

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
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El Toro 2015 North American Championship in Santa Cruz, California

Thursday Results - almost

A much better day for the Juniors and most Seniors, it was lighter. The committee set-up the course just a little closer to the beach and a little more North behind the Santa Cruz Pier. The right side of the course, which is usually favored, was not, I know this from personal experience. The wind was still 210-220 but much smaller waves. The carnage of wood masts has stopped. Non of the non-carbon masts fell down.

It is still no mystery to know that the Hawaiians lead the series. The mainland's best hope to stop their domination in the Senior fleet is Vaughn Seifers. He did get to cross tacks and get in the way of Jesse and help Kui but it was also young Patrick Tara mixing-it-up at the top of the fleet. Jesse sits very comfortably at the top even though he finished second to Kui in one of the races.

The Juniors also had a much better day with all but a few finishing all the races. Yesterday one Juniors sail track split off his carbon mast. Last night it was re-glued on and bolted at the top. He finished all three races today.

Right now on Thursday evening the forecast for Friday is again just a little lighter.

The official results will be available in about one half of an hour but that is also dinner time. So it is dinner first at the Santa Cruz Yacht Club.

The Santa Cruz Sentinel, local newspaper, had a front page picture and article about the El Toro races. Go to localsports.

2015 Senior and Junior North American Championship Santa Cruz

July 21, practice done

July 22, three races done today

July 23, three races done now the annual meeting and dinner in 45 minutes

July 24, two races, trophy presentation and BBQ

There is a great drone video of the El Toro fleet racing on Clear Lake taken by Chris Twirbutt, a professional drone-camera guy. It can be found on the El Toro web site, Norcalsailing.com and the Scuttlebut web site. It is very worth watching two or three times!

Try,,<http://vimeo.com/131362498>,,,

2015 Schedule,

Santa Cruz Nationals last day tomorrow
Pine Crest Lake August 15-16
Fun Regatta SCYC August
Totally Dinghy RYC September 19
Stampede RYC October 11
Cork Screw October 24

National Championship Venues

2015 Santa Cruz
2016 Pinecrest
2017 Alameda Sailing Center
2018 Lake Yosemite
2019 Kaneohe Bay
2020 Clear Lake

El Toro stories and video in archives:

,,,sailingscuttlebutt.com,,,
,,pressure-drop.us,,
,,norcalsailing.com,,,

CHANGES in life

CorkScrew , Sequoya Yacht Club's regatta will be **October 24th**, so it coincides with their year-end barbeque and party, This race is not as "High-Tide" dependent as it has been in the past (not October 18th)