

Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class
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'Totally Dinghy',,, 'El Toro Stampede and lastly 'Corkscrew Slough',,, then it is winter.

[Richmond Yacht Club](http://www.richmondyc.org) has invited the Senior and Junior El Toros to race in the **Totally Dinghy Regatta**. This Saturday is a counter for the season and (if you want), Sunday. Information and entry can be obtained by going to,,,richmondyc.org,,,

from the East Coast

This is a great report. It made feel like I was right there. Thanks for posting and sharing the play-by-play so quickly after the regatta. Thank you as well for suggesting Don Pablos Mexican Grill for the sailors to refresh and rehash. My parents, especially my dad, so enjoyed having everyone gather after each regatta and I know he was smiling as you all told and retold your war stories. Thanks again for sharing the memory with all.
Best to you and all the Toro sailors, Jacie

From Bill:

We all were worried about the remnants of tropical storm Issac that was coming our way, but most of the forecasts didn't call for the DC area to be hit until late afternoon or evening. So 5 of us decided to chance it and went to the Washington Sailing Center for the Saturday regatta. Carol Jones & Fran Reed came down from New Jersey and Geoff & Bill Schneider drove down from Annapolis. Chisholm McAvoy wandered in from the District. The morning was nice with blue skys and sunshine as we unloaded the boats and got ready for the start, which wasn't until noon for the inside course boats. However, in addition to us, there were only 2 lasers and no penguins showed up. (Maybe they had better judgment?) We all got to the starting line in the basin on time, but then the winds started puffing up - a lot. The puffs turned into regular, more constant blasts - maybe 20 knots or so - hitting us from a different direction each time. One of the lasers started while the other was upside down. Geoff got the start, but the rest of us were too occupied with keeping the boats upright, so we all decided to head back into the docks. Geoff & Bill got tears in their sails - Geoff won the trip back to the dock. Carol's tack came undone so she wasn't able to sail so was towed back in by the committee boat. Fran did a great job of sailing back, although the last part was really tricky and frustrating with constant shifts as you tried to sail close hauled to the dock. Chisholm had some tacking problems and ended up very near National Airport downwind (we were worried he might be arrested like

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April 14th * Bullship * Sausalito

May 6th * Fremont Series * Fremont Sailing Club

May 12th * Flight of the Bulls * Foster City

June 16th -17th * Clear Lake Regional Championship * Clear Lake

June 23rd * Mayor's Cup * Lake Merritt Sailing Club (date change)

August 3rd-4th-5th * National Championship * Pinecrest

August 6th - 7th * El Toro Worlds * Pinecrest

September 15th * Totally Dinghy * Richmond Yacht Club (Saturday results only)

October 7th * El Toro Stampede * Richmond Yacht Club (Stampede results only)

October 20th * Corkscrew Slough * Sequoia Yacht Club

Three throw outs: Final result of each regatta to count