

Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class

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November 2011:

The El Toro Class is financially very sound!!! We now have over \$6000 in a savings account that qualifies our checking account to be free. We are entering this winter in good shape.

Our checking account has over \$1500 with outstanding bills just under \$600. We will paying the year end bills this month. We now are set up to start planning for a very good print "Shovel Bulletin" class newsletter.

We can use your suggestions! What would you like to see, in print? The 2012 schedule still needs some dates but it is possible to print about half of the dates. We need Lake Merritt and Fremont.

We have the nationals scheduled for:
2012 on Pinecrest Lake
: 2013 on Kaneohe Bay
: 2014 on Clear Lake

Tomorrow was the "Running of the Bulls" in Moss Landing, but it has been cancelled.

It is the year-end dinner at Fremont Sailing Club.

COLLEGE NATIONALS

Sailors who have qualified to compete in the
ICSA/Laser Performance Singlehanded National
Championship at Chicago Yacht Club on November 4-6:
from New England:

Anne Hager '12, Boston College
Claire Dennis '13, Yale University El Toro Sailor
Emily Billings '13, Yale University
Sky Adams '14, Brown University
Jessica Claflin '13, Brown University, and others

from Jacie Swenson,

I noticed that Bill Schneider shared my note with you about my father. Thank you for including it in this issue of the Bull Session. While some of the members may recall my father, it occurred to me, however, that it may help to have some context as some of your newer sailors may not have any idea who Jim Ayres was and the significant role he played in/for the El Toro class.

While stationed in Hawaii in the early 1960s, he and my mother learned to sail at Pearl Harbor YC and were subsequently introduced to the El Toro. They fell in love with their two little wooden boats and brought them back to the east coast when they were transferred to the DC area. Upon learning there were no El Toros on the east coast, he launched the first fleet (Fleet 16) and ultimately manufactured 600 El Toros over a 20 year period, introducing a whole generation of junior sailors to the sport . In fact, my father organized the first ever El Toro North American Championships on the east coast in 1972 at Pohick Bay, just south of DC in Virginia. The east coast hosted several more Championships in the following 10 years.

Thought you'd like to know "the rest of the story." Here's a link for more history. <http://www.4sail.info/eltoro/etrhisty.htm> ,,I'd be happy to take any further questions.

Jacie Swenson

2011

Richmond Mid Winters,,,,, December 4, Sunday
Lake Merritt Mid Winters,, possibly Saturday,10th???

2012
Here is a look,,,subject to change,,,

Richmond Midwinter's, Jan 8th, Feb 5th, Mar 4,

Lake Merritt Midwinter's, Jan 15, Feb 11, Mar 11,

BullShip	April 14	SF Bay
Flight of the Bulls	May 12	Lake Elizabeth
Fremont Relay	May 20	Lake Elizabeth
Clear Lake	n June 16-17	Clear Lake Cottages and Marina, hq,
Cork Screw	October 20	Redwood City