

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class
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Cork Screw

Last Saturdays Cork Screw race showed how a race can be run by a spectacular race committee. Sequoia Yacht Clubs committee choices of starting line, mark positioning and time of day to hold the race could not have been better. The 2 pm start time was just after the unpredicted southerly wind was over powered by a north-easterly. The Weather mark was up wind for most of the leg, the reaching and down wind had many wind shifts but not quite as dramatic as Pinecrest. The first two boats finished in the decreasing easterly and the rest of the fleet did finish before the complete shut down of the breeze. The soft zephyrs of breeze really never got above 5, mostly was 3-4 but was rarely below 1 knots until the very end.

John Pacholski pulled-it-out by hugging the south shore on the final run to the finish. His margin of victory after 3 hours of racing was 4 inches.

Art Lange needed to finish 4th to hold on the the 2017 season championship. He was deep in the fleet for most of the 5 leg race but found a passing lane and did indeed sneak up to finish 4th.

Full results on the El Toro web site.

Potentialy the next gathering of El Toros will be in Half Moon Bay, November 4th and then the two winter series starts in December.

We owe the RYC a great big "Thank you".

The principal leaders for RYC where Fred Paxton, Buzz Blackett and Vaughn Siefers.

Now is the time to start thinking about our 2018 calendar.

Winter Series Races	December 3, RYC (2017)
	December 9, LMSC(2017)
	January 7, RYC
	January 14, LMSC
	February 4, RYC
	February 11, LMSC
	March 4, RYC
	March 10, LMSC

BullShip, (April 1st is Easter)

Flight of the Bulls, May 12

Fremont Relays, May 20

(Ditch Run June 2)
Clear Lake Senior Nationals, June 15-17
Stockton Junior Nationals
June 24, LMSC Mayors Cup
EL Toro Stampede October 7, RYC
Cork Screw, October
RYC, December 2,

National Championship Venues

- 2018 Clear Lake**
- 2019 Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii**
- 2020 Lake Yosemite**
- 2021 Half Moon Bay***
- 2022 Sequoia YC, Redwood City***
- 2023 Monterey Bay* *still to confirm**

There is a great drone video of the El Toro fleet racing on Clear Lake taken by Chris Twirbutt, a professional drone-camera guy. It can be found on the El Toro web site, Norcalsailing.com and the Scuttlebut web site. It is very worth watching two or three times! Try,,<http://vimeo.com/131362498>,,,

The City of Richmond has commissioned and placed a metal sculpture of the El Toro in the launching ramp next to the old Richmond Yacht Club site at the foot of the Richmond Harbor. It is easily viewed from Cutting Boulevard.