

WELCOME

Welcome Aboard: New Members

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

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Robert & David Luke
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Potter 15

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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?



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POTTER TO POTTER

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January Schedule

January 1, 1984 Annual Brunch, Pete's Harbor in Redwood City



Greetings of the Season and Best Wishes for the New Year

From the Bridge

As the new year approaches, our membership should be thinking of the National Regatta that our association will be hosting in June and what it should encompass. This is one of the most important sailing events of the year and your ideas & suggestions will be appreciated at the brunch on January 1.

In 1982, Terry Gotcher did a great job for the association as regatta chairman. As before we'll be asking for volunteers to make this a successful event. We will need a Regatta chairperson to coordinate a variety of details such as devising a racing schedule and courses, banquet arrangements, trophy presentations, accommodations for out-of-towners, publicity, and the like. Please let it be known how you would like to help.

April 7 will be our annual luncheon and we will be having it at the Encinal Yacht Club in Alameda, the same place we will be hosting the regatta. At this time, we will have the election of officers and they shall assume their new duties the following month. The thought is having ballots as in the past and announce the results of the election at the luncheon.

So on January 1st, bring your ideas to our brunch at Pete's Harbor along with your pictures and sea stories.

I, along with my husband John, my son David & his wife Candy, and our grand-daughter Heather, would like to wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Barbara J. Simpson

Wishing You Happy Holidays

WEST WIGHT POTTER

Last Sail, December 3, Del Valle Reservoir

It was just one of those days--wet, wild, and windy. Ranney Thayer (766), Mike Bartunek & Claudia Hassler (748), John & Barbara Simpson (266), and John & Anne Ockes (1060) got as far as Concannon Winery. This was the day winds were gusting to 92 MPH and the next day was bright calm and sun-shiney.

There was a power outage at the winery which made the wine tasting more interesting, especially by flashlight. After purchasing some Xmas cheer for gift giving, our group headed for Smorga Bob's and lunch. Over the last cup of coffee, Barbara suggested a sail at North Lake Tahoe in early May where the Simpson's have a time-share condo with a marina.

Next Event: Annual Get-Together, Pete's Harbor, Redwood City, January 1, Sunday

Join us at Pete's Harbor Restaurant on New Year's day, about 11:00 am for a friendly get-together at this non-sailing event. While we are having brunch/lunch, our commodore will have a drawing for door prizes. Over coffee and dessert, we'll share our ideas about places to sail, display our photos, and introduce the new members.

The newsletter editor will bring all the previous newsletters of our Northern California West Wight Potter Association starting from April, 1978. Also of some interest will be a few newsletters from the Southern California Association of 1967 and 1968.

To get to Pete's Harbor, take highway 101 to Redwood City. Next, turn off at the Whipple Avenue exit and head 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. Inside, look for the reveling Potter Yachters.

Take Your Pick . . .

Something for Everyone

January is going to prove to be an exciting month for boat lovers, as there will be two boat shows going on.

International Boat Show, Moscone Center, San Francisco, January 6th thru 15th
San Francisco Sports & Boat Show, Cow Palace, South San Francisco, Jan 13th thru 22nd

Free courtesy tickets to the International Boat Show are offered by Joe Edwards, president of HMS Marine, Inc., to our members and their families. Write or call Joe and say how many are coming to attend this event. Tickets will be waiting at the main box office with your name on them. HMS Marine, Inc., 904 West Hyde Park Blvd, Inglewood, CA 90302. (213) 674-4540.

Our man in Santa Cruz, Jim Silva of Prime Time Boat Sales, has courtesy discount tickets for both boat shows and will be glad to send them on to you. Jim is located at 180 Montclair Drive, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Phone: (408) 438-3890.

Jim has, as always, an open invitation for all Potter-Yachters to sail at Santa Cruz. Right now is an ideal time for a cruise because the harbor mouth is shoaled. This makes the harbor our own private lake. Phone Jim for weather reports before heading his way.

