

BULLSHIP RESULTS 2009

Thirty-nine skippers signed on for the 56th annual Golden Gate Bullship Race, and 38 started. Skies were clear, wind forecast for 10 mph northerly or 3 mph westerly, depending on whom you ask. After a 10-minute delay, the fleet crossed starting line on a weak easterly, not the best wind for an ebb tide crossing. After a lull, a weak westerly did set in, along with dense fog. Nine skippers crossed the finish line within the allowed 3 hours. The other 29 were DNF, most towed in by the ever-present Cowships.

In first place, Clydesdale skipper Skip Shapiro of RYC. Second, John Pacholski of HPSC. Third, Fred Paxton of RYC. First woman (again), Vickie Gilmour, who also won the Howard Robinson award for first LMSC skipper to finish. First maiden voyager to finish, Chris Boome of StFYC, who also took the El Viejo trophy for oldest skipper to finish. First woody to finish, Eric Beckman. Tailender, Nick Nash. Longest distance from home to the race, Frank Healy of Gualala.

The Cowship award went to Greg Morrill, and Founders' trophy to Vicky Hartsock.

Below are the names and sail numbers of the finishers, arranged in finishing order. Then the names and sail numbers of the DNF skippers, arranged by sail number.(Toro 3857 DNS).

Finishers (9)

Place	Sail No.	Skipper
1	11767	Skip Shapiro (also first Clydesdale)
2	11815	John Pacholski
3	11649	Fred Paxton
4	11827	Paul Tara
5	11770	Chris Boome (also first maiden voyager and El Viejo winner)
6	11760	Chris Straub
7	11714	Vickie Gilmour(also first woman)
8	11888	Eric Beckman (also first woody)
9	11515	Nick Nash (tailender)

DNF(29)

237	Ron Romaine	11534	John Hege
750	Paul Van Kriedt	11540	John Dukat
1690	Ben Ballard	11552	Rob Grant
3615	Ben Mewes	11650	John Riise
3899	Duncan Carter	11666	John Amen
4178	Doug Wood	11783	Art Lange
9228	Henry Faybusouich	11791	Mark Miller
10324	David Grobechel	11800	Dennis Silva
10391	Frank Healy	11805	Michael Dias
11371	Ed Patterson	11820	Max Fraser
11391	Robert Hrubes	11868	Paul Zander
11401	Pete Blasberg	11914	Hill Blackett
11417	JV Gilmour	111647	Emma Creighton
11500	Gordon Nash	211856	Mark Marlett
11505	Chris Nash		

Old timers adding a year to their records of ranking as starters were Duncan Carter (45), three-time former winner Dennis Silva (41), Pete Blasberg (39), and former winner Vickie Gilmour (31).