

August 16 was a very special and unique day for the Elkhorn Yacht Club.

We hosted a inter yacht club small boat regatta with El Toro Sailboats. This is another stage of developing our Youth Sailing Foundation. With the help of many including Luc Defaymoreau, Mike Gross SCYC, Paul Tara SCYC, Terri Cooke SCYC, Dale Jerred, Larry Kelly, Carole Burton, Margaret Collins, and many more volunteers, and cheering fans.

We started off the overcast day with a Captains meeting, \$5 burger fixed your way with all the fixin's, and get to know you session. After reading the racing rules we packed up all the El Toro's, racing marks, spectator barge, various other float-some, and headed under the Highway 1 bridge up to the Elkhorn Slough. There were 20 El Toro's including 6 juniors who competed. I was very happy with the turn out thinking that 10 El Toro's would make this event a success. We had 3 races that went off without a hitch then packed up and went back to the Elkhorn Yacht Club for an awards celebration at 5 PM.

I was very inspired by the enthusiasm of the sailors and the recent EL Toro activity around the Elkhorn Yacht Club. I was also awakened to the fact that the Elkhorn Yacht Club does not have any Junior members that can represent us at any regattas. This will soon change because the Elkhorn Yacht Club is on the verge of starting a youth sailing program perhaps before 2009. Want to see what it will look like? Go to this website <http://www.scyc.org/juniors/2008/2008-02-pinto.html>.

Thanks for sharing in the rich enjoyment of helping the youth learn to sail. Expect to see a lot more youth involvement at EYC in 2009 and maybe even some EYC youth registration for our annual Running of the Bulls next year.

Thanks Again
Elkhorn Yacht Club Vice Commodore
Mark Pastick