

"Bull Session"

News and Comments for the El Toro Class

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Two regattas on August 15th on both coasts of North America

Pinecrest Worlds, West, remember to bring a pot-luck dish representing a country on this earth

Plantation Regatta, East, Maryland, there are a few El Toro's available Plantation Regatta, Saturday, August 15, in St Mary's City, Maryland is on! We have the entries for an El Toro class start. There will be 3 Schneider El Toros used, and, so far, I have: Hank Muma, Chisholm McAvoy, Ruth Lambert,, I have extra boats, so bring a friend. Let me and Bill Fry know if you will be sailing. We know we have enough to be official scored. We will hold the regatta, but it is OK for any of the rest of you to participate if you find out if you can attend up the the last minute before the regatta - just try to let us know.

Bill Fry's regatta info is attached and is posted on the website. **

Bill Fry's contact information is in the flyer and you can reply to me

by email or phone at 410-757-4729. I am on vacation (at the Plantation) and it is gorgeous.

Bill Schneider

Toro Senior National Championship Series in the Lake Tahoe Race Week. The story of the Lake Tahoe Race Week is now online. Please pass along to all who might be interested.

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-----Lake Tahoe Report-----

This sailing series on Lake Tahoe had typical weather **only** on Monday, August 3rd with a sunny day and wind in the 6 to 10 range. Then a very un-typical winter storm blew-in to the Tahoe basin and controlled the weather for the remaining three days of the races planned. Tuesday the sailing started in 12 and built to the middle teens with three races completed. Wednesday, we got in two races that say half the fleet take on so much water that sailing an El Toro up wind or down was near or impossible. Some skippers took down their sail, after tipping over, just to get down wind back to the launching area. One sailor mentioned that he was able to get around the course but felt scarred that he was not in control. The wind kicked up a chop that is much harder to sailing than Kaneohe Bay and the puffs not only where very high in speed they came in from another direction. Sailing on Thursday was abandoned. Kaneohe Bay is much nicer to sail on even though it is in the Pacific Ocean Trade Winds!

Every El Toro sailor shined in at least one of the 6 races completed. Pete Blasberg completed race 1, Walter Andrews sailed well in the moderate winds, Paul Zander finished 4 of the races,

Hawaiian Yal Lim finished 2nd in the windy race 6, Vickie Gilmore was 5th in race 5, Chris Straub finished 3rd in race 2 and sailed well until a puff almost tipped him over in race 6, Bruce Bradfute shinned in the windy races with a consistent 4-4-4, Mike Quinn and Buzz Blackett were 3rd in races 1,5 and 6, youngster Patrick Tara started with a 2nd and 1st before the big winds hit, Fred Paxton sailed a very consistent finish in every race with a 3rd in race 3, Andy Goodman controlled one race and held on to 2, 2nds to finish third, Paul Tara, probably the most consistent National Series finisher posted 2, 2nds and more low scores but it was Art Lang who, after finishing 14th and 10th in the first two races, went on to control the series with 3, 1sts and a third.

Next year we are planning a pleasant series on Clear Lake, California

2009 schedule

August 15-16 Worlds (Pinecrest)- Plantation (Maryland)

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