Vibrations

Nuts & bolts have a tendency to loosen up at unexpected times on your boat or trailer and its a good idea to check them with a wrench at least once a year, along with winterizing your boat or getting ready for the sailing season.

The nut on the winch handle has a tendency to loosen. One good way to secure the handle in place is to drill an 1/8" hole through the bolt, or better yet through the nut and bolt. Then, put a cotter pin in to hold the nut securely in place.

To wish you joy and peace at Christmas.

I've got to quit procrastinating!

and pay my dues by January 1 or I won't receive the "Potter to Potter" newsletter any longer and be able to participate in some of the great sails throughout the year. If I wait too much longer, I'll have to pay an extra dollar because of the dues increase. When I get through reading the newsletter, I'll send John Ockes, association secretary, an \$8.00 check.

In addition to those members who renewed their membership in October and November for 1984 are these great sailors:

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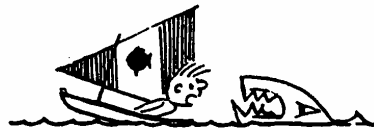
Buckey
Burnham

Dean
Gordon

Kruse
Humphrey

Rhoades

TRAILER SAILORS



Wheels: Tires should ALWAYS be inflated to the manufacturer's recommended pressure. Always carry a spare wheel and a jack that fit the boat trailer. If wheel bearings are always dunked, waterproof bearings and caps should be considered. If water gets into the hub, lubricating grease will float away and bearings will burn out or seize, causing damage and a safety hazard. Waterproofed bearings should be inspected prior to each boating season, others more often. Special care should be given when traveling on unimproved roadways with small-diameter wheels.

Maintenance keeps boat trailer rolling

We've all seen them along the highway: The family car with a boat in tow, pulled over and everyone out looking blankly at a trailer wheel.

Most passersby probably assume the problem is a flat tire, but often it's not.

"One of the most common problems boaters have with their trailers is wheel bearing failure caused by corrosion," says John Adams, chief engineer, Ball and Roller Bearing Group, Federal-Mogul Corp.

"Trailers frequently sit for long periods of time and then have to perform at highway speeds, usually in hot weather," he explains.

"By the time the boater arrives at his destination, the trailer wheels, bearings and seals are heated up to their normal operating temperature, and then are submerged in cold water when the boat is launched.

"The rapid temperature change can cause pressure to drop in the wheel cavity and this can sometimes draw water past the wheel seals, especially if the seals are worn.

"Once the water gets inside, it

begins to contaminate the grease and the corrosion begins."

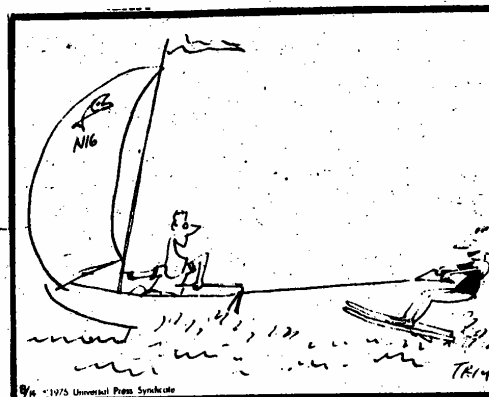
The reason many trailer bearings fail on the way to the lake rather than on the way home is because corrosion takes time. The period when the boat and trailer aren't used in is the perfect time for corrosion to do its destructive job.

The solution is simple, Adams points out. Regular inspection and lubrication is the key to avoiding wheel bearing problems. He recommends inspecting the wheel bearings and seals once a month during the boating season to avoid trouble.

If there is any doubt, replacing wheel seals is cheap insurance against contamination.

Boaters should always service the bearings and replace the seals at the end of the season to give these precision components a fighting chance against the corrosion that can set in during long periods without use.

Inspecting the bearings and seals again at the beginning of the boating season will help prevent failure due to corrosion that might have formed since the trailer was last used.



"NICE BREEZE TODAY."



"Yoo-hoo — Are you anybody's crew?... Anybody's"