

# Bull Session

News and comment for the El Toro Class

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## 2012 El Toro North American Championship Series Report

### like father, like son,,,oh,,,like son like father

The Paxton Dynasty continues. Fred Paxton won the Pinecrest Series in decisive fashion. Fred's son, professional sailor Will Paxton won the 2011 El Toro Nationals held in Santa Cruz just last year. Will is racing a big boat in this year's Pacific Cup race from San Francisco to Hawaii. He finished second in class and overall.

Fred has spent lots of time sailing-on, observing and figuring out the very complicated, frustrating and seemingly/completely random wind patterns of Pinecrest Lake. His knowledge has served him well. With great boat speed, good boat handling and "going the right way" had Fred out-in-the-lead pack at every mark rounding. Only Dave Vickland was able to get around Fred when the lead changed. Dave won the third race,,,then had a heart event and went directly to a Modesto hospital as a precautionary move,,,no word on his condition,,,yet.

Second place went to the "consistently finishing Walt Andrews", then John Pacholski, Art Lange, Chris Straub and Gordie Nash filling out the top 6.

The final report and complete results will be available after the Pinecrest Worlds are over and the fleet gets back to real life.

## 2012

Fremont Sailing Club	<b>August 12</b>	Lake Elizabeth
Totally Dinghy	<b>September 15</b>	RYC, Saturday
Richmond Stampede,	<b>October 7</b>	RYC
Cork Screw	<b>October 20</b>	Redwood City

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## 2012 NORCAL "TORO MASTER" SERIES

April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bullship * Sausalito
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fremont Series * Fremont Sailing Club
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Flight of the Bulls * Foster City
June 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Clear Lake Regional Championship * Clear Lake
June <b>23</b> <sup>rd</sup>	Mayor's Cup * Lake Merritt Sailing Club (date change)
August 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	National Championship * Pinecrest
August 6 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	El Toro Worlds * Pinecrest
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Totally Dinghy * Richmond Yacht Club (Saturday results only)
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	El Toro Stampede * Richmond Yacht Club (Stampede results only)
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Corkscrew Slough * Sequoia Yacht Club

*Three throw outs: Final result of each regatta to count*