

Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class

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FLIGHT OF THE BULLS IN FOSTER CITY

SHIRLEY YOU REMEMBER THAT IT IS THIS COMING SATURDAY... MAY 7 TH
.....YES "THE DAY BEFORE MOTHER'S DAY" FOR THE 40 th ANNUAL !!!!! NOR IS
ON THE ELTORO YRA WEBSITE! SEE YOU THERE

Be there and ready for a start. Registration and other things will be getting underway by about 10am.

Greg Morrill ET11770

58th Annual Bullship Race April 30, 2011

The day began as predicted with a moderate north wind local to the Sausalito water front and ended with moderate easterly along the San Francisco city front. The forecast offshore easterly wind shift was not predicted until much later in the day. But it did appear early enough to push the fleet on its way down the course. Skippers enjoyed, once again, the hospitality of Sausalito Yacht Club for staging and launching.

Thirty-four El Toros signed on and thirty-two started under the watchful eye of Grand Admiral John Amen who also raced his El Toro. The safety check-in was provided by Gary Hartsock and Peggy Darnall. Cowship Admiral John Fraser rounded up a large fleet of escorts and spectators. The CowShips did not need to rescue any bulls because to was largely a safe and uneventful weather day.

After a fair start the fleet split into two divisions. One sailing above the rum line, and the rest sailing at or below the rum line. The winners went below the line with the Golden Gate Bridge as a spectacular back drop. The at-or-below skippers were saved from ignominy by the unexpected early arrival of the offshore easterlies. This gave them a better reaching angle to the finish line just off the marina of San Francisco city front. John Liebenberg used his great experience of sailing his planning keel boat in this part of San Francisco Bay to call it right. He finished in 46 minutes, one minute later than the record.

Admiral John Fraser received the Cowship Award, and Registrar Paul Flowerman the Founders' Award.

The order of finishes, with awards won, is as follows:

Place	Sail No.	Skipper	Club	Other Awards	Prior Wins
1	11816	John Liebenberg	RYC		
2	11676	Will Paxton	RYC		1
3	11918	James Savattono	SCYC	First Woody	
4	11783	Art Lange	HPSC/FSC		1
5	11868	Paul Zander	HPSC		
6	11800	Dennis Silva	LMSC	First LMSC	3
7	11371	Ed Patterson	HPSC		
8	11820	Max Fraser	SCYC/RYC		1
9	11914	Hill "Buzz" Blackett	RYC		
10	11791	Mark Miller	HPSC		
11	11710	Charles Barthrop	SkiffSF		
12	11820	John Pacholski	HPSC		
13	3899	Duncan Carter	LMSC	El Viejo	
14	11708	Tony Su	HPSC	First Maiden	
15	11714	Vickie Gilmour	RYC/LMSC	First Woman	1
16	11298	Nelda Osborne	--		
17	10371	Frank Healy	LMSC (NS)	First Clyde	
18	11666	John Amen	RYC/LMSC		1
19	11792	Christophe Caron	FSC		
20	10590	Mark Marlett	LMSC		
21	6284	Sherry Smith	--		
22	11767	Skip Shapiro	RYC		1
23	11760	Chris Straub	RYC		1
24	10072	John Russell	--		
25	11391	Bob Hrubes	SOBYC		
26	11353	John Marlett	LMSC/SCYC		
27	10452	Christine Neville	--		
28	11552	Ryan Nelson	--		
29	11649	Fred Paxton	RYC		
30	11505	Chris Nash	RYC		
31	2957	Ronald Simpson	--		
32	11746	Bruce Bradfute DNF	RYC		
33	11410	Pete Blasberg DNS	FSC		
34	237	Ron Romaine DNS	--		

2011 El Toro Racing Season

May 7, **Flight of the Bulls**, Foster City Lagoon

May 15, Fremont Relays FSC

May 22, Fremont Fleet Counter

June 18-19, Clear Lake Regional Championship

June 26, Lake Merritt Mayors Cup LMSC
August 12-13-14, National Championship, Santa Cruz YC
August 6-7, Pinecrest Worlds
September 17-18, Total Dinghy RYC (Saturday counter)
October 2, Stampede, RYC
October 15, Cork Screw, Redwood City
November tbd, Running of the Bulls, Moss Landing
