

*Jim DeWitt Memorial*

## **2023 El Toro North American Championships**

July 27-30, 2023

Fresno Yacht Club

Huntington Lake, CA

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

**Organizing Authority:** The [Jim DeWitt Memorial](#) 2023 El Toro North American Championships is organized by the [El Toro International Yacht Racing Association](#) (ETIYRA) in conjunction with the [Fresno Yacht Club](#) (FYC). The North American Race Committee (RC) is the Organizing Authority.

#### **1 . RULES**

- 1 . 1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1 . 2 Rule 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear a PFD while racing except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment."
- 1 . 3 Other racing rules may be changed. These changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1 . 4 It is each skipper's responsibility to ensure that they adhere to all state and county health regulations.

#### **2 . SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2 . 1 Sailing Instructions will be available on the Regatta Network event site and the FYC Registration Table no later than Thursday, July 27 at 0900 hours.

#### **3 . RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The RC may transmit via VHF radio information concerning safety, OCS boats, and general information to assist in the management of the event. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. VHF Channel will be available in the sailing instructions.

#### **4 . ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4 . 1. This regatta is open to Senior and Junior El Toro skippers who are members in good standing of the ETIYRA. A Junior skipper is one who has not reached their 15th birthday as of July 28, 2023. Membership dues can be paid online here.
- 4 . 2 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration and paying regatta fees by July 28th, 2023. Online registration can be found at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25782#\\_home](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25782#_home)

## **5 . FEES**

- 5 . 1 Senior Registration Fees: \$140; Junior Registration Fees: \$40, both of which include one regatta shirt and one ticket to the Annual Banquet.
- 5 . 2 Registration fees are fully refundable (less any credit card processing fees) one week prior to the event.
- 5 . 3 Additional Banquet Tickets are available for \$40 per person. Kids under age six eat free.
- 5 . 4 Additional regatta-wear featuring art by Jim DeWitt will be available.

## **6 . DIVISIONS**

- 6 . 1 All skippers age 15 and above race in the Senior Division, in one fleet, and may choose to compete in either the Open Division or Classic Division.
- 6 . 2 All skippers who have not reached their 15th birthday by July 28th will race in the Junior Division. If five or more Juniors are entered, they will sail in their own fleet and be scored separately. If four or fewer Juniors are entered, they will sail with the Seniors as part of one fleet.
- 6 . 3 Senior Open Division El Toros are required to have a measurement certificate on file with the ETIYRA. All Senior Open Division sails are required to carry a Measurer's Inscription on their tack. On-site measuring will be available by appointment at the event.
- 6 . 4 The Senior Classic Division excludes all Moore, Nash or Lim El Toros and all others which have been "optimized" with modern carbon spars. Typically, a Caballero, Sailnetics, Smith or other older production El Toros with wood or aluminum masts will be eligible. Individual Division assignments may be appealed to the OA, and the decision of the ETIYRA Measurement Committee is final.
- 6 . 5 Classic Division Seniors who meet the measurement certificate and sail measurement requirements for the Open Division will be scored in both the Open and Classic Division.

## **7 . AWARDS**

- 7 . 1 The winning Senior Open skipper will have their name engraved on the Senior Gold North American Championship Perpetual Trophy.
- 7 . 2 The winning Junior skipper will have their name engraved on the Junior North American Championship Perpetual Trophy.
- 7 . 3 Keeper awards for top 3-5 Senior Open, Senior Classic and Junior skippers, depending on the number of entries in each class. Other awards will be made at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **8 . COURSES**

- 8 . 1 Courses, drop marks, and permanent marks will be published in the sailing instructions.

## **9 . VENUE**

- 9 . 1 The regatta will be sailed out of the Huntington Lake Boat Ramp, Huntington Lake Road, Lakeshore, CA 93634.
- 9 . 2 Free dry storage for competitors' boats will be provided by FYC in a roped-off area on the west side of the ramp, above the beach.

## **10 . SCHEDULE**

- 10 . 1 Boat Tune-up/ Swap Meet/ Coaching  
Thursday, July 27th 0930 – 1300
- 10 . 2 Practice Race  
Thursday, July 27th 1400
- 10 . 3 North American Championship Race Series  
Friday, July 28th, 1100 First start: Three races  
Saturday, July 29th, 1100 First start: Three races  
Sunday, July 30th, 1100 First start: Two races

## **11 . RISK STATEMENT**

- 11 . 1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue a race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Each competitor shall be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage, or injury to persons or property in connection with the regatta that occurs as a result of the competitor's actions.

## **12 . FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 12 . 1 For answers to any questions or for further information, please contact:  
Tom Burden, REGATTA CHAIR at [tomburden1@gmail.com](mailto:tomburden1@gmail.com)

## **13. ACCOMMODATIONS**

- 13.1 Granite Group Campground has been reserved by the OA for El Toro sailors and their families from July 26th to July 31st and contains ten individual campsites, three large group tables, group fire pit, bear boxes and electrical outlets.

Reservations first-come, first served, up to Forest Service limit. Free of charge. Donations accepted.

- 13.2 Other accommodations: Individual campsites at Deer Creek, College, Rancheria and Lower Billy Creek campgrounds at <https://www.recreation.gov>. Upper Billy Creek, Kinnikinnik and Catavee have been closed since the fire, and may or may not be open. Make reservations now as the campgrounds fill up months in advance.
- 13.3 Lakeshore Resort: <https://lakeshoreresort.com> is under new ownership dedicated to restoring the business to its former glory with cabins, an RV park with tent sites, a general store and saloon.
- 13.4 Huntington Lake Marina: <https://huntingtonlakemarina.org>, located at the western end of the lake, offers boat rentals, a marina, a burger restaurant and a few cabins.
- 13.5 Huntington Lake condos are available on Vrbo, Airbnb and from local Shaver Lake property management companies.