

"Bull Session"

News and comments for the El Toro Class

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BULLSHIP *April 18, '09 Saturday*

Big News

The New York Supreme Court has done a supreme job of setting the America's Cup right. On April 2, '09, the ruling has made BMW/Oracle the "Challenger of Record". This has thwarted the Swiss holder of the cup Alinghi's attempt to "make-up a fake yacht club", accept their "own challenge" with their 'own rules' that would put them in complete control of everything, including how the races would be run, "owning" the judges and controlling all elimination series races enabling them and tilting the scales in their favor making sure they would win and control the cup. Or: holding an El Toro race where one person can race a Laser.

Out come? One of two things will happen:

1) This will probably lead BMW/Oracle and Alinghi to a race that will be described as a "Dead-of-Gift", (from the original wording of the trophy), i.e.. a DOG race that will be sailed some where in the world, decided by the 'defender' Alinghi in boats that are 90' by 90'. The 90X90 comes from the 'Challenger of Record's' description of their 'challenge'. BMW/Oracle has already built and has been sailing their 90' trimaran where Alinghi has still to build and sail one.

OR

2) BMW/Oracle and Alinghi "get-it-together" and jointly agree on the rules, jointly agree on holding an Americas Cup Race Series with a Multiple Nation Challenge elimination series and then a final. As was done for the last Americas Cup race held in Spain.

Either way, professional sailors have been unemployed during this delay. Now, at last, there can be a plan to get back to sailing and racing for the Cup.

Fred Paxton won the Big Dinghy two race series at Richmond Yacht Club with Buzz Blackett a very close second.

2009 Calendar

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