

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
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The last Richmond Yacht Club Winter Series Race Day was one of those rare days when the wind and sun was just perfect for El Toro racing. We had wind from the North-West in the 6 to 8 knots. This wind direction is described by Stan Honey as the "Synoptic Wind". Generated by the high pressure system just off shore from the North American continent and not influenced by local topography or the California Central Valley regional low pressure.

The El Toro Class was the largest fleet of the RYC Winter Series. The racing was tight with many boats overlapped at the many mark rounding's. Most of the races were twice around.

During the last day the leader board changed. Art Lange moved up to second, Fred moved to third and Vaughn held on to fourth with Chris Straub close with a fifth overall. Results are posted on the RYC results page.

This **Sunday** is the last Lake Merritt Sailing Club's "Estuary Series". This series is lead by Walt Andrews with Art Lange in second.

All the race committee work during this two winter series has been remarkable even though the wind has shifting during each of the 7, so far, race days. Some of the wind shifts have been brutal on the committee but they seemed to deal with it. The preliminary wind predictions for Sunday may just signal the end of the variable winter winds and show the summer pattern of 'standard westerly' directions.

All the **El Toro 2015 North American Championship** Series information, NOR, SI's and an invitation letter is now on the website! It is also time to enter this event. Santa Cruz Yacht Club is a "World Class" regatta club and the sooner they can start planning, the better!

2015 Senior and Junior North American Championship Santa Cruz

July 21, official practice day with RC
July 22, three races
July 23, three races
July 24, two races, trophy presentation.

2015 Schedule.

RYC Winter Series	done
Lake Merritt/Estuary	<u>March 8th, this Sunday</u>
BullShip	April 4
Big Dinghy RYC	April 11 (Saturday counter)

Fremont Spring	May 3
Flight of the Bulls	May 9
Fremont Relays	May 17
Clear Lake	June 20-21
Mayors Cup	June 28
Sail Camp SSC	July 12 - 18
Santa Cruz Nationals	July 21-24
Pine Crest Lake	August 15-16
Fun Regatta SCYC	August
Tottaly Dinghy RYC	September 19
Stampede RYC	October 11
Cork Screw	October 24

National Championship Venues

2015	Santa Cruz
2016	Pinecrest
2017	Alameda Sailing Center
2018	Lake Yosemite
2019	Kaneohe Bay
2020	Clear Lake

CHANGES yes some times in life,

BullShip will be **April 4th**, Saturday *before* Easter, this year, (do to tides)
(not April 11th)

CorkScrew , Sequoya Yacht Club's regatta will be **October 24th**, so it coincides with their year-end barbeque and party, This race is not as "High-Tide" dependent as it has been in the past (not October 18th)