

## 2010 El Toro North American Championships

The 57th annual El Toro Class Junior North American Championships were held July 16th, at Stockton Sailing Club on the San Joaquin River. The event was held in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Sailcamp sponsored by Richmond Yacht Club, Stockton Sailing Club and Santa Cruz Yacht Club. The 3 race, no throw out Championship drew 47 entries, with Gold and Silver Fleets. Conditions ranged from 10 to 12 knots with gusts to 15. A modest ebb spread the fleet across the channel on the weather legs and persuaded most to the edges of the course on the runs, making for some great spectating from the Club's lawn.

This year marked the end of SCYC's recent domination of this event. In the 28 boat Silver Fleet, Half Moon Bay YC's Sam Reynolds (4 points) topped SCYC's Michael Levy (7 points) and SCYC's Sasha Hawley (12 points). RYC's Neil Marcellini followed in fourth.

In the 19 boat Gold Fleet, tensions ran high as SCYC's Mike Pacholski defended his 2009 title against a determined field of challengers. After two races, the lead was tied at 3 points each between Mike, and RYC's Haydon Stapleton, closely followed SCYC's Emma Drejes. In the end it was Haydon who came out on top by one point over Mike. Emma managed to hang on to third overall by one point over RYC's Ellen Hahn. In addition to her 3rd place trophy, Emma also received the special perpetual trophy for highest placing girl.

Richmond YC's Fred Paxton once again generously donated his time to serve a fourth year as PRO and did another great job. A special thanks goes to Steve Lake and Dan Mills, who generously loaned their Moore El Toros to Haydon Stapleton and Ellen Hahn.

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