

# Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class  
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More about David Liebenberg. Dave went East and teamed-up with one of his college buddies and raced a 49er in the North American Championships. They finished third! There is some buzz about David making a bid to be on the US Olympic Team as a crew on a 49er but it looks 'spotty' because the

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## May I voice an opinion?

Please do not think the El Toro Class is not strong. This because there are only four Senior El Toro's signed-up to race the Richmond Yacht Club Totally Dinghy Regatta, as of Wednesday morning for the Saturday event.

So far Buzz, Art, Bruce and Paul are registered. The history of **this** Richmond Yacht Club weekend's racing has not been easy for, or on El Toro Sailors. Over the past few years there have been a number of reasons why El Toro sailors have had frustrating days of racing during this RYC formatted race course. This regatta's set-up has not worked well for the smaller boats. And El Toro sailors remember.

So, the big fleet of El Toro's will be concentrated lets where. The RYC Race Committees have been stretched thin because of the IC Worlds, I14, Wabbit and WETA Nationals all being held at RYC in a very short amount of time. Maybe it is time for the El Toro Class to 'step-up' and 'take-over' being the PRO for this inside course regatta!

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I am asking El Toro Sailor to make sure they have the **El Toro Stampede** on their calendars and get their boats ready!!!

## OCTOBER 12th

Vickie Gilmour with help from Peggy and others will be starting the races from her Grand Banks 32', "Fats". She will bring the whaler from Lake Merritt as a mark/crash boat and will make the **El Toro Stampede** a day of sailing an El Toro worth doing. This regatta will be held at Richmond Yacht Club.  
(more info to come)

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Richmond Yacht Club  
**TOTALLY DINGHY REGATTA**  
September 20 and 21, 2014  
International 14 and Wylie Wabbit Nationals