

Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class

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This Sunday, Last Chance, March 5

Richmond Yacht Club Winter Series racing day #4.

We again will probably be in Keller Cove with other dinghy classes. It may be windy but my weather predictions have not been good all winter. Art Lang is leading the series

Clear Lake National Championship Series, June 15-16-17

We will be sailing from the "**Clear Lake Cottages and Marina**", [707-995-5253](tel:707-995-5253) They have a good web site with pictures of El Toros in their docking area. There is also a pool, large lawn area and launching ramp. It is the nicest resort where the sailing is the best.

We have a PRO, committee boat, mark boat and escort boat, marks,,etc.

The sailing will start at about 2 pm Friday, to give time for transportation to the lake Friday morning.

There are only 5 cottages still available of the 29 in the resort. They are doubles, so find another El Toro sailor, rent your cottage. If we can sell-out the resort we get the "Run-of-the-Place". There will be a catered dinner Saturday evening.

Lake Merritt Winter Series

LMSC Winter Series on Oakland's Lake Merritt was another good day of sailing. No longer will I predict the weather, wind direction or strength for Lake Merritt. All the forecasts predicted a strong North-East wind,,it was South-Westerly, 2 to 6 knots and very shifty.

Last race day on the lake is Sunday, February 10th.

2018 Calendar

Winter Races

March 4, RYC

March 11, LMSC

Fremont Sailing Club

Spring: May 6

June 3

June 24

Summer: July 15

July 29

Aug 12

Fall: Aug 26

Sept 9

Sept 30

BullShip, April 7

RYC Big Dinghy, 21
Flight of the Bulls, May 12
Fremont Relays, May 20
(Ditch Run June 2)
Clear Lake Senior Nationals, June 14-15-17
(Friday start time 2 pm)
Stockton Sail Camp, June 24 to 30
Stockton Junior Nationals June 30
June 24, LMSC Mayors Cup
September 22, RYC Totally Dinghy
(if there is a "Saturday-Only" entry)
Cork Screw, October 13
EL Toro Stampede October 14, RYC
winter series start:
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.

Last winter race on Lake Merritt will be March 11.
Vickie has changed the date of the Lake Merritt Mayors Cup race to July 1...a much better day and date.