

# Bull Session

news and comment of the El Toro Class

March, #614, 2018

## ***April 21, Richmond Yacht Club "Big Dinghy Regatta"***

message from Fred Paxton, RYC Standing Race Director

"Time to plan ahead toro sailors,,Let's make sure we get a good turnout for our fleet so we can get our venue choice,,We will have a new PRO for this event,,and a great dinner for \$10 right after the trophy presentation."

**Fred needs El Toros to PRE-REGISTER**

[,,www.richmondyc.org,,](http://www.richmondyc.org)

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## **BULLSHIP**

We have entries from Lake Washington, San Francisco Yacht Club,,but not yours,,yet.

This race will be here very soon, **just two weeks away!**

The Sausalito Yacht Club graciously opens their doors to the El Toro Fleet early in the morning to accommodate the early start at 9am.

The prep sound and flag will be at 8:50am.

Here is the information to sign-up for the 65th on Saturday, **April 7th.**

<http://www.richmondyc.org/Calendar/Event/13823~1207120~1>

**Register on line, send a check, get a Cow ship.** If you do not have a Cow ship, enter, send a check, then look for one. There may be extra spaces because each Cow ship will escorts three(3) El Toros. Get it all done by April 2nd! Also, find a junior to help crew/escort.

There is a class within the El Toro BullShip fleet for "all-wood" boats, for "real-men"(over 199 lbs) and first timers.

Juniors,,,this is a race you will be eligible to enter when you are 18 years old. Now is the time to watch, learn and see this race so you are prepared to win as soon as possible. There are many possibilities to help/crew as an escort/cow ship.

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## **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, flags,,,etc.

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

There are only **2** cottages still available of the 29 cottages 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.

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### **2018 Calendar for Juniors**

Flight of the Bulls, May 12\*

Fremont Relays, May 20

Fremont, June 3rd\*

Clear Lake, June 16-17 (regional's)

Stockton sail camp, June 24 to 30

Nationals June 29, Stockton\*

Lake Merritt, July 1\*

Fremont, July 15th\*

Pinecrest, 4-5

Fremont, August 26\*

WM Fun Regatta, September 8\*

Stampede, October 7 or 14\*

\*counters

Please check the El Toro web site for the most up-to-date information

## **2018 Calendar for Seniors**

BullShip, April 7

RYC Big Dinghy, April 21

Flight of the Bulls, May 12

Fremont Relays, May 20

(Ditch Run June 2)

Fremont (either June 3rd or July 15th)

Clear Lake Senior Nationals, June 14-15-17

(Friday start time 2 pm)

July 1, LMSC Mayors Cup

August 4-5, Pinecrest

September 22, RYC Totally Dinghy

(if there is a "Saturday-Only" entry)

Cork Screw, October 13

EL Toro Stampede October 7 or 14, RYC

**Fremont Sailing Club**

Spring: May 6

June 3

June 24

Summer: July 15

July 29

Aug 12

Fall: Aug 26

Sept 9

2018-19 winter series start:

RYC, December 2,

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**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**

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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>,,,

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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.