

Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class

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Saturday may have been one of the "best ever" days to race an El Toro from the small sleepy little town of Sausalito, across the bay to the city of San Francisco. With the back drop of the Golden Gate Bridge the early morning winds filled in to a perfect preasure of 8 to 10 knots and the sunny skies make the sail enjoyable.

Our little "El Toro Bullship Story" has been posted on the Northern California Sailing web site.

Go to <http://www.norcalsailing.com> for the report from Saturday.

This site is provided by two very good and active San Francisco Bay sailors. Jonathan was on the course taking the pictures in the article. He was in the smallest 'rubber bumper' inflatable outboard boat. He also races a red hulled Laser 28'. Jonathan and Christine are making an impact on reporting local sailing events.

It turned out that the youngest sailor did cross the bay the quickest. Butch Mitchell was tentative about being out in the middle of the bay in a tinny El Toro but collected the trophy for the first madden voyager and Skip Shapiro continued his winning ways from last year by winning the Clydesdale Trophy.

The organizers must be thanked for re-organizing the race in only two weeks. John Amen, Greg Morrell and John Fraser where the primary shakers and movers making it happen. They and the cow ships make this event happen.

From Butch,

To all the nice friendly El Toro sailors that got me over my fears Saturday morning. Thank you so much. It was a trill to be on the water sailing with all of you. What a thrill to see and feel things from the middle of the bay! Thank you John Frazier for being my cow ship at the last minute. Also for giving the El Toro Class a young man that we are all proud of. You don't see many kids these days with the politeness and just down-to-earth attitudes that Max has!

Thanks must go to the parents of our current juniors, the Cooks , Marrelts, Drejes, Paxton's, Gasparich, Woods, Lenz's, Liebenberg, Pachoishi, Tara's, Yang-Murray, and Stapleton's who are doing a might fine job of making the current El Toro juniors group of kids a fleet we can be proud of. That is why I have love helping out the program when I can. This group of senior and junior sailor's we deal with is why, my family, like Paul's and Fred's, got us going into the S.J.S.C.

THANK YOU for your help to get me across the San Francisco Bay Saturday! Butch (edited)

from Duncan Carter

57th annual Golden Gate Bullship Race (preliminary)

The 57th annual Bullship Race, postponed 2 weeks because of bad weather, was sailed nearly perfect conditions on April 24. Twenty-four skippers started.

First place went to Max Fraser, under the watchful eye of father John Fraser, Admiral of the Cowship fleet. Other awards included Second Place, Gordon Nash; Third Place, John Amen; Founders' Award Keeper; Vicky Gilmore; Founders' Award, Greg Morrill; Cowship Award, Dan Ouellet; El Viejo Perpetual, Duncan Carter; LMSC Howard Robinson Perpetual for first LMSC skipper to finish, John Amen; Tail Ender Allen Zimmerman; Long distance (Far Away), Frank Zimmerman, 456 miles; first Maiden Voyager, Butch Michel; first Woman, Vickie Gilmour; first Woody (wooden El Toro), Eric Beckman; First Clydesdale (heavy weight), Skip Shapiro.

The order of finishes:

Place	Skipper	YC	Maiden voyager	Wood Hull	Clyde	Woman	El Viejo	Far Away
1	Max Fraser							83
2	Gordon Nash	RYC						
3	John Amen	RYC *						
4	John Pacholski	HPSC						
5	Dennis Silva	LMSC						
6	Butch Michel	RYC	X					
7	Art Lange	HPSC **						
8	Vickie Gilmour	RYC *				X		
9	Robert Hrubes	SOBYC						
10	Eric Beckman	SSS		X				
11	Ed Patterson	HPSC						
12	Skip Shapiro	RYC			X			
13	Chris Nash	RYC			X			
14	Paul Zander	HPSC						
15	Bruce Bradfute	RYC						
16	Steve Jones	RYC						
17	Duncan Carter	LMSC		X			X	
18	Ben Shapiro	RYC	X					
19	Ben Ballard	SFYC						
20	John Hege	LMSC					X	
DNF	Ron Romaine			X				
DNF	Pete Blasberg	FSC					X	
DNF	Al Zimmerman		X					103
DNF	Jim Savattone		X	X				84

- * also LMSC

- ** also FSC

next event

FLIGHT OF THE BULLS

Foster City Lagoon May 8th

more later

Entry forms for the Nationals on Clear Lake are now available from the El Toro Web site!

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Vern Tucker

20010 schedule

Fremont **May 2 Lake Elizabeth**
Flight of the Bulls **May 8 Foster City**
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

entry forms are available on the El Toro web site,,eltoroyra.org
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