

# Bull Session

*news and comment of the El Toro Class*  
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## Races for June

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### **CLEAR LAKE-June 20-21**

Summer Solstice weekend  
This year will be Saturday and Sunday racing.

Be ready to start at the committee boat by 12:NOON Saturday. Usually there will be a small fleet practicing with rabbit starts on Friday afternoon. This may be the last open-water-with-waves event before the Santa Cruz Nationals. I will be there with a powerboat to anchor somewhere off-shore to be used as a safety-base.

We will again be sailing out of the Clear Lake Cottages and Marina. They have always been nice and accommodating to our fleet. There is a swimming pool, beach and docks as well as a lake that is not low. Clear Lake is almost the same water level as last year. There has been rain in the valleys feeding this natural lake.

Many of the Sierra Lakes are artificially water-level controlled. There will be water in the Pinecrest Lake but it may be only for our event in August.

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### **Mayor's Cup-June 28th**, this is the last Sunday in June

Mayor's Cup Independence Day Regatta Lake Merritt, Oakland  
Vicky, Mark and Peggy will be running the traditional event on the traditional courses.  
Mayer's Cup Regatta will be headquartered back to the traditional sailboat house, Lake Merritt in  
Lakeside Park  
Skippers Meeting---10:30

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### **Fremont Relays Report**

Fremont's Lake Elizabeth is the place for fun events. Because of so may conflicts with other races the number of boats at this years' Fremont Relays was less than usual. The fleet usually runs in the 2 dozen range. It really is a fun sailing event.

Fremont Sailing Club in the capable hands of Vern and his hand-picked committee did a great job of providing good sailing.

You need a partner for this event. Son-Father, Senior-Junior, Uncle-Nephew, friend-friend, or as you like it, will make a team! This year one of the classes' veterans won again. He has sailed an El Toro four times or eight relay laps in the last 20 years. He is a Junior-Intermediate and Senior National Champion. It is hard to win against legends like that. This shows that "when you got it, you got-it".

The team member not sailing indulged in the lunch provided.

Full results on the El Toro web site.

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### **Sails for the Santa Cruz Nationals**

The class rules for the sail state a few things that need to be followed. New sails may need to be measured at the Nationals. Here is what the class measurer will be looking for: (short synopsis)

headboard of 4.5 inches at 90 degrees  
corner patches and reinforcements not to exceed 12"  
two battens, equally spaced  
no sail aft of a straight line connecting the head, battens and clew  
leach of 12'2"  
girths of 42" and 72"  
etc.

Refer to the class sail plan for the full details of this measurement rule.

Sails that show up in Santa Cruz that do not meet class rules will not be "Grandfathered-in". Either make sure your sail is legal and/or bring more than one. Work with your sail maker to make sure the sail measures-in!

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### **El Toro 2015 North American Championship** **Santa Cruz, California**

All the Series information, NOR, **entry instructions** and welcoming letter is now on the class website,,[eltoroyra.org](http://eltoroyra.org),,It is also time to enter this event. Santa Cruz Yacht Club is a "World Class" regatta club. The planning is easier when they know, sooner rather than later, who is registered. If you have any trouble call Kelli,,831-428-2875, email her,,[kelliecook@comcast.net](mailto:kelliecook@comcast.net),,and/or the regatta registration site,,[www.regattanetwork.com/event/9721](http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9721).

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### **2015 Senior and Junior North American Championship Santa Cruz**

July 21, official practice day with RC, gathering upstairs  
July 22, three races, Big Boat bear Can & BBQ  
July 23, three races, annual meeting and dinner  
July 24, two races, trophy presentation and BBQ

**2015 Schedule,**

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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
Totally Dinghy RYC	September 19
Stampede RYC	October 11
Cork Screw	<b>October 24</b>

National Championship Venues

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

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El Toro stories and video in archives:

[,,sailingscuttlebutt.com,,](http://sailingscuttlebutt.com)  
[,,pressure-drop.us,,](http://pressure-drop.us)  
[,,norcalsailing.com,,](http://norcalsailing.com)

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**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)