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Jotz (7000) gets the gun as he rounds the point at the finish line. Four boats battling for runner-up positions, l. to r.: John Logan, Steve Miller, Dick Jacobsen, and Jocelyn Nash.
(Photo by Dan Herb)

THIRD BULLSHIP WIN FOR HENRY JOTZ

Henry Jotz, of San Francisco's Lake Merced Sailing Club, made it three in a row when he won the 18th Annual Bullship Race on April 17. Henry drew on his expert knowledge of S. F. Bay currents, gleaned from years of racing many classes of boats on the Bay as a result of his sailmaking business. His current title of Sr. North American Champion testifies that he doubtless knows his way around an El Toro. Three times in a row can't be an accident!

Despite forecasts of gale-force winds, 80 boats began the Sausalito-to-San Francisco marathon in a strong ebb tide. At least 25 boats were several minutes late for the 8 AM gun, including Jotz and 4th place finisher Dick Jacobsen of Island Sailing Club.

These two, joined by several other late starters, sailed low towards Alcatraz at first; they reasoned that this was better than following the majority of the fleet which had started on time and were holding a higher course. About mid-Bay, in the strongest current, Jotz and several other of the "low" group jibed over to reach with the tide toward the S.F. shoreline. Seeing this, the "high" group, now quite near the Golden Gate Bridge, began to run off against the current toward the finish line. A better plan may have been for them to continue straight into the S.F. shore and run down the shore where the current was slack. As it turned out, the two groups met on the shoreline about 1/2 mile high of the finish line; Henry barely cut off Jocelyn Nash (Richmond Y.C.), sailing down from the bridge. She finished

second and won the First Woman "Sirena" Perpetual (for the 5th time). Steve Miller of Lake Merritt S.C. captured the Maiden Voyager trophy with his third place finish.

Pete Newell, probably the only 18-year veteran of the Bullship, marked the occasion with a dramatic capsizing in the strong winds and huge waves near the finish line, and was later presented a special award for the effort. There were a number of capsizes, in fact, and reports of the wild passage were emphasized by the apparent disappearance of Bob Miller of Lake Merritt S.C.

Bob's wife, having seen him off in Sausalito and now waiting on the S.F. side, became alarmed when he failed to show up with the other finishers. Several sailors thought they had seen him capsizing. She finally drove back to Sausalito...finding him there with a sad tale. It seems he had broken his mast step at the start and returned to S.S.C. only to find the club locked and everyone gone. Not carrying any change (excess weight, you know), he described his plight to the nearby crowd at the ferry slip...but no one would lend him a dime to call his wife! (Would YOU trust a panhandler with short hair?) Even a policeman said, "G'wan, buddy, I've heard better ones than that." (Could it have been the characteristic sunburned nose and soggy pants of the Sailor that gave people the wrong impression?) So remember, future Bullshippers, from now on a dime is "required equipment" for this race.

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Part of 80-boat Bullship fleet starting at Sausalito.
(Photo by Dan Herb)

(Bullship, Continued)

The Bullship Committee presented a special award to the Buena Vista crew, who furnished good cheer after the race in the form of their famous Irish Coffee. Special recognition also went to Katherine LaFata of the Fremont Sailing Club, who celebrated her birthday with a seventh place finish in this, her first Bullship passage. Sweatshirts were awarded to the first 30; the first 10 are listed below:

1. 7000 - Henry Jotz, Lake Merced S. C.
2. 7020 - Jocelyn Nash, Richmond Y. C.
3. 7377 - Steve Miller, Lake Merritt S. C.
4. 3577 - Dick Jacobsen, Island S. C.
5. 7484 - John Logan, Fremont S. C.
6. 7317 - Donald Yoppini, San Jose S. C.
7. 7020 - Katherine LaFata, Fremont S. C.
8. 4329 - George Martin, Lake Merritt S. C.
9. 1266 - Dennis Silva, Lake Merritt S. C.
10. 7553 - Adrianus Pommelse, Fremont S. C.



Sirena Jocelyn Nash is congratulated by Maiden Voyage winner Steve Miller (l.) and Champion Bullshipper Henry Jotz (r.). (Mary Jotz photo)

STILL MORE 1971 FLEET OFFICERS

Fleet #22 - Lockheed Employees Rec. Assn.

