

Bull Session

*news and comment of the El Toro Class
April 2013 #463*

Bullship Race

60th Annual Gran Concorso Barco-Toro
yesterday, Saturday, April 6, 2013, by Duncan Carter

Saturday morning started cool, with a drizzle so heavy it was actually raining. At 7:30 the heavy fog concealed Yellow Bluff, the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and San Francisco City waterfront finish line location, 3.28 nautical miles away. With a southwesterly wind and max flood current, (wind and water moving in the same direction), the bay was smooth but still looked ominous.

Under guidance of 'Gran Almirante de la Regata', 'Juan Amen' and Cowship 'Almirante de los Barco-Vacas', 'Juan Frasero', the start was postponed for one hour. This would allow for the passage of some commercial traffic, big ships and hopefully for the fog to lift. Visibility was still only 1 mile at the 10 am start.

Twenty-four Toros started and all finished. The first El Toro finished in 65 minutes. It still was a slow start for the fleet when leaving the Sausalito shore. After the fleet cleared Yellow Bluff point the wind bent around to the west and increased. Even though there was more wind it was still challenging with some wind holes.

First off the line, on starboard tack, was Skip Shapero and Art Lange taking the left side or the 'lowest road'. They stayed on starboard almost all the way. Taking the 'close to shore' road, the 'high line' was Dennis Silva and Bruce Bradfute. Most of the fleet took the slow-middle line. In almost no time the fleet 'spread-out' all over the bay. Nine of the boats were sailed by previous BullShip winners. Some boats 'played' the current lines between the building 'shore ebb' and the strong 'mid-bay' flood. Even though there were still 'two and one half miles still to go' and '45 minutes still to sail', the question was going to be "Who would guess correctly the wind and currents at the San Francisco finish line?". The lead boats, Bruce, Fred, Buzz, etc, went high, Gordie took the middle with Skip and Art where still the lowest. Setting up and course positioning the boat, in San Francisco Bay, for the finish line approach needed to be figured out from a position 2 1/2 miles from the finish line. The middle course turned out to be the right course.

First place was won by Gordie Nash with Buzz Blackett in second place and third place went to Bruce Bradfute and Fred Paxton in fourth – all of them skippers from RYC.

Vickie Gilmour was the first woman to finish. Bill Moore was the first maiden voyager to finish. Chris Nash won the Clyde (heavyweight) award. First woody to finish was James Savatone. John Liebenberg was the oldest to finish. Dennis Silva won the Robinson award for first LMSC skipper to finish. Cinde Lou Delmas won the tail ender award for last to finish.

The Founder's Award for distinguished service went to Charles Barthrop. The Cowship service award went to Dick Taylor.

Toni Richardson, ABRA publicist and daughter of ABRA committee perennial the late Bob Cresswell, hosted a picnic lunch that was enjoyed by all after the regatta.

Complete results follow.

Place	Skipper	Sail No.
1	Gordie Nash	11500
2	Buzz Blackett	11914
3	Bruce Bradfute	11746
4	Fred Paxton	11649
5	John Pacholski	11815
6	James Savattone	11918
7	Chris Straub	11760
8	Dennis Silva	11800
9	John Amen	11666
10	John Liebenberg	11816
11	Paul Zander	11868
12	Max Fraser	11820

Place	Skipper	Sail No.
13	Vickie Gilmour	11714
14	Kristen Lenz	11973
15	Chris Nash	11505
16	Skip Shapiro	11767
17	Robert Hrubes	11391
18	Henry Faybusovich	11547
19	Bill Moore	4046
20	Art Lange	11783
21	Sherry Smith	11552
22	Ed Patterson	9352
23	Ron Romaine	237
24	Cinde Lou Delmas	11650

As ever, the regatta was conducted successfully by the ABRA committee named on the Bullship NOR, with welcome participation by the attendant escort Cowships, and under permit issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The **2014** Bullship, next year, will be held on April 26. Be there!

See [,, pressure-drop.us ,,](http://pressure-drop.us) for an online article

Big Dinghy Regatta April 13th season counter, 14th for more play time

We need not to forget the next regatta

Registration is now open for RYC's 2013 .

All mono hull centerboard boats are invited.

Fleet racing on Saturday for El Toro's. El Toro Jr and Sr will have fleet racing both days.

El Toro's only pay \$35 for both days. RYC Jrs pay \$10 for both days. To register go to www.richmondyc.org.

See you out there: RYC

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HAWAII

Entries are now flowing in for the Hawaii Nationals,,where is yours? It is time to "enter" then get your boat measured and certified,,we will provide a day when this will happen,,Also apply for \$\$\$ from the Richmond Foundation.

