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LOW BULLSHIP

SPECIAL BULLSHIP RACE RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS 2005

VENCEDORES	
1954	Liño Pera
1955	Pedro Newell
1956	Russ Humphrey
1957	Danilo Herb
1958	Russ Humphrey
1959	Danilo Herb (2)
1960	Lynne Murphy
1961	Jaime DeWitt
1962	Danilo Herb (3)
1963	Ricardo Jacobson
1964	Roberto Jacobs
1965	Danilo Herb (4)
1966	Milton Morrison
1967	Don Yost
1968	Austin Gibbon
1969	Enrique Jotz
1970	Enrique Jotz (2)
1971	Enrique Jotz (3)
1972	Nancy Farnum
1973	Enrique Jotz (4)
1974	Nancy Farnum (2)
1975	Donald Hebard
1976	Jaime Warfield
1977	Ronald Romaine
1978	Dennis Silva
1979	Howard Robinson
1980	Jaime Warfield (2)
1981	Enrique Jotz (5)
1982	Enrique Jotz (6)
1983	Enrique Jotz (7)
1984	Aad Rommelse
1985	Ningun Toro
1986	Ningun Toro (2)
1987	Dennis Silva (2)
1988	Dennis Silva (3)
1989	Vickie Gilmour
1990	Russell Shroff
1991	Jaime Warfield (3)
1992	Walt Andrews
1993	Arnie Quan
1994	Mark Darley
1995	Ningun Toro (3)
1996	Ningun Toro (4)
1997	Jaime Warfield (4)
1998	Jaime DeWitt (2)
1999	Vaughn Seifers
2000	Walt Andrews (2)
2001	Walt Andrews (3)
2002	Gordon Nash Jr.
2003	Rufas Sjoberg
2004	John Amen

- Your entry form must be submitted and accepted in order for you to participate. **Also, your COWSHIP's entry form must be submitted and accepted in order for you to participate. This applies whether you name your COWSHIP or ABRA assigns your COWSHIP.**
- You must be at least 18 years old on the day you sign your entry form.
- Only El Toro class boats may race. Your TORO need not be certified, but its sail must bear the shovel insignia and the sail number shown on your entry form. For safety reasons, **YOU MAY NOT CHANGE YOUR SAIL NUMBER AFTER YOUR ENTRY IS ACCEPTED.**
- Check in with the Safety Committee at the Sausalito Yacht Club between 7:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. (Arrive early and leave quickly to avoid a substantial parking fee.) Upon approval by the Safety Committee, you will receive an identifying ribbon to fly at the end of the boom until completion of the race. **TIE THE RIBBON SO THAT AT LEAST 18 INCHES WILL BE FLYING FREE.**
- The following **MANDATORY EQUIPMENT** is subject to Safety Committee check:
 - An adequate life jacket or Mae West (to be worn at all times while racing).
 - A paddle, ping-pong size minimum.
 - A bailing device, minimum 1 quart capacity.
 - An adequate tow line in good condition, at least **THIRTY** feet long, constructed of substantial material, minimum diameter 1/4 inch. (Secure this line to the mast during the race.)
 - SAIL BEARING THE SAIL NUMBER SHOWN ON YOUR ENTRY FORM.**
- After the 5-minute signal your TORO may not be under tow or tied to any dock, or **PADDLED, SCULLED, ROCKED, OOCHEDED, OR PUMPED.**
- ROUND-THE-ENDS STARTING RULE:** If your TORO is partially or wholly on the course side of the Starting Line within **ONE MINUTE** before the start you must round the offshore end of the Starting Line to return to start.
- If your TORO is about to be swept by tide or otherwise disabled east of Alcatraz or under the Golden Gate Bridge, **YOU MUST ACCEPT A TOW FROM THE FIRST COWSHIP OR OTHER RESCUE VESSEL OFFERING A TOW.**
- If you have accepted a tow **DO NOT CROSS THE FINISH LINE UNDER SAIL.**
- If you have been towed as required by Rule 8 you may resume sailing in safer water but **NEVER INTERFERE WITH A TORO THAT IS STILL RACING**, or in any way mislead the Race Committee as they record finishing positions.
- The Race Committee will declare the Race officially ended after at least 1/3rd of the Fleet have completed the Race, or if at any time the safety of the Fleet is in jeopardy, **OR IF NO TORO HAS FINISHED WITHIN 3 HOURS AFTER THE START.** The Cowships will be notified by any and all appropriate means, and *all TOROS still sailing the course will be required to accept the first tow offered.*
- After finishing the race or completing the crossing, proceed to the nearest convenient harbor berth for haulout. Remove your TORO and equipment from the dock immediately.
- IF YOU WITHDRAW FROM THE RACE AT ANY TIME AFTER CHECKING IN OR STARTING YOU MUST NOTIFY THE RACE COMMITTEE (COWSHIP OR ONSHORE COMMITTEE) IMMEDIATELY.** (You will receive a telephone number to call to notify the Race Committee when you check in for the race.)
- REMEMBER THAT SAILING VESSELS DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAMPER, IN A RESTRICTED CHANNEL, THE SAFE PASSAGE OF A POWER DRIVEN COMMERCIAL OR NAVAL VESSEL THAT CAN NAVIGATE ONLY IN SUCH A CHANNEL.**
- This is a sporting event conducted in the BS tradition. Protests are discouraged, particularly in the alternative to other remedies such as the 720 penalty. Nevertheless, you may be disqualified, after hearing, for violating any of the foregoing rules and instructions. Furthermore, if you fail to comply with instructions *written in italics* in Rule 8, Rule 11, or Rule 13 you may be ineligible for future BULLSHIP race participation.
- In case of any dispute the Race Committee's decision shall be final, notwithstanding any USSA rule.

COWSHIPS Restricted Area: All Cowships kindly remain away from the immediate vicinity of the Starting Line and clear of the Finish Line.

TORO launching is available at the SYC dock. After rigging, **DO NOT REMAIN TIED UP AT THE DOCK.**

FINISH LINE CAUTION: All TORO skippers are warned to respect the tidal surges and submerged rocks in the vicinity of the onshore end of the Finish Line.