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Sec.-Treas.: Alvin Hunter, 7915 Fall Court., Cupertino, Calif. 95014

Measurer: Dan Hull, 2836 Ramona Court, Santa Clara, Calif., 95051

Fleet #47 - Diablo Sailing Club

Captain: Al Gates, 45 Hacienda Circle, Orinda, Calif. 94563

Sec.-Treas.: Joan Chandler, 918 Hawthorne Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596

Measurer: Jim Dirksen, 210 Lakewood Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94598

RACING CALENDAR

May 15 - San Jose Junior Invitational, Lake Vasona, Los Gatos; Juniors to age 19.

May 15, 16 - Lake Stevens (Everett, Wash.)

May 16 - SBRA, IYC, Alameda, Cal. 10 AM

May 16 - Ice Cream Stix Regatta, Baltimore, Md.

May 22, 23 - Millersylvania Lake, Olympia, Wa.

May 23 - SBRA, SYC, Redwood City, Cal. 10 AM

May 29, 30, 31 - Whiskeytown (Redding, Calif.)

New camping and docking facilities ready.

May 29, 30 - Stockton S.C. River Regatta.

11 AM start; Club open for overnight sleeping bags & cooking; trophies.

May 29, 30 - PRSA and NYC (Wash. D.C.) Memorial Day Long Distance Regatta (26 mi.)

June 5 - Upper Chesapeake Bay YC Spring Regatta in Havre-de-Grace, Md.

June 13 - Northbrook YC Regatta; 2 PM, Beck Lake, Glenview, Ill.

June 19, 20 - SBRA, Clear Lake, Calif.

June 19, 20 - Samish Island Regatta, 1 PM, Bow, Wash. (Smith's Boat Shop Regatta)

June 19, 20 - Pymatuning YC (Pa.) 3rd An. Reg.

June 19, 20 - Carolina Sailing Club Governor's

Cup Regatta in Henderson, N. C.

June 27 - Bull & Belle, Fremont S.C. Calif.

July 3, 4, 5 - PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP,

Green Lake, Seattle, Wash.

July 4 - Mayor's Regatta, Lake Merritt, Oakland

July 4 - NYC (Wash. D.C.) 4th of July Regatta

NORTHWEST NEWS

PORT ANGELES REGATTA

On April 17 and 18 the Port Angeles Yacht Club sponsored an "in the harbor" race for El Toros. The three races Saturday began with moderate winds which built steadily to end with a strong blow and a couple of "bottoms up."

Saturday evening brought the usual good dinner and social hour that one learns to expect at Port Angeles.

Sunday came with a change in the weather; both races were drifters. The final score:

- 1 - Jim Williams, Royal Victoria Yacht Club;
- 2 - Tony Eder, Seattle Sailing Association;
- 3 - Fred Smith, Renton Sailing Club.

SERIES RESULTS FROM RENTON

Fleet 37 rounded out its spring series on April 24 with two very long "drifters." Racing had been postponed twice the previous two weekends because of too much wind!

The seven-race series was finally tallied with Sam Throm first, Fred Smith second and Bruce Goss third.

Recap of Frostbite Series held January through March:

- 1 - "Ole" Olsen; 2 - Fred Smith; 3 - Robert Smith; 1st Visitor - George Corkery of the Seattle S.A.

SAMISH ISLAND TIME AGAIN

WHAT: Smith's Boat Shop's Regatta.

WHERE: Smith's Boat Shop, located 7 miles west of Edison, Washington on Samish Island.

WHEN: June 19 & 20--1:00 PM start on Saturday

WHO: All El Toros and Pelicans. Measurement certificates not required.

AWARDS: 1-2-3 Renton - Seattle club members.

1-2-3 all other entries, 1 Perpetual.

COST: No entry fee; free camp ground; free

salmon barbecue Saturday night.

REMINDER: Don't miss this one.

