

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
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Richmond Yacht Club Mid Winter Series.

Richmond yacht Club is planning their Mid Winter Series for dinghies on the Sundays, first weekend of the month from December through March. But for the eager, young Junior El Toro Sailors there will be a new day of racing on the Saturday before the big event. RYC is inviting the Multi-hulls, Opti and "Green" El Toro Sailors for Saturdays.
More information is available on the RYC web site.

Lake Merritt Mid Winter Series

Lake Merritt Sailing Club, Mark Marlette, Vickie Gilmore, et-all are planning their lake series for Saturdays and Sundays on the second weekend of each month, December through March.

Lake Yosemite Sailing Club has invited the El Toro Class to a day of racing in the Central valley. The day still needs to be set. One of their race weekends is May 17-18th. Their Annual Lake Yosemite Regatta is the same weekend as the Fremont Relays May 17-18. The normal schedule is 3-4 races on Saturday, regatta dinner Saturday evening & 2 races on Sunday.

This is a remainder that Half Moon Bay Yacht Club has invited the El Toro's to a race day in the harbor.

Fred and John are inviting El Toro's to Pinecrest Lake for a gathering and race on July 4th, the Pinecrest Independence race.

The "HP" Sailing Club sails Wednesdays starting with the DST time change in March. That will be March 19th in 2014. The season goes for 30 weeks. Scoring is 5 "quarters" of 6 weeks (12 races). Starting time for first race: 6PM. (Will be earlier in mid-September and October). Venue for start of season: Shoreline at Mountain View. Conditions permitting, the sailing will move to Stevens Creek Reservoir in Cupertino.

Sequoia Yacht Club has announced the date for the 2014 Cork Screw Slew Race to be on October 18th.

Will Paxton and the Quantum Sail Group is now building a small El Toro sail that will be use to see how it works with the Junior Silver Fleet. This is the sail size that was so successfully use in Kaneohe Bay this last summer. We will be voting on this size to make it the "Class Silver Sail".

Then all the sail makers can built the same sail for all the club Junior Programs can use.

This year the Konocti Bay Sailing Club and the El Toro Class will be partnering to run a bigger Clear Lake Dinghy Regatta, June 13-14.

The Konocti Race Committee will do the starts and the El Toro class will do the finishes and handle the regatta admin stuff. Headquarters will again be the Clear Lake Cottages and Marina.

If you do not have a reservation yet, there are only 5 cottages left.

Then we sail on Monday 16th to complete the Senior El Toro National Series.

The 2014 Junior National Championship Series will be the last day of Sail-Camp at Stockton Sailing Club, Stockton.

We are in the process of planning the 2015 Santa Cruz El Toro Nationals. If you have ideas of how to make this the "Regata Magnifica",,,let me know!

2014 Schedule (so far)

January 4, no "green fleet"

January 5, RYC Mid Winter #2, Sunday

January 13, LMSC Mid Winter #2 Sunday

February 1, RYC "Green Fleet" Saturday

February 2, RYC Mid Winter #3, Sunday

February 8, LMSC Mid Winter #3 Saturday

March 1, RYC "Green Fleet" Saturday

March 2, RYC Mid Winter #4, Sunday

March 9, LMSC Mid Winter #4 Sunday

March 19, "HP" Wednesday start

April 12-13, RYC Big Dinghy, Saturday counter for the season

April 26, BullShip Sausalito to San Francisco

May 4, Lake Yosemite Opening Day

May 10, Flight of the Bulls, Foster City

May 18, Fremont Relays, Lake Elisabeth

May 17-19, Lake Yosemite Annual Regatta

May 24-25, Whiskeytown Memorial Regatta

June 1, Go for the Gold Regatta, Scotts Flat

June 14-15 Clear Lake Regatta
June 14-15-16, El Toro Nationals, Clear Lake
June 28, Mayors Cup, Lake Merritt SC

July 4th, Pinecrest Independence

August 2-3, El Toro Worlds, Pinecrest

September , RYC Totally Dinghy Saturday counter for teh season

October 12, RYC El Toro Stampeede
October 18, Cork Screw, Redwood City

December 7, RYC Mid Winter #1

underlined will be counters for the Senior Season (so far)