

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
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Fred Paxton is an honorable man, ready to do what he said he will do, no mater what. This time he said he would be the race committee boat and PRO for the Richmond Yacht Club's Great Pumpkin Race weekend planned for October 24th. He said he would do it when the El Toro Season's last race, the Corkscrew, was scheduled for October 17th, one weekend previous. Later the Sequoia Yacht Club's race date was changed to the 24th.

For a number of years Fred has followed Art Lange by just a little for the Season Championship. After winning the April BullShip Race Fred was off to a great start to win the 2015 season. But Fred and Art traded the lead month after month. They where actually tied going into the last race that Fred would miss!

So it looked like Art would win again. So another year would go by with Fred oh-so very close in second place. Fred had no idea what was to happen. As it turned out Art finished third in the CorkScrew. What that meant was that Art and Fred tied in points for the season. By doing the 'right thing' Fred was rewarded. Fred's three first place finishes was one better than Art's two first's, so **Fred Paxton** wins the **2015 El Toro Season Championship!** Art was second and Vaughn Seifers was third.

The El Toro Class may be invited into the "Around Alameda Island Race" in 2016. This has been called the Chichester Circumnavigation of Alameda Race. For many years the Laser fleet entered this race. Now it is being opened up to more classes. This may be a little long and difficult for the open hull of an El Toro. We will probably be asking for a shorter course and no bridges. Possibly start in the Estuary side of Alameda and finish around the south side. We will see.

The RYC Winter-Series and The Lake Merritt Winter Series will start in December. RYC on **December 6th** and LMSC on **December 12th**. Both race days are very well run and the fleet of El Toros is very large!

2016 Schedule, so far

BullShip either March 25th or April 2nd
May 7th for Flight of the Bulls
May 15th for Fremont Relays
August 3-7th Pinecrest

winter series starts

[RYC](#)

December 6

[LMSC](#)

December 12

National Championship Venues

2016 Pinecrest, August 3-4-5

 Pinecrest Worlds 6-7

2017 Alameda Sailing Center

2018 Lake Yosemite

2019 Kaneohe Bay

2020 Clear Lake

El Toro stories and video in archives:

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 Scuttlebutt web site. It is very worth watching two or three times!

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

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