

# Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class  
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## FINAL

**Saturday** morning the wind on Clear Lake started out light so we set up the course in the area between Sunrise Point and the town of Lower Lake. Four windward leeward races were sailed in moderate winds with different sides of the course being favored at different times. John Pacholski, Fred Paxton, Art Lange and Patrick Tara guessed it right and each won a race. Only one race got very light.

**Sunday** morning the wind started to blow. We set up the course behind the point and had three moderate wind races in perfect El Toro sailing conditions. David Liebenberg and Patrick Tara traded the lead in all three races with David taking the two firsts.

**Monday** morning the wind started blowing early, eased a little and then by 12:30 was in the low 20's. The two scheduled races were not sailed. There were even white capes where the course was raced on **Sunday**.

**Clear Lake** did not disappoint again this year. We could have raced in a protected area on Monday but it would have required the fleet to dock in a different place than where they launched. A logistic problem when the fleet wanted to leave the lake and get home. Also, three of our four crash boats were not available.

We thank the **Konocti Bay Sailing Club** so very much for all their help with committee work, the committee start boat and for three crash boats. Pat Brown was the lead contact between the El Toro's and the Konocti Club Team. Pat also provided a case of "Spanish Style Clear Lake Oaks Olive Oil" pressed from the olives from his property to be given out as trophies.

## Clear Lake North American Championship

1	11657	David Liebenberg	2	2	7	6	1	1	3	15
2	11783	Gordie Nash	3	4	2	44	2	4	2	17
3	11827	Art Lange	8	3	5	1	3	5	6	23
4	11500	Patrick Terra	1	40	3	9	8	2	1	24
5	11787	Fred Paxton	9	44	1	7	5	3	5	30
6	11649	John Pacholski	6	1	46	5	6	8	4	30
7	11815	Paul Tara	5	8	4	2	42	11	11	41
8	11714	Vickie Gilmour	40	7	9	4	7	9	7	43
9	11745	Chris Straub	4	44	10	13	4	6	8	45

10	11918	Buzz Blacket	44	5	13	8	9	12	9	56
11	11914	James Savatone	11	9	6	42	10	10	12	58
12	11760	Walt Andrews	7	6	8	10	16	48	18	65
13	11768	Stephen Klotz	49	12	11	3	13	13	16	68
14	11650	Kristen Lenz	13	46	12	15	16	7	10	73
15	11793	John Liebenberg	47	13	14	14	11	15	14	81
16	11816	David Groechel	16	48	15	16	14	16	15	92
17	11770	Mike Marlett	15	17	48	18	16	14	13	93
18	11765	Dave Bacci	12	15	17	17	16	48	18	95
19	6647	Matt Woll	18	19	19	49	16	18	18	108

This Saturday, **Lake Merritt Sailing Club** will hold their annual

"Mayor's Cup Independence Day Regatta"

Registration starts at 9:30, Skipper's meeting at 10:30, Three races planned.

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Longer Course?

This July, four El Toro sailors will be changing from "short track" style racing to a race course that is 2100 mile long, the **Pacific Cup** race. All eyes will be on Buzz Blackett and his other crew member Jim Antrim. This doubles team will be sailing Buzz's 'International Class 40' may just be the first boat to sail from the starting line in San Francisco Bay across the Eastern Pacific Ocean and finish in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. The same place we races the Nationals last year. You can watch his progress as "California Condor" will be 'on tracking' at [pacificcup.org](http://pacificcup.org).