

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class

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David Liebenberg does it again. David skippered an Australian 18' to third place in the San Francisco Bay 18' Class Championship. It was an older boat and he had almost no time to practice before racing this absurdly over-powered three man trapeze dinghy with all the crew on the trapeze. This boat flies and occasionally touches the top of the waves to say it is a boat, not a plane. There are many videos on-line of David racing the "18", "the pink boat".

There are three races left for the 2014 Senior Season. the Saturday scores of the RYC Totally Dinghy Regatta, the Vickie Gilmour "El Toro Stampede" at RYC and the Redwood City, SYC "Cork Screw". The big fleet participation races will be the Stampede and the very popular "Cork Screw".

Just rumored,,,the Lake Merritt Sailing Club Winter Series may be sailed in the Oakland Estuary,,,and there could be four races per day!!!,,,more later. How do you close a 'lake'?

Totally Dinghy, September 20, El Toro Stampede October 12, Cork Screw October 18.

Richmond Yacht Club

TOTALLY DINGHY REGATTA

September 20 and 21, 2014

International 14 and Wylie Wabbit Nationals

September 19, 20 and 21, 2014 NOTICE OF REGATTA

RULES: The Regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, International 14 and Wylie Wabbit class rules. Organizing Authority is Richmond Yacht Club, Point Richmond, California.

Competitors shall wear PFD's. International 14 (I-14) sailors shall wear wet/dry suits and PFD's.

Racing penalties rule Part 2 and rule 31 will be changed to prescription Appendix T1 and T2.

INVITATION: The Richmond Yacht Club invites all dinghies, Multi-hulls (limit length), I-14s and Wylie Wabbits to the Totally Dinghy Regatta to be held in the challenging breezes and waves of San Francisco Bay. Fleets of 5 or more will receive a separate start. Those with less than 5 boats will sail in Open Class in Portsmouth handicap division.

2014 National Championships for International 14's and Wylie Wabbits are being held in conjunction with the Totally Dinghy Regatta.

ENTRY & FEES: Competitor must have completed an ON LINE entry form(www.richmondyc.org), filled out the Waiver and Release of Liability, and paid all event fees, including any applicable late before beginning official competition.

Totally Dinghy fees: \$45 for single handed boats and \$55 for all others.

2014 National Championships fee for International 14s and Wylie Wabbits fees are \$100 and \$90 respectively.

Registrations closes by Thursday Sept. 18 at 23:59 at which time a late fee of \$20 will apply.

No entries after 1800 hrs. on Friday.

RACE AREA & COURSES: The race area will consist of three courses: two in Potrero Reach and one on Southampton Shoal. Fleet and course assignments will be identified at the Saturday's Skippers Meeting, except for the I-14 and Wylie Wabbits.

SCHEDULE:

Friday Sept. 19: I-14s & Wylie Wabbits National Championship.

Skippers meeting: 1000 hrs.

First warning 1130 hrs.: Southampton buoy race followed by long distance race. Club dinner at 1700 hrs.

Saturday Sept. 20

Skippers check in for sail # change only at 9000 hr. – 1000 hr.

Skippers Meeting for all fleets at 1030 hr.

First Warning: Potrero Reach at 1130 hr. --- Southampton at 1200 hr.

Subsequent races immediately after finish of the first race. No races will be started after 1600 hrs. Regatta dinner at 1700 hrs.

Sunday, Sept. 21

First Warning: Potrero Reach at 1130 hr. --- Southampton at 1200 hr.

Subsequent races immediately after finish of first race. No races will be started after 1500 hr.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Regatta Sailing Instructions will be available after 1800 hr., Friday 18 at the Richmond Yacht Club and on our website (www.richmondyc.org)

SCORING: The Low Point System, RRS Appendix A4 will apply.

The I-14 and Wylie Wabbit Nationals will have a maximum of 8 races with a one-race throw out of worst

score, which will apply after 5 completed races.

SPECIAL NOTICES FOR I-14s and WYLIE WABBITS: INTERNATIONAL 14:

MEASUREMENT: each boat and its sails shall have been measured by a class measurement authority prior to the event. The valid measurement certificate shall be presented upon request from any regatta or fleet representative. Additional measurement checks may be conducted during the regatta at the discretion of the Organizing Authorities.

INSPECTION: Following each day's race, one or more boats may be inspected for compliance with the class rule.

WYLIE WABBITS:

MEASUREMENT: All boats entering the Championship must have been measured and must be inspected by the Fleet Measurer and must comply with Wylie Wabbit Class requirements while racing. Please contact the Class Measurer if your boat needs to be measured.

HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS: All boats shall remain in the water after the first race. Boats needing to haul out for repairs need to obtain permission from the PRO and/or Protest Committee.

ADVERTISING: Shall be permitted in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Category C.

PARKING: Park Patrol people will be directing competitors and trailers. Parking in the RYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Parking at the club is limited to the area in front of the Clubhouse and a specified area in back of the Clubhouse. Only one car from each participating boat may park on a first come, first served basis. Overflow parking will be outside the main entrance.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER: There will be a Totally inexpensive (\$20) dinner Sat. night by our superior Chef Michael. Pay at the door.

TROPHIES; First, Second and Third Place for fleets of 10 or more, First and Second for Fleets of 7, First for fleets of 5.

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