Junior El Toro Sailors,,listen up,,The Richmond Foundation has set aside money for "Grants" for you to use, so you can go to Hawaii this summer!!!
Find Richmond Yacht Club web site, go to Foundation and copy the paperwork application. Fill out the form and send it in.

These are grants for expenses, i.e.,,,air fair, shipping your boat, living expenses. This may be the difference, financially, enabling you to go and race in Hawaii.

go to,,richmondyc.org,,Richmond Foundation,,application,,

The main-land El Toro Class will be scheduling a "Measure-your-boat-Day" this coming May.

Primarily for those sending boats to Hawaii but anyone will be welcome too get your boat "certified", 'blessed by our 'Popes', our measurers. We will have at lease two measurers ready to help with the details. Sails that will be used in Hawaii will also be marked and "OKed".

CLEAR LAKE REGATTA 2013 **NOTICE OF RACE**

El Toro Regional Championship
DaySailor West Coast Championship
Lido 14 District II Championship
Windmill, invited class
June 15-16, 2013

Headquarters:

Clear Lake Cottages and Marina 13885 Lakeshore Dr. Clear Lake, CA 95422
<http://www.clearlakecottagesandmarina.com>,,707-995-5253,,

Sponsoring organization, The El Toro International Yacht Racing Association
1. Rules 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing for

2012-2016.

2. Advertising

2.1 Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta is open to all members of the El Toro Class, DaySailor Class, Lido 14 Class and Windmill Class. Membership and adherence to class

rules will be the responsibility of the classes.

4. Entry Fee \$35 for the weekend of races, payable at check in.

5. Schedule:

5.1 Regatta registration and check in will commence at 10:00 Saturday, 15 June, 2013 at the Clear Lake Cottages and Marina, 13885 Lakeshore Dr., Clear

Lake, CA 95422.

5.2 Registration and check in will close at 11:30, June 15, 2013.

5.3 A skipper's meeting will be held at 11:30, noon, 15 June, at the Clear Lake Cottages and Marina. Participants should launch their boats and be ready to race prior to this meeting.

5.4 Racing will start at 12:00 noon Saturday, Weather permitting, four or five races will be sailed on Saturday and two on Sunday. The first race on Saturday will commence immediately after the skipper's meeting. The first race on Sunday will commence at 10:30. One completed race will constitute a regatta.

6. Sailing Instructions will be distributed at check in. Two windward marks will be used. There may be a leeward gate used.

7. Venue

7.1 Races will be conducted in the vicinity of the Clear Lake Cottages and Marina on Lower Lake, Clear Lake.

8. Races Courses.

8.1 Courses will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

9. Scoring

9.1 The Low Point System, Appendix A4, will be used to score races.

9.2 A boat's worst race score will be thrown out if all six scheduled races are sailed.

The Notice of Race and Entry form for the 2013 El Toro National Championship Series to be held on Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii has been published. They are now on the class web site.

We now have entries being sent in. Plan now,,,more time to get your boat measured in,,,more time to complete your paperwork

This is your rare opportunities to race your sailboat in Paradise. This may not happen again! I really must stress the fact that this may be your only opportunity to sail Hawaii. It has been ten years since the class went to Hawaii. No joke. Be ready for a fleet of 20+ Senior and 40+ Juniors racing!

2013 calendar

Big Dinghy	April 13-14	Richmond YC	only Saturday counter
Flight of the Bulls	May 11,		Foster City
Fremont Relays	May 19,		Lake Elizabeth
boat measuring day	May	tbd	

El Toros built in Santa Cruz are invited to "Made in Santa Cruz Race Week" celebration.

Clear Lake Regatta	June 15-16,	Clear Lake,	NOR on the web site
Mayors Cup	June 22,	Lake Merritt	
packing the container to Hawaii	July	Oakland,	Fred Paxton

National Championship August 6-7-8-9, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii
[NOR and Entry Forms,,,,available on the web site,,,eltoroyra.org,,,](http://eltoroyra.org)

Pinesrest Worlds	August 24-25	Pincrest Lake
Totally Dinghy	September 14-15	Richmond YC
El Toro Stampede	October 6,	Richmond YC
Cork Screw	October 19,	Redwood City

Fremont Sailing Club sailing schedule:

April 21 – Spring
May 5 – Spring
May 19th – Fremont Relay's
June 2 - Spring

June 23 – Summer
July 14 – Summer
July 28 - Summer

Aug 25 - Fall
Sep 8 – Fall

Sep 22 – Fall

El Toro 'Senior' National Championship Series locations

2013 Hawaii

2014 Clear Lake

2015 Santa Cruz

2016 Pincrest

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