

Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class

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Cork Screw Saturday

I looked at the NOR. Sounds like a great race.
Ken

It depends on the wind. With a steady breeze it will take at least 2 hours for the race, but more typically it's more like 2.5 or 3. That doesn't count rigging and unrigging, etc.

The NOR for the Corkscrew race is posted on the eltoroyra.org website. Race starts at noon on Saturday, October 9th, skippers meeting at 11am. If you get weary of around the buoy racing and have a little birder in you, this is your race. The course weaves through a wetlands sanctuary where you are apt to see Blue Heron, White Egrets or Brown Pelicans at eye level as you bubble along. If you don't have a handsome Malcolm Wilson built Corkscrew trophy, your life is not complete. These handsome trophies feature a miniature wood Toro with sail raised mounted on a copper corkscrew. Some of the local sailors from Sequoia are planning to join us so there should be a good sized fleet. See you all there on October 9th.

Redwood City launching ramp, turn left, just before the Sequoia Yacht Club.

El Toro Stampede

The 61st annual El Toro Stampede was held at Richmond Yacht Club. Although the turn out was not as large as in past years, it was full of quality sailors and the racing was very close. The wind was fairly steady at 8 to 12 mph from the West. The traditional "Green Bottle Race" was not completed as the sailors had had a full day of racing already. The "Bull Throwers" weight divisions event however was run and Gordie Nash came in first and took home the "saco de manure". It was a wonderful day of racing where even the race committee had a unique fun time.

Final standings:

- 1 Gordie Nash
- 2 John Pachalski
- 3 Dennis Silva
- 4 Hill Blackett
- 5 Art Lange
- 6 Skip Shapiro
- 7 Bruce Bradfute
- 8 John Amen
- 9 James Savitone
- 10 Josh Lemme

2010 schedule

Cork Screw Redwood City

October 9

Elkhorn YC Running of the Bulls

November 14