

"Bull Session"

News and comments for the El Toro Class

April 2008 #228

www.eltoroyra.org

BULLSHIP 2008

http://www.norcalsailing.com/archives/Entries/2008/3/31_Bullship,_High_School_and_Big_Dinghy.html

Congratulations Art!

Art Lang has won the last two important races: BullShip and Lake Merritt Midwinters!

The El Toro International Yacht Racing Association would like to announce significant updates to the association's website. WE NOW HAVE A DISCUSSION PAGE available to MEMBERS. Simply go the www.eltoroyra.org and follow the directions.

Another big improvement is that you can now PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE, so if you have not paid for 2008, visit the website now. Make sure your dues are current so you can compete in class events and championships.

I would personally like to invite all El Toro sailors to join the discussion forum which is a Yahoo Group. Check it out and help strengthen the class by joining in and helping build our community. There is even the option with Yahoo Groups to be notified of each new message posted. Please let me know if you have any questions on getting set up, I would be happy to help! I can be reached at 831-428-2874

Thanks, Dan Cook #11821

Reservoir Dogs:

Better get the boat out and start practicing if you want to compete with Art Lange in Q1. Art was on the top of his game last Saturday and finished first in the Bullship, by a comfortable margin. Winds were light at the start and built to hiking-out strength at time in the middle of the Bay. The three knot ebb scheduled for 10:45 never really played in the action as most boats finished in about an hour. The view of the Golden Gate Bridge and the San Francisco City front was fantastic!

Fellow dogs Ed Patterson, Paul Zander and John Pacholski followed Art across the Bay.

All the finishing positions, photos and a further write-up of the race are on the El Toro web site.

Best, John P.

2008 Schedule

April 20, Spring Series #1 FSC

Cherry Blossom	Apr 26
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May 3, Pinto Lake J&S Invitational

May 4, Spring Series #2 FSC

May 10, Flight of the Bulls, Foster City

May 18, Fremont Relay, Lake Elisabeth

June 1, Fremont Spring Race

June 14-15, Clear Lake Regional, Clear Lake

July 6, Independence Day, LMSC

July 18, Junior El Toro Nationals Stockton Sail Camp

August 2-8, Nationals, Huntington Lake

August 23-24, Pinecrest Worlds

September 20-21, Total Dinghy, RYC

October 5, El Toro Stampede, RYC

October 18, Corkscrew Slew, Sequoia YC

December 7, RYC Midwinter #1

December 13, LMSC Midwinter #1

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Cherry Blossom	Apr 26
Tuckahoe spring	June 7
Rogers Corsica River Yacht Club	June 21
Atlantic Coast Championship Cambridge YC	July 12
Plantation	Aug 9
Potomac River Sailing Association Washington Sailing Marina	Sept 6

more information:

* Fort Worth, TX -- The eight entrants at the 2008 Sundance Cup saw the range of wind conditions last weekend in this women's match race event. In the five-race finals, **Molly Carapiet** (El Toro Sailor) needed all five races against Kristen Lane before claiming the win, which also earned her an invitation to the 2008 Santa Maria Cup Grade 1 event to be sailed May 28-31, 2008, in Annapolis, MD. In the petit-finals, Jo Ann Fisher edged out Rebecca Beard 3-1. -- Results: <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/news/08/0331>

* US SAILING has announced its schedule for the 2008 USA Junior Olympic Sailing (JO) Festival program, a nationwide series of regattas designed to promote the enjoyment of sailing and development of skills to young sailors as well as to provide an Olympic pathway for talented junior sailors. Approximately 4,000 young sailors are expected to participate in 21 JO events held in 15 states between June and December. The list of one-design classes used in the program includes Optimists, Lasers, Bytes, Sunfish, **El Toros**, Club 420s, CFJs, and 29ers, as well as several windsurfing classes. -- Complete details: <http://www.ussailing.org/youth/racing/jo>