

# "Bull Session"

News and comments for the El Toro Class

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Happy New Year

## FIRST LMSC MIDWINTER RACE DAY as seen/reported by Art Lange:

The first race was very light and very shifty from the NW, course triangle one lap. One minute before the start the port end was favored and at the start the Starboard end was favored. Art Lewis was first to the first mark, close behind was MacKenzie Cook and Paul Tara. On the reaches the first three boats moved way ahead of the pack and Paul moved into first and Art Lewis passed MacKenzie. On the first leg, Art Lange missed the first two shifts and was in 11 th place at the first mark, finally finishing in 6 th place.

For the second race the course was windward Leeward twice around. The NW wind was a bit stronger with ripples on the water and lots of streaks and big shifts. Walt Andrew and Art Lange were first to the mark with Paul Tara a bit further back. Walt led until the second run when Art got a puff and passed Walt just before the Leeward mark and kept the lead to finish first. Paul was close behind Walt at the leeward mark. On the short one-tack favored beat to the finish Paul came close to catching Walt in the light shifty air near the finish.

The third race after lunch was in the strongest wind, maybe 5 to 8 mph at the start from the NW, with the same large shifts as for earlier races. As the race went on the wind dropped to lighter 3 to 5 mph as for the earlier races. The course was triangle with W-L. Greg Morrill had the best start in the port tack favored wind at the start. The wind had shifted so far to the SW, it was not possible to cross the start line on Starboard. At the first mark Greg led by 30 seconds, and opened up a 1 minute lead at the finish. Art was second at the first mark and also opened up a 1 minute lead on Walt in Third Place. Paul missed the first two shifts and had to work hard to recover to 7 th place.

The most consistent sailor was MacKenzie Cook with a 3-4-4. Art Lange, Paul Tara and Walt Andrews each had one bad race with their two good finishes. The combination of light shifty air with a good 12 boat fleet made it hard to recover from a bad start and bad first leg. This day's racing was a welcome respite from the strong winds at Richmond the week before. The combination of a light wind and sunny skies with a nice El Toro fleet resulted in a great day of racing.

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'Tis the season for party. Even if you didn't sail much this season, please feel welcome to share the evening.

January 5, 2008 (First Saturday of the New Year)  
1882 Austin Avenue (near Grant and Foothill Expressway)  
Los Altos. (I'll send detailed directions closer to  
the date.)

7 PM until ???

Bring hearty munchies to share.

For each person: bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange. IMHO it  
is most fun if a couple brings one gift that will prompt a bunch of  
laughs and another which everyone will want to steal.

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I have made a mistake! Bullship will be Saturday 29th of March, not the 28th\*

## 2008 Schedule so far

January 6, RYC Midwinter #2 Sunday

January 13, LMSC Midwinter's #2 Sunday

February 3, RYC Midwinter #3 Sunday

February 9, LMSC Midwinter #3 Saturday

March 2, RYC Midwinter #4 Sunday

March 9, LMSC Midwinter #4 Sunday

March **29**, **Bullship** Saturday\*

May 10, Flight of the Bulls, Foster City

May 18, Fremont Relay, Lake Elisabeth

June 14-15, Clear Lake Regional, Clear Lake

July 6, Independence Day, LMSC

August 2-8, Nationals, Huntington Lake

September ? Total Dinghy, RYC

October 5, El Toro Stampede, RYC

October high tide Corkscrew Slew,

December 7, RYC Midwinter #1

December 13, LMSC Midwinter #1