

Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class

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2010 Fremont Relays

Fremont's Lake Elizabeth 'sailing lesson' continued to show that leading and El Toro race is not a sure fire way to guarantee winning and El Toro race. Again, the boat with a big early lead did not cross the finish line first. In the same way the early leader of the Flight of the Bulls gave up the lead on the last beat to the finish, the early big leader of this race could not turn the lead into a relay win.

This year 32 skippers in 16 El Toro's sailing in light to moderate winds and cool temperatures. For the first time in several years all of the boats stayed dry, giving our crash boat driver, an uneventful day on the water.

Art won his 5th Flight of the Bulls after watching the leader for more that 90% of the race. Art found the passing lane on the last beat to the finish. But this relay race Art and his team partner John Marlette switched the lead with the father son teams of John and Michael Pacholski and Paul and Patrick Tara.

Chris Straub and Skip Shapiro where the most consistent sailing in the first group and controlling the second place spot during three and a half laps of the four lap race.

On the back side of the island, during the first leg Art Lange was able to take the lead and was first at the exchange with team partner John Marlett . They were followed closely by the Denise Silva and Paul Zander team. At the end of lap two the Silva and Zander team had moved into first place, followed closely by six other teams.

At the beginning of lap four John and Michael still held first place. But it was the last leeward mark rounding that saw the leader miss a wind shift and the second place boat find that illusive passing lane to take the lead and cross the finish line first. The team of junior sailor Robbie Engelhard and Gordie Nash came from behind to win this years Relay. He was followed closely by the Pacholski team and the Zander and Silva team.

Our oldest skipper again was Pete Blasberg who was 6 days shy of his 88th birthday. The results:

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| 1. Gordie Nash and Rob Inglehart | RYC |
| 2. John Pacholski and Michael Pacholski | SCYC |
| 3. Paul Zander and Dennis Silva | HPSC/ LMSC |
| 4. Skip Shapiro and Chris Straub | RYC |
| 5. Paul Tara and Patrick Tara | SCYC |
| 6. Art Lange and John Marlett | FSC/ HPSC |
| 7. Aad Rommelse and Al Anderson | FSC |

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| 8. Vern Tucker and Greg Morrill | FSC |
| 9. Art Lewis and Ron Locke | FSC |
| 10. Pete Blasberg and Vickie Gilmore | FSC/ LMSC |
| 11. Mark Marlett and Michael Marlett | SCYC |
| 12. Keith O'Hara and Kathleen Thurgate | FSC |
| 13. Kristen Lenz and Nicholas Lenz | SCYC |
| 14. Mark Eckert and Ken Eckert | SCYC |
| 15. Michael Levy and Emma Drejes | SCYC |
| 16. Sasha Hawley and Nicky Diaz | SCYC |

The 7th annual Fremont Relays was a complete success. For those who missed this great annual event will want to mark your 2011 calendars on May 15, 2011 for the next event. T-Shirts were awarded to the top twelve boats, and keeper trophies were awarded to the top three boats.

2010 schedule

Pinto Lake

June 6 Santa Cruz

Clear Lake National Championship Series will be June 18-19-20

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| <u>Mayor's Cup LMSC</u> | June 27 |
| <u>Pinecrest Worlds</u> | August 7-8 |
| <u>Totally Dinghy RYC</u> | September 25-26 |
| <u>El Toro Stampede</u> | October 3 |
| <u>Cork Screw Redwood City</u> | October 9 |
| <u>Running of the Bulls</u> | November 14 Elkhorn |

Clear Lake National Championship Regatta

Sunset Fishing Resort 707:994:6642

We have secured a few more cabins in the new "Clear Lake Cottages and Marina"

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