

"Bull Session"

News and comments for the El Toro Class

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The Richmond Yacht Club has invited the Senior El Toro Class, no juniors or Opti's to participate in the March 28-29 "Big Dinghy Regatta"

The El Toro class was not in this event last year because this regatta was the same date as the '08 BullShip Race. It is not on our season standing calendar. There is one handicap long distance race scheduled for Sunday that takes the fleet around Brooks Island. You can sign-up for either or both Saturday and Sunday.

The Saturday buoy races will be sailed in the Keller Cove area. This is the same water that the El Toros sailed the 1999 National series. Needless to say it is a long sail to get to the race course area. Usually Keller Cove can be unpredictable for wind with anything from 0 to 30 knots. It is known for a big chop especially when seen from an El Toro. The chop is a result of the tidal currents moving quickly through the area. From a big dinghy the sailing can be challenging and fun. In the past the El Toro Class has been poorly represented when races have been held in Keller Cove.

Do **WE** as a Class want to attend this regatta? Please return this email with your response. No response will mean,,,I will not be there!

1. I will be there and have signed-up on line for the race,,,both Saturday and Sunday,,,
2. We are fair weather sailors and need to go out in strong winds,,,
3. I will be there if we can get a fleet of over 8 boats for Saturday,,,
- 4, I will sail Saturday but not Sunday,,,
5. I would like a course inside the breakwater,,,
6. I will be at the "Total Dinghy Regatta" in September when the race course is inside the breakwater,,,
7. I will be practicing for the BullShip Race,,,

(Editorial) My idea is that we concentrate our Classes participation efforts on the Total Dinghy Regatta where the courses will be inside the breakwater with a separate starting line and finish line. Right now we all need to concentrate on getting signed-up for the Bullship and get a Cowship lined-up. Gordie