

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
August 6, 2013 #478

Kaneohe Yacht Club, Hawaii

Tuesday began with much calmer morning winds. Juniors left for the race course in 8 to 10 kts wind and the course was set-up further away from the club but in a more protected part of Kaneohe bay. Still the weather mark rounding's could be watched from the club lawn.

Three races were scheduled and raced. Neil Marcelline is the best hope of the mainlanders to go 'tack-for-tack' with the 'kama'aina' (local) Hawaiian youngsters. As with the Senior fleet the local Juniors are fast sailors who seem to know where the wind shifts are.

Mainlanders Neil and Jocelyn Verutti both did very well. But after three races a Hawaiian has three points with Neil and Jocelyn tied with 8 points.

In the Senior fleet the big news is that Kui Lim did not win both races. Kui is the odds-on favorite to repeat yet another National Championship. Fred Paxton is leading the 'mainland' fleet with Buzz Blackett also having a good days results and just a few points behind Fred.

The Senior fleet's race results may turn out not to present just boat speed but also display how lucky or how well the sailor contends with the big puffs what are also 20 to 30 degree wind shifts. These shifts can be brutal to a boats' fleet position if they are caught on the wrong side.

The full results will be available tomorrow.

2013 calendar

National Championship	August 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 ?