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POTTER TO POTTER

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CALENDAR:

Sailing Schedule



July 6, 20	Santa Cruz
July 9	Brannan Island
August 6-7	Woodward Reservoir
September (?)	Santa Cruz
October (?)	New Hogan
October (?)	Estuary Sail & Swenson's Boat Yard Flea Market

From the Bridge

The Woodward sail had a good turnout of 11 families. We had a time finding a place that would accommodate motor homes, tents, and have a launch area. With a rise in the water level, some of the sandy beach area was gone. Next time we will try "Sailboat Cove" which does not have a lee shore.

A big thanks to Stan Butler who helped us when our center-board fell out between the trailer when we were trying to launch our Potter. We had never experienced the centerboard coming off its pin, but Stan climbed into the cabin and managed to set it back in place.

Saturday morning we were surrounded by a bathtub regatta of 5-10 year old boys with boats of all sizes and shapes. Once we got off the shore, around the boys, through the trees and off the sand bars, the sailing was pretty good on the reservoir.

By the campfire Saturday night, we shared wine, marshmallows, and tall stories. We found out the Averill's are taking their boat to sail the San Juan Islands this fall. The Bernreuter's are going to Florida and will miss the National Regatta. The Adair's are hooked on Hobies and Windsurfers and are selling their Potter #567. Everyone agreed what a great newsletter we had last month by our secretary/editor--John Ockes.

Welcome to our new members, the Grandt's. We hope to see you at some of our outings.

Safe Sailing.

Barbara J. Simpson, Commodore



WEST WIGHT POTTER

FOR THE FUN OF IT

The 16th Annual West Wight Potter Regatta, June 25, 1983

Saturday morning found the Marina Del Rey area overcast and muggy. Five boats from Northern California Region made it down. Jerry Barrilleaux with Pat Jones as crew on #564; Mike Bartunek with Claudia Hassler as crew on #748; Lee Olin on #1299; Jim and Donna Silva on #1253; and John and Barbara Simpson on #266.

The first race took a total of 13 boats on a reach down the channel and then tacking up to the jetty dodging boat and outrigger canoes. Then it was onto the ocean which isn't like up here but much more calmer and around the jetty to come back into the channel on a run. Our star sailor, Jerry Barrilleaux, having missed the horn came back to round the starting mark and started in last place. That didn't stop him from passing everyone and winning the race with Mike Bartunek and Claudia Hassler in #748 second and Ed Holland & son in #851 third.

The second race found 12 of us in the harbor after lunch with a buoy to buoy race. Again Jerry was in the back starting out but came from behind to win again with Jim and Donna Silva in second with Ed Holland and son in third. As we were sailing this race, Sylvester Stallone passed by on his sailboat, the Nighthawk, which was once owned by Errol Flynn.

The dinner was in the Burton Chace Community Center with an array of meats, cheeses and salads followed by a cake with a picture of a Potter on it. Trophies were handed out with Jerry getting 1st place; Mike getting 2nd place; Ed Holland getting 3rd place.

We met some folks down there who showed a great deal of interest in The Many Ways to Potter handbook and we also picked up some new members.

Our thanks to HMS Marine for hosting the event and all the work they put forth.

Highlights

I'm a 'Potter' Yachter

Did you get your bumper sticker? Jim and Donna Silva of Prime Time Boat Sales in Santa Cruz were very generous in sending the stickers to our members. A very neat idea and a hearty "thankyou."

Classified

For Sale. 1967 classic West Wight Potter with a brand new (never used) 1½ hp outboard motor. Includes a trailer. \$1,800.00. Telephone Bill Burgess (408) 241-0454.

For Sale. 1981 West Wight Potter in excellent condition. Yellow and white hull with multi-colored sails. Many options including stainless steel bow pulpit and cockpit rails. Includes a Dilly trailer with a spare tire and a 2 hp Suzuki motor. It's a beauty. \$3,500.00. Call Ruth Ruiz evenings at (415) 651-8796.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Salt Water Sailing: Santa Cruz, July 6 and July 20, Wednesday Nights 6:30-8:30

Monterey Bay is a very pleasant place to sail. Jim Silva of Prime Time Boat Sales takes his potential Potter owners way beyond the harbor area to show his customers what a stable and fun boat the Potter is where there is much larger waves.

On these two Wednesday nights, Jim will conduct an outdoor classroom with your Potter in and out of the water. At dockside, he will have a brief lecture about boat handling as well as sharing of ideas. Then we'll put those ideas to work out on the water.

