

Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class

April #330

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Some organizations do not re-schedule blown-out events,,but not the BullShip!

This is the fourth time in history the race was not run on the Saturday after Easter. The re-schedule is inconvenient for many. But we do need to realize we sail a unique small craft that is best when sailing in high single digit wind speeds because the best competition is when the boats are close together and tactics play a large part in the strategy of the racing. The BullShip is a very unique event and well worth doing!

Only one email was received that was nasty about the re-schedule. Most all others understand.

There is a history of the Bull Ship being postponed for two weeks when the weather was not appropriate for a safe passage across San Francisco Bay on the scheduled day of the event. The call rests on the shoulders of the race chairman, this year, John Amen. He did not make this call easily. We need to remember that safety is foremost in his mind. Yes, the possibility of sailing an El Toro to San Francisco on the morning of Saturday April 10th from Sausalito did exist, but we need to remember that the event is for the entire fleet, this year over 30 sailors where signed up to race. In the past the BullShip race has been re-scheduled when the weather was less severe than it was this year with the same ideas in mind.

There is a story of one of those postponements. In 1957, a young lady was pregnant on the day of the event. She was hoping the race would go because an El Toro is small and even smaller when pregnant. The talk on the dock was that it was not safe for a woman to sail the BullShip, or a pregnant one. Two weeks later, she, still pregnant, did the race. How did she do? A single digit race finish position and a son, named Tim Nash.

Just remember--You wouldn't be the one standing before a judge to answer the question, "So, you second guessed the National Weather Forecast?"

BULLSHIP RE-SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 24

2010 schedule

BullShip April 24

Big Dinghy RYC

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Fremont

April 17 fleet race inside the Channel on Saturday

April 18 around Brooks Island Sunday

May 2 Lake Elizabeth

Flight of the Bulls **May 8**
Fremont Relay **May 16**
Pinto Lake **June 6**
Clear Lake National Championship Series will be **June 18-19-20**
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

Sunset Fishing Resort 707:994:6642

www.sunsetfishingresort.com

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

This resort is on 13961 Lake Shore Drive with a beach and dock, with the best sailing right in front

all El Toros are welcome, (right now all resort cabins have been reserved)

Other resorts in the area are the "Linger Longer",,707-994-6427,,where we stayed last year and the 'Lampighter' and there are others also on the water where an El Toro can be launched. All El Toros are invited to sail out of the Sunset resort and store over night.

entry forms will soon be available on the El Toro web site,,eltoroyra.org phone info,,415-332-7269,,or gcjnr@earthlink.net