

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class

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The National Championships, this year, was held on Pinecrest Lake. A lake that saves some sailors and buries others.

This year only one master was able to hold off to finished ahead of three fast very young sailors. John Pacholski's son Michael finished second, Noe Goodman's young brother Andy finished third and Fred Paxton's young niece Julia finished fourth. Fred hung on to claim fifth.

Race committee work was superbly handles by Simon Bell, a Richmond YC Laser sailor.

The fleet went on to sail the Worlds with the addition of a few more boats.
Results are on our web site.

After a short break the schedule resumes with RYC Totally Dinghy. September 24th, Remember that Saturday will be the counter day.

A few El Toro Sailors did well in this years Pacific Cup Race to Hawaii. Buzz Blackett finished third in class, Julia was second, Fred finished before the tropical depression hit Hawaii.

Winner over all was a former El Toro Sailor, Ian Rogers.

The City of Richmond has commissioned and placed a metal sculpture of the El Toro in the launching ramp next to the old Richmond Yacht Club site at the foot of the Richmond Harbor.

El Toro sailor, Junior National Champion and now 29er sailor, Neil Marcellini has just finished racing in the World Championships. He and his crew was Ian Brill finished well up in the standings.

This is what I wrote about 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 Memorial 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 were all in the top 6. Results will be on the class web site soon.

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

September 24, RYC Totally Dinghy, saturday only
October 1-2, West Marine Fun Regatta, Juniors count Saturday
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

2017 Alameda Sailing Center
2018 Lake Yosemite
2019 Kaneohe Bay
2020 Clear Lake
2021 ?

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>