

"Bull Session"

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News and comments for the El Toro Class
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"Start them young and they may sail for the rest of their lives!"

One of the reasons there are Junior Programs at most every yacht club is to promote the sport of sailing to the youth of this nation. Does it matter whether they sail one kind of boat or another? The idea is to get them sailing. This banter from the Opti class does not promote youth sailing or good sportsmanship.

What do you think?

The only reason I can think of for "why the world treats the El Toro poorly" is the fact that the vitriolic Opti has paid sales persons who push the Opti philosophy and has parents who are willing to pay lots of money to support the Opti coaches and staff.

The El Toro Class will not die in the way the Opti people want. It is too good a boat to sail and race. The El Toro has evolved into a sophisticated and highly tuned one design class for any age of sailor looking for good close racing with good friends and will serve the entire family well.

Sailors will never "age-out" or "size-out" of the El Toro. It is truly a boat for "all ages" and body types.

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EVOLVE OR DIE

- > Seems pretty harsh, but that was the question that likely faced many of the
- > pram sailors in San Francisco. Long the bastion of the El Toro boat, this
- > 8-foot singlehander was both a stepping stone on the junior sailing training
- > trail and also a means for the adults to go racing without first having to
- > pay for sandwiches and slip fees. However, the Optimist class has been
- > rolling west, having found some footing in the Pacific Northwest, and was
- > sliding south. The strong winds and open water of SF Bay was well suited to
- > the Opti, and the desire for promising junior sailors to travel much beyond
- > the city limits didn't exist with the El Toro, but did with its nationally
- > and internationally recognized brethren
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- > For junior sailors at most clubs in San Francisco, the transition to the
- > Optimist is complete. However, Richmond Yacht Club on the Bay's eastside is
- > the home of the El Toro, and it is there that both worlds are currently
- > co-existing. The senior side of the story will remain in the El Toro, as the
- > size of most adults preclude the use of the smaller Optimist, plus the class
- > rules state that the boat is only for sailors under the age of 16 years. For

- > junior sailors, however, it is a personal decision, and for the time being,
- > it is dividing up the troops. Kids that are content with the low-key program
- > provided by the club are staying with ole faithful, while those aspiring for
- > more are finding the need to make the change to the Opti.
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- > Both the junior and senior ranks recently held their North Americans, with
- > the numbers in the low thirties at each. Respectable for now. --
- > Scuttleblog,
- > <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/blog/2007/08/evolve-or-die.html>
- > For photos, results, and class info:
- > <http://www.sailingscuttlebutt.com/photos/07/0816>

The 2007 Pinecrest World Championship results.

Name	Sail Number	Club	Country	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Score	Place
Art Lange	11783	HPSC/FSC	Italy	5	2	1	8	1
Hank Easom	11762	SOBYC	England	4	4	2	10	2
Dennis Silva	11800	LMSC		2	5	5	12	3
Butch Mitchel	11858	FSC	Italy	6	8	3	17	4T
John Liebenberg	11657	RYC	Trinidad	7	6	4	17	4T
Fred Paxton	11649	RYC	Canada	1	1	DNS	18	6
John Pacholski	11815	HPSC	Poland	3	3	DNS	22	7
Paul Zander	11868	HPSC	New Zealand	10	10	6	26	8
Jay Copeland	11752	SOBYC	Mexico	9	11	10	30	9
Robert Hrubes	11391	SOBYC	Bohemia	8	7	DNS	31	10
Mike Gilluly	11751	SOBYC	USA	11	13	8	32	11
Jim Haire	11880	SOBYC	Spain	12	14	9	35	12
Curtis Willemssen	11759	SOPYC	USA	DNF	12	7	36	13
Vickie Gilmour	11714	LMSC	Mexico	14	9	DNS	39	14
Andy Brechwall	11419	SOBYC	Mars	13	15	12	40	15
Gary Winton	11800	SOBYC	Sonora	15	17	13	45	16
Pete Blasberg	11401	FSC	Germany	17	DNS	11	47	17
Carol McCandley	11660	SOBYC	USA	16	18	14	48	18
Richard Daunt	11801	SOBYC	Ireland	DNF	16	DNS	49	19
Mary	10454	RYC/SOBYC		DNF	DNS	DNS	52	20T
George Morris	11724	SOBYC/RYC		DNF	DNS	DNS	52	20T

In the first two races Fred Paxton demonstrated his mastery of Pinecrest Lake with two first place finishes. He was unable to race on Sunday because of prior family commitments., and still finished 6th overall with a DNS. Similarly, John Pacholski had two excellent finishes on Saturday's races and also had prior family commitments on Sunday and took a DNS to finish overall in 7th place.

The wind in the first race was very strong for a few minutes and scattered the fleet as they were approaching Cove. Several boats capsized with some making remarkable recoveries.

The following Fremont Sailing Club El Toro race days are on the schedule.

August 26, Sunday 12 noon start 3 races
September 9, Sunday 12 noon start 3 races
September 30, Sunday 12 noon start 3 races

Richmond Yacht Club and the El Toro Class are teaming-up to run the **Total Dinghy Regatta** on September **22** and **23**. A full weekend of bouy racing.

SCHEDULE

August 26,	Sunday 12 noon start 3 races
September 22-23	Total Dinghy - Richmond YC
September 9,	Sunday 12 noon start 3 races
September 30,	Sunday 12 noon start 3 races
October 7,	Stampede - Richmond YC
October 13,	Corkscrew - Sequoia Yc
October 20,	Jim Warfield Memorial, Stockton, more to be planned
December 2,	RYC Midwinter
December 8,	LMSC Midwinter