

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
August 5, 2013 #476

Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

Racing started today for the 58 registered El Toros in Senior and two Junior fleets. Today there were two 'practice' races.

The wind in the morning is generally lighter than the afternoon,,but not today!
The morning Junior races were sailed in 14-16kt winds with puffs even higher.
Most all the Juniors getting back to the dock exclaimed "I did not tip over!"

Seniors had much lighter winds with BIG shifts. The 20 to 30 degree wind shifts have renamed Kaneohe Bay... "Pinecrest with wind!" The top Kaneohe Boys did figure it out...some of the time. Mainlander Vaughn Seifers got a terrific committee boat start. The first wind shift went right and he was launched into a comfortable lead...until the left shift...and then a light air spot and the left side boats stole the lead. As usual Kui Lim and KYC Junior Sailing coach Jesse Andrews gave all the other El Toro sailors a "sailing lesson".

'Counters' start Tuesday, August 6th for Juniors and Seniors.

The Senior Fleet has an age spread from 16 years old to a sailor who competed in the 1959 Nationals, won the 1960 and 1961 nationals and sailed in the first nationals held in Kaneohe in 1963...50 years ago!

2013 calendar

National Championship	August 6-7-8-9	Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii
Pinecrest 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:

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 ?