

# "Bull Session"

News and comments for the El Toro Class

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## SIXTH ANNUAL FREMONT EL TORO RELAYS,,this Sunday,,May 17th

All of you El Toro, FJ, Lido and Volvo Ocean racers, world famous crews and all other sailors need to join-up with your sailing partners and enter the Fremont Sailing Club's 6th annual **Fremont Relays** to be held this Sunday, May 17th at Lake Elizabeth in the small inland town of Fremont , California.

This is the only 'Junior Trainer' and El Toro race of its kind where two skippers, any age, sail in a relay race with one El Toro. Each skipper will sail two legs of the four leg course. Father and son teams are welcome, Senior and Junior teams are prominent.

BBQ lunch is provided as part of the \$25.00 entry fee. T-Shirts will be awarded to the top twelve finishers.

Skippers meeting: 11am

Race starts at: 12am

Show-up! or Early entries are available and can be mailed to Vern Tucker. "We have loaner El Toro's that are well prepared for racing". Contact Vern or the El Toro Web Site to borrow a boat!

See you on Sunday May 17th at Lake Elizabeth. Vern & Nancy Tucker <[vltnvt1@comcast.net](mailto:vltnvt1@comcast.net)>

Vern Tucker

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## Two fathers teach their Sons how to "Cover" during the Flight of the Bulls!

Paul Tara and Dan Cook taught their sons Patrick and Mackenzie the tactics of 'covering' their competition all the way around the race course enabling and encouraging the sons to finish in front of them!

The Foster City Lagoon race course proved to be challenging. Not from strong winds but from the wind shifts and dead air spots. Walt Andrews lead for the first half, finishing 11th, Bruce Bradfute held on to second for the first half and finished just behind Walt. Art Lange was 'over early', went back and sailed in "the back of the fleet" with Fred and Gordie for the first half. Greg Morrell was the most consistent. He sailed in the top of the fleet for most of the 2 1/2 hour race and finished 4th. It was Art, Gordie, Fred and Dave at the finish.

Greg Morrill published a lengthy statement about how difficult and dangerous this race can be and twice as many El Toros showed up to race this year! So, tell them its challenging and they will show up!

Fred Paxton finished third. He is now leading the '09 season championship.

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## 2009 Calendar

Fremont El Toro Relays	May 17	Lake Elisabeth
Fremont	May 31	Spring 789
Clear Lake	June 13-14	LINGER LONGER RESORT 707-994-6427
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		
Stampede	October 4	RYC
Cork Screw	October 17	Redwood City
RYC Midwinter's	December 6	Richmond First of '09