

NOTES ON THE HERB ROSS REGATTA

The Herb Ross Memorial Trophy was given in memory of Herb Ross, a long time Club member, who sailed "Shiranami," an all-teak Cheoy Lee Pacific Clipper. Herb died at the helm during a race in 1974. The trophy of walnut, teak, ivory and silver was made by our former Port Captain, Bob Jakob. Appropriately, Bob won it the first time the race was sailed in 1975. Other winners include Hank Easom on "Yucca," Scotty Cauchois on "Trigger," Emmet Rixford on "Annie Too," Bob Fisher on "Lykken," and David James on "Leda."

At first, the trophy was to be awarded to the top finishing wooden boat in The San Francisco Yacht Club Regatta, and for many years to the top wooden boat in the Mitchell/Ross Club Championship Series race. In 2001, after it became clear that very few wooden boats would compete in the Club Series, Herb's son, John, requested that the Deed of Trust be rewritten so that boats in fleets recognizing other than wooden construction could compete for the trophy. The next year an additional change was made to the Deed, and a separate race was added to the Club Championship Series, with the trophy to be awarded to the winner of that race.

