Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class September #426 www.eltoroyra.org

Totally Dinghy',,,'El Toro Stampede and lastly 'Corkscrew Slough',,,then it is winter.	

Richmond Yacht Club has invited the Senior and Junior El Toros to race in the Totally Dinghy Resolved Saturday is a counter for the season and (if you want), Sunday. Information and entry can be obtained by going to,,,richmondyc.org,,,	<u>atta</u> . This

from the East Coast	

This is a great report. It made feel like I was right there. Thanks for posting and sharing the play-by-play so quickly after the regatta. Thank you as well for suggesting Don Pablos Mexican Grill for the sailors to refresh and rehash. My parents, especially my dad, so enjoyed having everyone gather after each regatta and I know he was smiling as you all told and retold your war stories. Thanks again for sharing the memory with all.

Best to you and all the Toro sailors, Jacie

From Bill:

We all were worried about the remnants of tropical storm Issac that was coming our way, but most of the forecasts didn't call for the DC area to be hit until late afternoon or evening. So 5 of us decided to chance it and went to the Washington Sailing Center for the Saturday regatta. Carol Jones & Fran Reed came down from New Jersey and Geoff & Bill Schneider drove down from Annapolis. Chisholm McAvoy wandered in from the District. The morning was nice with blue skys and sunshine as we unloaded the boats and got ready for the start, which wasn't until noon for the inside course boats. However, in addition to us, there were only 2 lasers and no penguins showed up. (Maybe they had better judgment?) We all got to the starting line in the basin on time, but then the winds started puffing up - a lot. The puffs turned into regular, more constant blasts - maybe 20 knots or so - hitting us from a different direction each time. One of the lasers started while the other was upside down. Geoff got the start, but the rest of us were too occupied with keeping the boats upright, so we all decided to head back into the docks. Geoff & Bill got tears in their sails - Geoff won the trip back to the dock. Carol's tack came undone so she wasn't able to sail so was towed back in by the committee boat. Fran did a great job of sailing back, although the last part was really tricky and frustrating with constant shifts as you tried to sail close hauled to the dock. Chisholm had some tacking problems and ended up very near National Airport downwind (we were worried he might be arrested like

the recent man who recently beached his jetski at JFK airport in NY). But, the committee boat towed him back too. We didn't get any races completed, but we sure got a good story - and none of us capsized! The skies were still clear, so after we packed up our boats, we decided to go for a late lunch/dinner at the Don Pablos Mexican Grill in Potomac Yards in honor of Jim Ayres. He always like to have us get together there after races in the good old days. And we had a great meal and great time together there before heading home. Geoff & Bill stopped in a store for some shopping afterwards and Chisholm, and Carol & Fran headed back to miss the predicted storms. When Geoff & Bill left, the south west skies were getting very dark with ominous clouds. Then as we were crossing the 14th Street Bridge, it started pouring (and the radio news had tornado warnings for the area). We drove home to Annapolis directly under the front almost the entire way. The rain and gusts were more than we'd seen in a long long time. Occasionally a car next to us driving through a pool of water would totally drench us so we couldn't see where we were going for a bit. Fortunately, believe it or not, most of the cars were driving slowly (25 mph or so)! We made it back in fine shape - with well washed boats on the trailer. I just saw on the news report that in addition to a Virgina tornado, there was a funnel cloud reported in Cape St Claire, where we live - but we fortunately didn't see it. Hopefully Carol & Fran managed to stay ahead of the front on the way to NJ. Yes, we sure got quite a story about this regatta. Hope they got the tables at the sailing center cleared off in time before the storm struck.

Bill Schneider

Hawaii

The dates for Hawaii have been approved. The week of August 3, Saturday to August 11, Sunday is the week for the 2013 Hawaii North American Championship Series and family vacation.

Senior and Junior

Sunday and Monday are personal practice days, Racing August 6-7-8, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, pack-up boats and trophies Friday evening. More later.

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*Totally Dinghy * September 15th Richmond Yacht Club (Saturday results only)

Richmond Stampede, October 7 RYC

Cork Screw October 20 Redwood City

2012 NORCAL "TORO MASTER" SERIES

April 14th * Bullship * Sausalito
May 6th * Fremont Series * Fremont Sailing Club
May 12th * Flight of the Bulls * Foster City
June 16th -17th * Clear Lake Regional Championship * Clear Lake
June <u>23</u>rd * Mayor's Cup * Lake Merritt Sailing Club (date change)

August 3rd-4th-5th * National Championship * Pinecrest August 6th - 7th * El Toro Worlds * Pinecrest September 15th * Totally Dinghy * Richmond Yacht Club (Saturday results only)

October 7th * El Toro Stampede * Richmond Yacht Club (Stampede results only)

October 20th * Corkscrew Slough * Sequoia Yacht Club Three throw outs: Final result of each regatta to count