

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
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That is right Virginia (Vickie) Sunday for Lake Merritt,
Last month's winter sailing on Oakland's Lake Merritt was an unfortunate victim of the Oakland City employees' strike. It is open again. The wind prediction for Sunday is "Nor-Easterly". Lake Merritt could see mark four as the weather leg. Something interesting and unusual. Flat water, shifty-spotty wind and long, short-track racing.

RYC Winter racing

We raced again in Keller Cove with other dinghy classes. It is obvious that people like to sail the El Toro because when it came time for the committee to set-up for the starting sequence the complete 14 boat Senior and 15 boat Junior fleet was on the race course, present, tuned-up, checked-in and ready to race. But no other class boats were anywhere to be seen. A postponement enables the other classes to get to the race course.

The El Toro fleet did well in the open bay courses.

Art Lang is leading the series with 29er Champion Neil Marcellini winning the last race and just two points behind.

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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.