

"Bull Session"

News and comments for the El Toro Class

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WE AS A CLASS MUST DECIDE ABOUT THE DATE FOR CLEAR LAKE!

VOTE FOR EITHER JUNE 13-14 OR JUNE 20-21.

WHAT DO YOU VOTE FOR!

The El Toro Class has used the Windward Gate and Leeward Gate courses for years. Finally the rest of the world seems to be catching up. Here is a few other people who have raced on the four mark course.

STIRRING UP THE WINDWARD-LEEWARD GAME

by Paige Brooks, Etchells Class Correspondent:

Last year the Etchells Jaguar Cup employed windward mark gates in their 90-boat fleet to mixed reviews. Once they added the offset marks, it became a whole new game. In the 08-09 Jaguar Series, the Race Committee has set windward gates in each race for the 60-boat fleet, in addition to utilizing the leeward gate.

The windward gates add a new tactical facet to the regular windward leeward race. It makes the race more challenging for the leaders to hold their lead, diminishes the starboard tack layline parade, and forces the sailors to commit early to a side. Olympic medalist Mike Wolfs points out, "The big question is when to decide whether to go right." Since you come off the right windward mark on port, you have to check the upwind traffic to make sure the option to gybe right away is there, or that you can easily continue on port.

Going downwind, the racecourse becomes two parallel courses which often does not allow the rich to get richer the way a single windward mark used to. And while the middle used to be off limits due to the wind vacuum created by the boats behind, the greater opening between the left and right offset marks makes it a viable option. -- Read on:

<http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/news/08/jaguar/#3>

From the Right Coast from Bill;

For those of you who don't have the paperwork from CBYRA to join this year, they now have their website fixed up so you can sign up and join (or renew your membership) online at <http://www.cbyra.org/joinInfo.aspx>

I heard back from a number of toroers who can't wait for the ice to go away and get back on the water. Carol Jones can host the Tuckahoe regatta on June 13th. I haven't heard from the Reeds yet, but the Corsica River Yacht Club has the El toro regatta listed as one of their yearly regattas on their website so I assume they are planning to continuing hosting the Tom Jones Invitational there sometime the end of June. The Cambridge Yacht Club has their regatta schedule posted on their website much earlier than anytime in the past so we'll plan on the ACC for July 18th. And PRSA also has posted the President's Cup for September 12th. I have emails in to both those clubs to verify that they can accomodate El toros again this year for a Saturday-only regatta. - And - Bill Fry thinks he can host the Plantation again and we'll work out a date for that.

Val will be working out the best date and getting the paperwork in for government permission for the Cherry Blossom/Ellie Ayres regatta.

Here's a summary of the tentative schedule for 2009

Around the end of June: Cherry Blossom/Ellie Ayres regatta on the Tidal Basin, DC

June 13: Tuckahoe Regatta in New Jersey

Date TBA Tom Jones Invitational Corsica River

July 18: Atlantic Coast Championship Cambridge Yacht Club

Date TBA Plantation Regatta - St Mary's City MD at the Frys summer home

September 12th: President's Cup - Washington Sailing Marina.

Bill Schneider

LMSC MIDWINTERS 2008-2009

THIRD RACE DAY FEBRUARY 14, 2009

Cold winds out of the south, strong and fairly steady. Committee boat taking on water, so all starts were from the shore. Ten El Toros registered. No other class was present. The first start was delayed until a gondola under repair was moved away from the hoist and the City launched a patrol boat.

RC Doyle Buddington, Duncan Carter, Peggy Darnall, and Vickie Gilmour.

El Toro results for the day and the series are follows. (The two juniors started with the senior fleet but were scored separately.)

