

"Bull Session"

News and Comments for the El Toro Class

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Now that the El Toro National Series and the Pinecrest Worlds are over, it is time to talk about the fall regattas.

Next is the Richmond Yacht Club "**Totally Dinghy**" September **19th** and 20th. The El Toro Class will be counting only the Saturday races for the Season Championship scoring. We will be sailing inside the Potrero Channel, where we always sail. There are only three race days left for the 2009 Season: Totally Dinghy, Stampede and the Cork Screw. Will anyone be able to catch Fred?

Moss Landing has decided to hold their "Running of the Bulls" on November 14th.

At the Lake Tahoe Tuesday evening meeting a number of things were discussed and ideas worked on.

1: We need to get the wood boats out again. A separate start/class for wood hulls with wood masts was thought to be a good idea. We want to start this at the RYC Stampede and hopefully the 2010 regatta calendar can have a few more "Woodies" starts. There is already a "Woodie" class in the BullShip.

2: Traditionally the North American Championship Series has been on a Sunday/Monday through Thursday event format. We have inherited this from the founders of the El Toro Class. It has been sailed this way for as many years as I can remember. It is now felt that a Thursday/Friday to Sunday format would be better. Better for attracting more participants and easier to get race committee, except Kaneohe YC. The schedule of two races Friday, two or three races Saturday and one or two on Sunday was discussed.

3: The '09 Junior National Championship Series sailed at the Stockton Yacht Club had 40 boats! It was decided that it would not be a good idea to combine the Seniors and the Juniors at the Stockton Yacht Club in 2010.

4: With this in mind, we want to hold the Championship Series on Clear Lake, next June. Either Friday, June 9th-10th-11th or Friday, June 16th-17th-18th, depending on when school is 'out'. The Thursday will be a tune-up day for those who want to. We have a resort interested, three committee boats promised and a probable PRO already lined up! We also have a winery lined-up to handle the dinner party on that Saturday evening.

5; For 2011, we discussed Santa Cruz as the site for the Championship Series. Again the dates could and would be flexible to accommodate the participants and the Santa Cruz Yacht Club committee personnel. The race course would be up under the pier. A great place to have spectators because the weather mark would be right at the pier. Other logistics would need to be worked out to be able to accommodate the variety of El Toro Sailors.

2009 Calendar

Fremont September 13 Fall 456

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Total-Dinghy September 19-20 RYC

Stampede October 4 RYC

Cork Screw October 17 Redwood City

Running Bulls November 14 Moss Landing

RYC Midwinter's December 6 Richmond First of '09 Winter Series