

# "Bull Session"

News and comments for the El Toro Class  
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## **BULLSHIP** April 18, '09 Saturday

It is time to get your entry in . . . there are sailors with trucks and vans who may be able to help you get your El Toro to Sausalito . . . talk-it-up around your club or fleet . . . you may find a traveling partner . . .

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### **2009 BULLSHIP**

#### Official Supplemental Starting Instructions

For those that may have forgotten, those that are Maiden/Virgin starters, those that are accustomed to 3 & 5 min starts, and to remind everyone;

The Bullship is the oldest El Toro Race for the class. In keeping with the tradition of The Bullship:

**The Bullship starting sequence uses a “traditional old style” 10 minute starting sequence.**

08:50 WHITE warning flag and "I" (yellow flag with Black circle insert) flag up.  
One shotgun

08:54 WHITE flag down. NO sound

08:55 BLUE preparatory flag up. One shotgun

08:59 BLUE flag down. "I" flag (yellow flag with Black circle insert) down  
(Visual ID of boats over begins\*\*) One long horn signal

09:00 RED start flag up. One shotgun

\*\*In the event that a yacht is fully or partially over the start line within the last minute (over early), that yacht must round the end of the starting line without interfering with legally starting yachts.

There will be one long horn and “X” code flag (White square flag with blue cross) raised to indicate any over early violations. When all over early yachts have port rounded the starting boat, cleared and “started” the “X” code flag (White square flag with blue cross) will be lowered. The only official notice of over early will be the “X” code flag (White square flag with blue cross).

Any yacht that has not “STARTED” within 20 min will be disqualified.

### **OVER EARLY WILL BE ENFORCED!**

**(If you think you may have been over early and the “X” code flag (White square flag with blue cross) is up, you probably were, and you have 20 min to port round the start boat or you will be disqualified.)**

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**From the right coast**

I just posted some updates to the schedule

Basically the Cherry Blossom on the Tidal Basin will be on April 25, but only if Val gets his permit application approved for it this year. Stay tuned but reserve the date - this is possibly the most important and visible event each year. Bring your friends - borrow boats - etc.

And it looks like June 27th would be the best day for the Corsica River regatta to avoid having regatta two weekends in a row.

If anyone who normally attends the toro regattas won't be able to this year let me know - we are getting low in numbers. Also get out there and recruit some new people.

Bill

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From Duncan Carter:

Tragedy has struck one of our El Toro Emeritus sailors, LMSC's Dr. John Hege, a perennial BullShip skipper, John's son John was one of the Oakland Police Officers injured was the last officer to die in the Oakland fracas, last weekends shoot-out. Our condolence to the families loss. For those who need the Hege's address, it is 80 Florada Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94610-1219

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**2009 Calendar**

- Big-Dinghy            March 28    Saturday Richmond YC
- BullShip             April 18    Sausalito-SF
- Fremont              April 26    Spring 123
- Pinto Lake           May 3       Santa Cruz
- Fremont              May 3       Spring 456
- Flight of the Bulls   May 9       Foster City
- Fremont Relays      May 17       Fremont
- Fremont              May 31     Spring 789
- Clear Lake           June 13-14   Lake Escape Resort
- Fremont              June 21     Summer 234
- Fremont              June 28     Summer 456
- Lake Merritt         July 5       Oakland

Fremont	July 26	Summer 789
Nationals	August 3---6	Lake Tahoe
Worlds	August 15-16	Pinecrest
Fremont	August 23	Fall 123
Fremont	September 13	Fall 456
Fremont	September 27	Fall 789
Total-Dinghy	September 19-20	RYC
Moss Landing		
Stampeede	October 4	RYC
Cork Screw	October 17	Redwood City
RYC MidWinters	December 6	Richmond First of '09-'10