

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class

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Clear Lake

The wind forecast for our Clear Lake Regatta was for light winds on Saturday and lighter on Sunday. This is the first Saturday in 15 years where Clear Lake let us down. The wind filled, died, filled from some where, then died, then filled from some where elts,,etc,,Sunday the direction was much more stable.

This did not keep the smart and lucky sailors from doing well. After the racing Saturday, Nick Nash and John Amen where on top. Even wind-shift specialist Art Lange did not call all the changes correctly. The two Sunday races had a wind swing but it was easy to pick-up and plan accordingly.

Race committee work was headed up by Jocelyn Nash, Chris Nash, Jim Jessie and Whiskytown Lake specialist Jim Samuels. This regatta, Whiskytown Memeorial Day weekend, will be listed on our schedule next year. Probably not as a counter but an encouragement to see if we should. Nick finished well on Sunday holding on to first, John Pacholski moved up to second and John Amen slipped down a little. Art, Vaughn and Chris Straub where all in the top 6. Results will be on the class web site soon.

Mayor's Cup Independence Day Regatta

Vickie will be running the Lake Merritt Mayor's Regatta this **Sunday, June 26 th.**

Lake Merritt has a reputation for wind shifts but after this Clear Lake race it will be tame! So get ready for Pinecrest Lake, race at Lake Merritt in Oakland. 10:30 skippers meeting, 4 races to follow. Peggy 510-836-1805

The **Santa Cruz West Marine Fun Regatta** date has been changed. Now look for a Junior Season Counter" on Saturday, **October 1**. Then the first day of Richmond Yacht Club's Junior

Program on Sunday, **October 2**. The 2016 Junior Season finally will be the next Sunday, **October 9th**, at RYC, El Toro Stampede.

2016 Schedule

Seniors and Juniors

June 26, Mayors Cup, Lake Meritt S C, **senior and junior**
August 2-4th Pinecrest National Championship Series
August 6-7th Pinecrest Worlds
October 1-2, West Marine Fun Regatta, **Juniors** count Saturday
October 2, Richmond Yacht Club Junior Program start
October 9, Richmond YC, El Toro Stampede, **senior and junior**
October 22, Cork Screw, Redwood City

Fremont Sailing Club dates.

July 10 and 24
August 14 and 28
September 18

National Championship Venues

2016 Pinecrest, August 2-3-4
Pinecrest Worlds 6-7
2017 Alameda Sailing Center
2018 Lake Yosemite
2019 Kaneohe Bay
2020 Clear Lake

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>,,