

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
June, 2013 #469

Fremont Relays, sponsored by the Fremont Sailing Club on Lake Elisabeth was a great success.

This four lap relay event was the brain child of Vern Tucker. This event has taken over where the Bull & Bell left off. This event is more than just another day sailing. The two person team can be made of anybody, Senior-Senior, Senior-Junior or Junior-Junior.

This year the Senior-Senior teams of Walt Andrews and Tom Rankin lead for much of the first three laps but Chris Straub and Walt had a monumental battle, on the last up wind leg with Chris powering past Walt to take the overall.

Art Lange and Kathleen Thurgate consistently held off the Junior light weights ever present behind them.

Then came the Juniors, Fred Paxton with Junior Nicholas Lenz and first time on this lake, Junior Peaches Brahns with Gordie. The Marlett and Lenze familys where both in three boats. Father Mark sailed with daughter Mary, Michael sailed with Charlotte Lenze and Peter sailed with Kristen Lenze.

We need to mention that friends Mia Marsten and Chloe Long, two Juniors sailed very well for only having 160 pounds between the both of them.

The course is a challenging one. Lake Elisabeth can also deliver a few wind shifts and puffs that will keep even the best El Toro sailors on their knees!

Even with one of the mark rounding's being a small Island it was apparent that the Juniors sailed better on their second go-rounds. Results:

Dennis Silva & Chris Straub
Walt Andrews & Tom Rankin
Art Lange & Kathleen Thurgate
Fred Paxton & Nicholas Lenz
Gordie Nash & Peaches Brahns
Vickie Gilmore & Bruce Bradfute
Art Lewis & Paul Zander
Mark Marlett & Mary Marlett
Charlotte Lenz & Michael Marlett
Kristen Lenz & Peter Marlett
Mia Marston & Chloe Long
Chris Caron & Allen Avila

Those who did not sail this year missed an excellent regatta. Hope to see more next year on May 18, 2014

Vern

HAWAII update

The Richmond Yacht Club Foundation has presented the El Toro Class with a check for \$2000 to be used to lower the cost of shipping the container to Hawaii. This has the result of lowering the cost per boat by \$100.

This is another way the El Toro Class is working to make your trip to sail in Paradise less expensive. It is time to get your entry in and get a plane ticket!

CLEAR LAKE REGATTA 2013

NOTICE OF RACE

El Toro Regional Championship

DaySailor West Coast Championship

Lido 14 District II Championship

Windmill, invited classes

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.

2013 calendar

Clear Lake Regatta June 15-16, Clear Lake, NOR on the web site
Mayors Cup June 22, Lake Merritt, Oakland

packing the container to Hawaii July (20-21)? 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	Pinecrest 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:

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 Pinecrest

2017 ?