

# **"Bull Session"**

News and Comments for the El Toro Class

**September #306**

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2009 El Toro Stampede

## **Richmond Yacht Club**

This Sunday October 4

Skippers meeting **10:30 am** and all sailors need to be weighed and registered before this meeting. Racing to follow the skippers meeting.

Race committee personnel will be El Toro Sailors, so no excuses for not sailing. Bring your boat!

### **Outside Course Start**

1<sup>st</sup> Stampede Race

3 starts: senior, junior, woodies

Immediately followed by the  
Weight division's sail off,, with 4 separate starts

- Flyweight Bull Throwers (up to 99 lbs)
- Lightweight Bull Throwers (100 to 149 lbs)
- Middleweight Bull Throwers (150 to 180 lbs)
- Heavyweight Bull Throwers (181 and above)

### Lunch

### Inside Course

Tender Trot – for boys & girls who have never won a trophy

### **Outside Course Start**

2<sup>nd</sup> Stampede Race

### Bull Throwers Sweepstakes

Top 3 sailors of each weight division, 12 boats total, race into the club.

The GREEN Bottle Race & the Soda Special  
(Stick around for the new version)

Show up,,,See you Sunday,,the weather forecast is great!

This regatta is so old that the 'perpetual trophy' first dated 1949 has been lost!

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**To Steve Lowry, PRO for the RYC Totally Dinghy Regatta, September  
19-20, Richmond Yacht Club.**

**Richmond Yacht Club's has a great race committee that runs the best regattas on the "outside course" from the big powerboat right in front of the club, on the flats just outside the channel.**

**But the committee work for the "inside classes", the "B" team needs work.  
From the El Toro Class perspective!**

**During the two big dinghy regattas of '09, held at RYC, on the "inside course", the problems experienced by the sailors during these two back-to-back regattas has done harm to RYC's dinghy regatta running reputation.**

**It was the race committee on the water, during both regattas.**

**My hope, is that the damage that has been done does not keep the many El Toro Sailors from the South Bay, Santa Cruz, Central Valley and other places far away, who need to travel long distances to get to RYC, from driving and sailing again at RYC.**

**We, and me, as RYC members, can not afford to have any more poor "big" RYC dinghy regattas, like these last two, or we as RYC members and dinghy sailors, will loose our El Toro participants. The El Toro Class is strong and well but will not support and participate in racing regattas that are not worth going to.**

**We can not let this happen again. Yes, Race Committee work can be difficult, but with a few simple basic principles it can be done so none of the sailors need to: for example: wait on the water for an hour to get a start when there is plenty of wind, set the course in an area known to have no wind, set the course up in current that is so strong that the dinghies can not sail fast**

**enough to cross the starting line, have a starting line that can not be crossed on starboard tack, a weather mark that is a reach to get to, postpone so the course can be moved into a poorer sailing location, place marks in a location that insures racing boat traffic problems: I could go on,,,**

**Again, Steve, it is not you!**

**Gordie**

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**2009-'10 schedule**

- Stampede October 4 RYC
- Cork Screw October 17 Redwood City
- Moss Landing November 14 Monterey Bay
- RYC Midwinter's December 6 Richmond First of '09
- LMSC Midwinter's December 12 Lake Merritt
- LMSC Midwinter's January 10 Lake Merritt
- LMSC Midwinter's February 13 Lake Merritt
- LMSC Midwinter's March 14 Lake Merritt