Next Sail: Brannan Island, Saturday, July 9

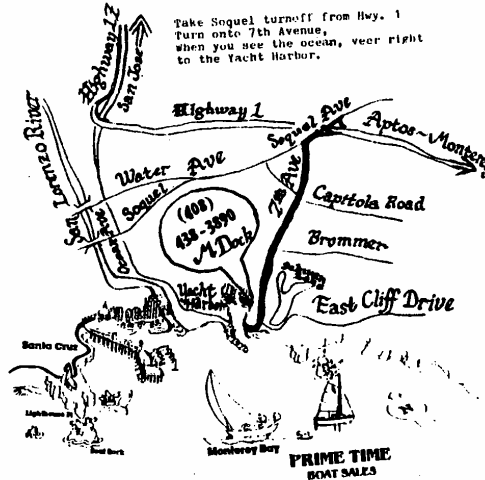
Launch time: 9:30 am. When driving from the south, take highway 4 to the Antioch Bridge. Continue north on highway 160 and drive across Sherman Island. The park entrance is on the right soon after you cross Three Mile Bridge. If you're driving from the north, take your best route to the junction of highway 12 and highway 160 on the eastside of the Sacramento River at Rio Vista. Head south about 2 miles and turn left at the entrance.

We have had many sails from Brannan Island and this should be one of the best. This time we'll stop at the Point Restaurant for lunch. Last November we had to motor back to

Future Sail: Woodward Reservoir, August 6-7

Get ready for a full weekend of swimming, sailing, fishing and more sailing. The last sail was so well received that it was decided to do it again. This time, the campout will be located at "Sailboat Cove" on the reservoir. More details in the next newsletter.

The dates for the September and October sails will soon be firmed up. In the meantime, Potter-Yachters, perhaps there is a sailing area you know about that the club would like to try. Telephone the commodore or the editor about your ideas.



Square Knot. The square knot is called the reef knot by sailors because it's used when reef points are employed to shorten sail. Basically, the knot is designed to secure together any two lines of the same size. A properly tied square knot has the bitter end and the standing part of each rope running out beneath the locking loops.



Bowline. Ropes with loops at the ends are invaluable aboard. Hence the invention of the bowline; it lets you adjust the size of the loop before you finish the non-slip knot. The bowline also frees easily even after it's subjected to extraordinary strain. To tie a bowline, first form a small loop being sure to have the free end on top of the standing part. Now take the bitter end. Pass it up through the loop, behind the standing part and back through the loop.



Figure-Eight Knot. Sailors use this knot to keep a sheet or halyard from running free of a block or sheave. Some sailors use other knots for this job, but the figure eight is very easy to untie. Often, you'll see the figure-eight used to keep a rope end from unraveling. This is incorrect. A rope end should be properly whipped.



Letters

WOODWARD SAIL

The June 4th and 5th weekend at Woodward Reservoir was a weekend new and old friends all became better acquainted. Attending members were:

- # 266 - John & Barbara Simpson, Mickey Bow-Wow
 - # 512 - De & Sydney Marsh
 - # 748 - Mike Bartunek & Claudia Hassler
 - # 783 - Fred & Freda Richter
 - # 817 - Don & Dee Bernreutter, Stephany, Donna Wilson
 - # 821 - Terry Gotcher
 - # 850 - Stan & Dorothy Butler
 - # 077 - Gene & Sharon Averill
 - # 168 - Rob, Donna & Bryon McClain
 - # 205 - Bill Sprietsma & Gail Frankel
- Plus Bob & Sharon Adair & family & friends with hobiecats and windsailers across from us.

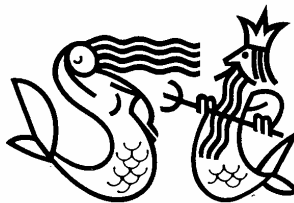
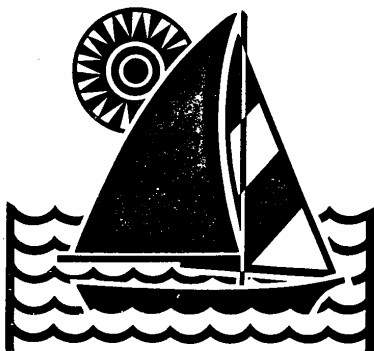
We arrived early Saturday afternoon and found almost everyone there. Many had arrived Friday evening and reserved a spot. We learned that this quiet campground had been visited by hordes of milkcarton boat racers but all was peaceful when we arrived. We launched at the campsite shore and sailed out to join other Potters on the lake. Winds were pleasant and traffic was mainly Potters, Hobies and Windsurfers. Woodward seems to encourage sailboats by posting large sections of the water area with 5 & 10 MPH limits.

After a refreshing sail, we returned to the campsite. Everyone ate then gathered around a campfire for wine, marshmallows, tales and future plans. Thanks to the Simpsons for providing the firewood. Later, members retired to their tents, vans, campers, motorhomes, anchored boats and boats tied to trees.

Sunday was hot and winds were light. After an explanation and demonstration from Barbara Simpson we were ready to try our spinnaker for the first time. #748 and 266 then went sailing together with their spinnakers flying. Later we sailed to Sailboat Cove with Terry. After one final cooling-off swim, we were ready to put the boat on the trailer.

Camp broke up early Sunday afternoon and everyone agreed we should return in August for another weekend.

M. Bartunek } 748
C. Hassler }



Give us your ideas for stories