

Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class

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Richmond Yacht Club will be host to the Gordy Miller memorial on April 3, 2010

Very few people can boast about "being there" when the first El Toros' were built. Gordy Miller was one of the last who could say that. Gordy crossed the bar after almost 102 years of sailing. His first El Toro was #4, his son's Fred and Steve sailed that boat in the Richmond Yacht Club Junior Program for decades. #4 and Gordy went sailing during the 1999 El Toro Nationals.

Now is the time to get your BULLSHIP entries in for the April 10th race.

Available on the El Toro website.

We have a Cowship driver, all we need is a boat for him to drive.

Charles Berry is in charge of the RYC 'Big Dinghy' Regatta, April 17th

The registration is open for the Big Dinghy! It's better to tell everyone now before the website gets crowded with everyone trying to sign up! This year's event is bound to be the biggest and best sailing of the year, guaranteed!

Fleet racing Saturday,, There will be one Portsmouth race Sunday,, not a counter,, around Brooks Island.

Charles will have us racing on the El Toro Inside Course where the El Toros usually race. This regatta format is similar to the RYC Midwinter's except we will sail in more wind.

Season Series

I suspect you guys have been up to your eyeballs with other things so I thought Paul and I might help get the Toro Master Series posted to the website. Here's a suggestion from Paul Tara and me for this year... it's ONLY a suggestion:

With the combining of the Clear Lake Regional with the NA's this year we end up with only 10 regattas carried over from last years schedule. Since hopefully some dads will already be bringing their Jr's to the Big Dinghy on April 17th, we thought it would be easy to add that event to the Sr series. That would bring us back to 11 regattas. We could keep the 4 throw outs from last year. If you like this solution, just nod and I'll let Kelli know to add Big Dinghy to the Sr. series.

If you do not like the idea of adding Saturday of Big Dinghy to Sr. Series, we could go with 10 regattas. Four throwouts seems like one too many for a ten race series. If we stick with 10 regattas, I'd suggest we reduce the throwouts to three.

FYI, looks like FSC has shifted their JR/SR event to May 2nd to accommodate the later date for Pinto Lake. The 2009 schedule and the suggested 11 race Sr series schedules are attached so you may take a look.

John P.

20010 schedule

BullShip

April 10

Big Dinghy RYC	April 17 fleet race inside the Channel on <u>Saturday</u>
Big Dinghy RYC	April 18 around Brooks Island <u>Sunday</u>
Flight of the Bulls	May 8
Fremont Relay	May 16
Pinto Lake	June 6
<u>Clear Lake National Championship Series will be June 18-19-20</u>	
Mayor's Cup LMSC	June 27
Pinecrest Worlds	August 7-8
Totally Dinghy RYC	September 25-26
El Toro Stampede	October 3
Cork Screw Redwood City	October 9

Running of the Bulls November 14 Elkhorn

Clear Lake National Championship Regatta

**June 18-19-20
Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Thursday 17, tune-up**

Reserving resort cabins can be made now

This resort is on Lake Shore Drive with a beach and dock, with the best sailing right in front of the beach

all El Toros are welcome

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FOURTH 2009-2010 ROBINSON MEMORIAL MIDWINTER REGATTA
LAKE MERRITT SUNDAY March 14, 2010

Clear, pleasant. Winds from the N to WNW and variable in strength as predicted.

Eleven El Toro skippers (7 seniors, 4 juniors) participated. Two Sunfish skippers also participated.

RC: Vickie Gilmour, Peggy Darnall, and guests. On shore: Jackie Kearney, Jim Kearney, Duncan Carter.

Results for races 4-12 are shown below. (Races I-III were cancelled). (LMSC scoring system, race by race: DQ no points but counted as a starter. One point for starting, one point for finishing, one point for each starter beaten, ¼ point for finishing first).

In El Toros, John Pacholski finished first in Seniors, and son Michael Pacholski finished first in Juniors. Trailing John in Seniors were Art Lange, second, and John Marlett, third. Mara Eckert finished second in Juniors.

EL TORO SENIOR		R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	Points today	Prior points	Total points	Final place
STARTERS R4-12		9	9	7	12	13	13	7	7	7				
3899	Duncan Carter	9	9	7	11	12	12	7	7	4	9.00	14.00	23.00	9
r11353	John Marlett	3	5	1	7	5	3	4	5	5	13.00	51.25	64.25	3
g11353	Ken Eckert	dns	dns	dns	12	13	11	dns	dns	dns	0.00	8.00	8.00	16
11391	Bob Hrubes	8	7	dns	6	10	dnf	fnd	dns	dns	0.00	21.00	21.00	10t
11401	Peter Blasberg	6	6	dns	9	11	9	5	6	3	13.00	25.00	38.00	6t
11458	Art Lewis	5	8	5	4	6	4	dns	dns	dns	0.00	45.00	45.00	4
11534	John Hege	dns	dns	dns	8	8	7	dns	dns	dns	0.00	21.00	21.00	10t
11745	Walt Andrews	2	4	2	dns	dns	dns	1	3	dnf	15.25	23.00	38.25	6t
11765	Mark Marlett	dns	dns	dns	dns	7	8	dns	dns	dns	0.00	15.00	15.00	14t
11767	Skip Shapiro	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	3	4	1	19.25	0.00	19.25	12
11770	Greg Morrill	7	3	4	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	0.00	17.00	17.00	13
11783	Art Lange	4	2	6	5	1	2	6	2	6	13.00	55.25	68.25	2
11787	Patrick Tara	dns	dns	dns	1	3	1	dns	dns	dns	0.00	39.50	39.50	5
11793	Kristen Lenz	dns	dns	dns	10	9	10	dns	dns	dns	0.00	15.00	15.00	14t
11815	John Pacholski	1	1	3	2	2	6	2	1	2	22.25	60.50	82.75	1
11827	Paul Tara	dns	dns	dns	3	4	5	dns	dns	dns	0.00	32.00	32.00	8

EL TORO JUNIOR		R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	Points today	Prior points	Total points	Final place
STARTERS R4-12		2	2	2	5	4	4	4	4	4				
10789	Lauren Wood	2	2	2	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	0.00	6.00	6.00	6

11629	Mara Eckert	dns	dns	dns	3	3	3	3	4	3	8.00	10.00	18.00	2
11711	Luke McCartney	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	2	1	1	14.50	0.00	14.50	3
11740	Nicholas Lenz	dns	dns	dns	2	2	2	dns	dns	dns	0.00	13.00	13.00	4
11765	Mary Marlett	dns	dns	dns	dnf	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	0.00	1.00	1.00	7
11820	Michael Pacholski	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	13.25	26.50	39.75	1
211856	Michael Marlett	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	dns	4	3	4	7.00	0.00	7.00	5

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