(Racing Calendar, Continued)

July 10 - SBRA, Encinal Y.C., Oakland, Cal.
July 10, 11 - Columbia Y.C. 1st Annual Regatta,
Smith Creek, Md.
July 11 - Lakefair (Olympia, Wash.)
July 17, 18 - REGION I CHAMPIONSHIP, Capitol
Lake, Olympia, Washington
July 24 - SBRA, San Francisco Y.C., Belvedere
July 24 - Columbia, Md. 2nd Annual Regatta
July 24 - 29-NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP,
LAKE MERRITT, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
August 7 - Upper Chesapeake Y.C. Fall Regatta
Havre de Grace, Md.
August 7, 8 - Moonlite Weekend, Lake Selmac,
Oregon
August 14 - Seattle (Wash.) Bullship
August 21, 22 - Tahoe Keys Invitational (Cal.)
August 28, 29 - Mile Hi Regatta, Pinecrest,
Calif.
August 28, 29 - ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Sept. 4, 5, 6 - EL TORO REGION 7 REGATTA
Sept. 11 - SBRA, Palo Alto Y.C., 10 AM
Sept. 11, 12 - Astoria (Ore.) Bullship
Sept. 19 - SBRA, Richmond Y.C., 10 AM
Sept. 25, 26 - Lake Chelan (Wash.)
Oct. 2 - SBRA, Monterey, Cal., 10 AM.
Oct. 17 - Pitch & Roll, Palo Alto -
Alviso, Calif.
Oct. 24 - Paisano Race, Pacific Grove, Cal.
Nov. 13 - ETIYRA Annual Meeting
Nov. 14 - Flight of the Bulls, Foster City,
Calif.
Nov. 13, 14 - Fleet 16 Fourth Annual Indian
Summer Regatta (Wash. D.C.)

SAILORS FIND HOME ON PARK POND

What sails better than a model sailboat
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Until approached by Willamette Sailing Club,
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Model sailboaters and the wintering flocks
of mallard and widgeon have always claimed the
pond, but now El Toros hold sway on Sundays
during their series races.

Racing is around triangular or figure-eight
courses. Don Ferrell, who chairmans the races,
says the small sailboats have helped rekindle
interest in sailing in the Portland area.

In these series races, the boats are getting
triple use, often all within the same family.
There's the grade school fleet, the high school
fleet and the adult fleet.

Westmoreland Pond is an ideal location for
the public to view the tiny sailboats in action
and it promotes a much safer feeling for that
first boat racing experience.

In their regular April to October season the
club also races on the Willamette River.



Pete Nottage, Kaneohe Y.C. skipper, shows
typical island tension while reaching to the
finish in K.Y.C.'s annual Bullship regatta held
recently on Kaneohe Bay. (Jack Wyatt Photo)

BULLSHIP RACING TENSION IN THE ISLANDS

Hilarity afloat was the theme of Kaneohe
Y.C.'s annual nonsense regatta, the Bullship
race. Over 70 Bullshippers raced in near per-
fect conditions over a four-mile course around
Kaneohe Bay's Coconut Island. Ramming, reef
hopping, buoy cutting spiced with an occasional
capsize highlighted the regatta.

However, no one told Honolulu's Wailupe S.C.
that this was a non-serious race. For the
fourth straight year the small dinghy club from
the shadow of Diamond Head swept the honors.

K.Y.C.'s Jack Irvine and defending champ
George Read of W.S.C. were well on their way to
victory when a wind shift caught them on the
short end of the North Channel, allowing
K.Y.C.'s Carl Carlson and W.S.C.'s Jim Lenney
plus a half dozen reef hoppers to breeze ahead.

You'd think first-to-finish Carlson would win
a trophy, but all the lanky yachtsman received
was an also-ran as KYC's computerized handicap
system gave the win to Lenney. However,
Lenney's win was no fluke--the University pro-
fessor placed 4-3-2-2 in the past four years.

Rivaling cheers for the leaders was last
place finisher Nina Kurrus, winner of the Tail
and Charlie award. Sailing her first race (and
perhaps her last) the bikini-clad blonde not
only recovered from a capsize just stepping
into her boat at the dock, but survived all the
bumps and bruises of the race.

Sparked with the good humor of comedian Bill
Dana, awards were presented to: Overall win-
ners--1. Lenney, WSC; 2. Skip Banks, KYC;
3. Bob Leary, KYC. Division winners (Heavy-
weights)--George Read, WSC; (Middle weights)
Hank Inouye, KYC; (Lightweights) Larry Trombly
WSC; first-to-finish, Carl Carlson, KYC, Tail
End, Nina Kurrus, KYC.

Frostbite Series
racers slip
across Westmore-
land Pond in
Willamette SC's
weekly races.
(Bob Bach Photo)

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