

Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class

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Because the Santa Cruz Nationals was such a success I asked Mary and Paul Tara if it would be possible to include the Senior El Toro's in the event next year,,,here is her response:

The West Marine Fun Regatta is a junior event. The Senior El Toro Nationals this year was a concurrent event that was approved by the Santa Cruz Yacht Club Regatta Committee and run by the Santa Cruz Yacht Club. There was a great deal of help given from other committees of the club and WMFR that made it all possible. It all worked out well from all accounts.

We and the SCYC would like to have the El Toro fleet back for a regularly scheduled invitational 'stand alone' regatta in Santa Cruz. We'd like to see it separate from WMFR. Many of the juniors who sailed in other classes for WMFR would then be able to sail in both regattas. It would be best to have no scheduling conflicts that would prevent participation.

Our thought is to do an every-other year invitational. So, Paul and I are thinking that 2014 would be the next best time to plan for an El Toro Regatta in Santa Cruz. It looks as though Hawaii Nationals will be scheduled for 2013. The positive news on this is that it would give the Santa Cruz Yacht Club plenty of time to look ahead at the calendar for the best dates from the El Toro fleet's perspective. We're confident we can rally the local fleet, safety boats and volunteers needed to make another Santa Cruz regatta a great success.

El Toros and Santa Cruz has been shown to fit together well! Thanks for asking.

From the Class Association board of directors:

Work is continuing on the accounting side of the class. Our next project is to do the paper work required to get the classes' savings account located in the same bank as the checking account. This would save the checking account monthly fees. The class has money in the check book and a sizable savings account.

The Kaneohe Yacht Club has preliminarily responded positively about the Nationals in Hawaii for 2013,,,still lots of paperwork and scheduling to work out but it looks good,,,so far.

Next regatta is the Saturday of the Richmond Yacht Club's Totally Dinghy Regatta, September 17th.

2011 El Toro Racing Season

September 1 Potomac River Regatta

September 17-18, Total Dinghy RYC (Saturday counter)

October 2, Stampede, RYC

October 15, Cork Screw, Redwood City

November tbd, Running of the Bulls, Moss Landing

The Potomac River Sailing Association confirmed that the regatta on Sept 11th will be held as scheduled. It's a fun regatta and you can see my video of last year's one at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EoPEQsTWC_M. I hope all you potential El Toro participants made out OK after our visit from Irene (Good-bye Irene, Good-bye Irene, We think you were too mean!) Fortunately, we didn't get any damage to the boats or dock here in Cape St Claire since the wind blew the water down the bay - so no flooding. However, there were trees down all over, but none landed on the house or boats. And we now have our electricity back on. How many of you can make it? The more the merrier.

Here's the regatta information:

September 10th - The President's/Leukemia Cup Regatta presented by the Potomac River Sailing Association at the Washington Sailing Marina.

The next regatta will be on Saturday, September 11th on the lower course at the Washington Sailing Marina. It will be a one day regatta on Saturday for us, Lasers, Penguins, Sunfish, and Optimists. Registration is from 8:30 to 11:00am, or can be done online ahead of time. You can get all the information at <http://www.potomacriversailing.org/PresidentsLeukemiaCups/>

Registration can be done online as well as at the regatta. If you want to participate in the Leukemia cup part of the event there are many awards if you "raise" over \$100, etc. as described in the NORs.

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