

# "Bull Session"

News and comments for the El Toro Class

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**This Saturday** is the first season race in Santa Cruz on Pinto Lake. Paul Tara and Fred Paxton have planned a great day of sailing. To get more information about "how to get there" email Fred or Paul for details.



## CLEAR LAKE EL TORO REGATTA

**Please talk about Clear Lake in June. Vickie and I will make sure this happens. June is a great time to sail on Clear Lake. The lake has never let us down!**

**We will sail in the South End of the lake.**

**We, as a group should stay in the NEW "Lake Escape Resort" very nice new place! They will make a few tent spaces available and a few spaces available for a sleeping van or two.**

**We need to let the resort how many sailors we will have! Please email me with your intentions!!**

**Look at the web site,,,lakeescaperesort.com,,,**

**ClearLake**

**from the right coast:**

**Washington DC**

This year's Ellie Ayres Cherry Blossom regatta had a worrisome weather forecast in that thunderstorms were due to blow through DC but the forecasters weren't sure when. Most fortunately for us, they held off until evening and we had a great sunny morning with temperatures up to 80 or so. The winds were very light and it was challenging to keep the boats moving at time, given that this was the first time out this year for most of us and we had to relearn everything we had forgotten over the winter.

A "new" El toro sailor at this regatta, was Chris Mason, who actually was not a "new" toro sailor but had sailed with Jacie years ago and won the 1974 Jrs at Huntington Lake, California. However, this was his first time back in a toro for many many years and he was having fun, but still getting the feel of the boat again. Many thanks to Val Taliaferro who, as usual, made the arrangements for the race and got the required permits, plus providing the inflatable race committee boat. Jim and Ellie Ayres's daughter, Jacie Swenson, did a great job as race committee while Jacie's son and daughter sailed. Kyle won again this year and aced all the races (and he had a cheering section on a sightseeing paddle boat or two). Others traded off the top spots and especially noteworthy was Hank Muma who is always tough to beat in light air, probably due to his many years of toro sailing experience, although his age is classified information.

Overall: 1. Kyle Swenson, 2. Brian Taliaferro, 3. Hank Muma, 4. Geoff Schneider, 5. Bill Schneider, 6. Kendall Swenson, 7. Carol Jones, 8. Dave Littleton, 9. Val Taliaferro, and 10. Chris Mason.

The next regatta is the June 7th Tuckahoe regatta at Carol Jones's home on the Tuckahoe River in - Tuckahoe, New Jersey, no less. This regatta is noteworthy for the unique sailing up and down the river with a choice of what side of the islands you go around. Lots of fun. Skippers meeting is at noon to allow for the best tidal river currents. See the website for location details,,,[www.toad.net/~mariners/eltoro/eltoro.htm](http://www.toad.net/~mariners/eltoro/eltoro.htm),,,

Bill Schneider

## 2008 Schedule

May 3, Pinto Lake Junior & Senior Championship Series

May 4, Spring Series #2 FSC

May 10, Flight of the Bulls, Foster City

May 18, Fremont Relay, Lake Elisabeth

June 1, Fremont Spring Race

June 14-15, Clear Lake Regional, Clear Lake

July 6, Independence Day, LMSC

July 18, Junior El Toro Nationals Stockton Sail Camp

August 2-8, Nationals, Huntington Lake

August 23-24, Pinecrest Worlds

September 20-21, Total Dinghy, RYC

October 5, El Toro Stampede, RYC

October 18, Corkscrew Slew, Sequoia YC

December 7, RYC Midwinter #1

December 13, LMSC Midwinter #1

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Tuckahoe spring	June 7
Rogers Corsica River Yacht Club	June 21
Atlantic Coast Championship Cambridge YC	July 12
Plantation	Aug 9
Potomac River Sailing Association Washington Sailing Marina	Sept 6