

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
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This Saturday

Saturday December 10, will start Lake Merritt's winter series. Show-up and sign-up can be done on race day. Vickie will be our race committee leader. Be there by 9:30 or there about. The weather prediction is for the rain to stop early Saturday morning. This could foretell a strong north wind for Lake Merritt.

The Richmond Yacht Club first winter race was a big success for the El Toro Class. There were more Juniors than Seniors with almost 40 boats. The racing was done in trying conditions or "shifty" one would say. The race committee did a good job of getting the racing off before the shifts set in. During each race the wind went around the compass as much as 90 degrees. The lead boats seemed to stay in front even with the shifts.

Results are on the RYC web site.

The Junior class needs to figure out when school starts for the Junior El Toro Sailors. The Hawaii kids can make the August 2-5 Nationals and the Mainland kids need to find out so we can modify the schedule, if required.

NorcalSailing has posted an article about the El Toro Stampede. Their posting is dated October 11, 2016.

[,,norcalsailing.com,,](http://norcalsailing.com)

Start filling in your 2017 calendar.

BullShip, April 22
Flight of the Bulls, May 13
Fremont Relays, May 21
Clear Lake, June 17-18
August 2-3-4-5 National Championship series, Alameda, CA
salt water racing on San Francisco Bay

The Island Yacht Club on Alameda Island has invited the El Toro Class to their winter dinghy series. Usually they are held on the second Sunday of the Month. This may conflict with Lake Merritt, but only half the time. More to consider.

The Half Moon Bay Yacht Club and Whiskytown Sailing Club, both have also invited the El Toro Class to enter and participate in their events.

2016 Schedule

Just two races left

Senior and Juniors

December 4, RYC
December 11, LMSC

National Championship Venues

- 2017 Alameda Sailing Center August 2-3-4-5**
- 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>,,,

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. It is easily viewed from Cutting Boulevard.