EL TORO SENIOR		R7	R8	R9	Points			
STARTERS		7	7	6	Feb 14	Prior	Total	Pl
3899	Duncan Carter	dns	dns9	dns	0.00	11.00	11.00	15
10864	Mark Marlett *	dns	dns	dns	0.00	0.00	0.00	16
11391	Bob Hrubes	dns	dns	dns	0.00	38.00	38.00	6
11401	Peter Blasberg	7	7	6	6.00	25.00	31.00	8
11458	Art Lewis	dns	dns	dns	0.00	30.00	30.00	9
11460	Conrad Seales	dns	dns	dns	0.00	15.00	15.00	13
11534	John Hege	5	4	dns	9.00	30.00	39.00	5
11649	Fred Paxton	1	3	1	21.50	37.25	58.75	4
11770	Greg Morrill	3	1	2	20.25	49.00	69.25	2
11783	Art Lange	4	2	3	17.00	50.50	67.50	3
11800	Dennis Silva	dns	dns	dns	0.00	36.00	36.00	7
11815	John Pacholski	2	5	4	15.00	64.50	79.50	1
**11820	Michael Pacholski	Jr	Jr	Jr	0.00	28.25	28.25	10
11821	Dan Cook	dns	dns	dns	0.00	27.00	27.00	12
11858	Butch Michel	dns	dns	dns	0.00	14.00	14.00	14
108641176	John Marlett ***	6	dns	dns	3.00	19.00	28.00	11
5		dns	6	5	6.00			

* Mark Marlett did not start. Michael Marlett sailed 11765 in race 7.

** See the Junior results for Michael Marlett's total score.

*** John Marlett sailed 10864 in race 7 and sailed 11765 in races 8 and 9

EL TORO JUNIOR		R7	R8	R9	Points			
STARTERS		2	1	1	Feb 14	Prior	Total	Pl
10495	David Yang-Murray	dns	dns	dns	dns	18.00	18.00	3
10789	Lauren Wood	dns	dns	dns	dns	12.00	12.00	5
11583	Emma Drejes	dns	dns	dns	dns	8.00	8.00	6t
11711	Mackenzie Cook	dns	dns	dns	dns	23.50	23.50	2
11765	Michael Marlett	dnf	dns	dns	1.00	7.00	8.00	6t
11820	Michael Pacholski	1	1	1	7.75	28.00	35.75	1
11826	Wilson Fletcher	dns	dns	dns	dns	15.00	15.00	4

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The Lake Tahoe National entry form will be on the web site soon. It is time to make your 6 month reservation for the camp site that is located next door to the Lake Tahoe Yacht Club.

El Toro North American Championship Series
Lake Tahoe, Tahoe City
August 3-4-5-6
Lake Tahoe Yacht Club
RegattaPro event

Camp sites, next door to yacht club, Tahoe SRA
6 month reservation, 1-800-444-7275
beaches and docks

We will sail in front of the Tahoe City Marina

Next email newsletter, the flying El Toro Sailor

2009 Calendar

- RYC MidWinters March 1 Richmond
- LMSC MidWinters March 8 Oakland
- Big-Dinghy March 28-29 RYC
- BullShip April 18 Sausalito-SF
- Pinto Lake May 3 Santa Cruz
- Flight of the Bulls May 9 Foster City
- Fremont Relays May 3 Fremont
- Clear Lake June 13-14 Lake Escape Resort
- Lake Merritt July 5 Oakland
- Nationals August 3---6 Lake Tahoe
- Worlds August 15-16 Pinecrest
- Total-Dinghy September RYC

Moss Landing

Stampeede October 4 RYC

Cork Screw October 17 Redwood City

RYC MidWinters December 6 Richmond

any thing to add?,,,East Coast,,,Hawaii,,,

Fremont Sailing Club '09 Schedule

Date	Series	RC/Host
April 26	Spring 123	El Toro
May 10	Spring 456	FJ
May 31	Spring 789	Lido BBQ
June 21	Summer 234	FJ
June 28	Summer 456	Lido
July 26	Summer 789	El Toro BBQ
Aug 23	Fall 123	Lido
Sept 13	Fall 456	El Toro
Sept 27	Fall 789	FJ BBQ