

# Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class

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**This Saturday** February 10th.

Lake Merritt series is:  
Saturday-Sunday-Saturday-Sunday:

Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar.

The wind forecast is again for North-East wind in the 8 to 16 knot range. Every month I have predicted a windy, north-wind angle and Lake Merritt provides a light, southerly or westerly. We will see!

Fred Paxton has a good hold on the lead in this series.  
Three to four flat-water lake races.

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Last weekend: Richmond YC series.

We sailed again in Keller Cove with other dinghies. The El Toro fleet was schooled by Art who won two of the three races. Art is leading the series. The flood current made the up-wind course time short and the down-wind time very long. Teh sailing was good moderate north-west wind. El Toro Class is still the biggest class participating. The last Sunday race will be March 4th.

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This month I will start sending out El Toro money to pay for insurance, association membership requirements and other small costs. Please send in a membership so we do not deplete our class capitol. John will like seeing deposits in his accounting.

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## 2018 Calendar

### Winter Races

February 10, LMSC #2 Saturday

March 4, RYC

March 11, LMSC

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### Fremont Sailing Club

Spring: May 6

June 3

June 24

Summer: July 15  
July 29  
Aug 12  
Fall: Aug 26  
Sept 9  
Sept 30

BullShip, April 7  
RYC Big Dinghy, 21  
Flight of the Bulls, May 12  
Fremont Relays, May 20  
(Ditch Run June 2)  
Clear Lake Senior Nationals, June 14-15-17  
(Friday start time 2 pm)  
Stockton Sail Camp, June 24 to 30  
Stockton Junior Nationals June 30  
June 24, LMSC Mayors Cup  
September 22, RYC Totally Dinghy  
(if there is a "Saturday-Only" entry)  
Cork Screw, October 13  
EL Toro Stampede October 14, RYC  
winter series start:  
RYC, December 2,

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**National Championship Venues**

- 2018 Clear Lake**
- 2019 Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii**
- 2020 Lake Yosemite**
- 2021 Half Moon Bay\***
- 2022 Sequoia YC, Redwood City\***
- 2023 Monterey Bay\*      \*still to confirm**

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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>,,,

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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.