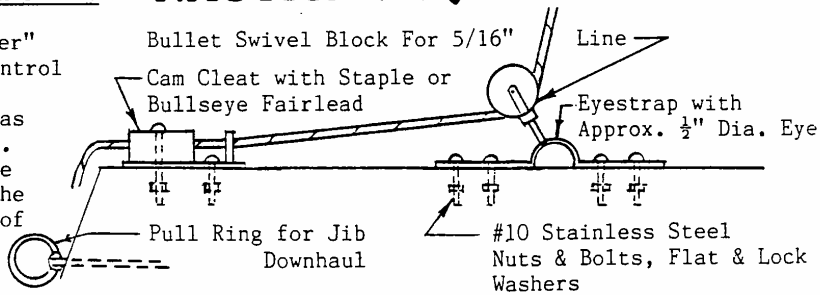
HELP ! ! !

Bonnie and Marjorie (above) sail their P-19 in Chesapeake Bay during the summer and sail off the southeast coast of Florida in winter. How lucky can you get? They have never seen another Potter-19 in the Miami/Fort Lauderdale area or for that matter, Pittsburgh either! Drop them a note if any members have any contacts. In another matter, in rough to choppy conditions, both the daggerboard and the trunk have too much flex and allows water to ooze into the cabin area. If anyone has a solution to the problem, Bonnie & Marjorie would appreciate hearing from you.

Cockpit Controls for Jib & Main Sheets

NAUTICAL EQUIPMENT

In the "Many Ways to Potter" there are two ways shown to control the jib & main sails from the cockpit. Here is another way as seen on Bruce Hood's Potter-15. See the June newsletter picture for approximate placement of the cam cleat and eyestay on top of the cabin deck. You will need two sets of parts and the cost is about \$50-\$55 dollars.



While you're at it, you may as well rig a jib downhaul. Bruce has an 1/8" line connected from the top of his jib down to and thru the deck, into the cabin area where it is held in place with small hangers, and out the cabin bulkhead and attached to a pull ring. If your boat has a different setup, send a sketch to the editor as other members may want to use your idea.

Potter For Sale

CLASSIFIED

Dave Green intends to move out of state and is offering his Potter-19, #206, for sale. The boat has a custom made vertical rudder and also has a lapper sail, a 4 HP Marine outboard motor, Porta-Potti, 2 anchors, compass, and other extras Dave will tell you about. The boat comes with a trailer that has a spare tire and tongue jack. All of this for \$7,000. The boat can be seen at 1804 Foxworthy Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124. Telephone: 408/978-3159

Once again, Fred Richter is offering his P-15 (#783) for sale and will accept any reasonable offer. The boat hull is red with matching red & white sails. The main sail has jiffy reefing and there are cockpit controls for the jib & main sails. The boat also comes with a tiller extension, an anchor, cockpit cushions, side rails & bow pulpit, oars & oar locks, a 2 HP Suzuki outboard motor, a galvanized tilt trailer with a spare tire & tongue jack. Call Fred at 415/796-9685 and the boat is at 6325 Quicksilver Street, Newark, CA 94560

