



# Windjammer



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## Commodore's Log

Last month I suggested the possibility of a third series of beginning sailing classes. This series is now scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 29<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>, skipping over Labor Day weekend. The last I talked with Damon Sparacino, he had seven signed up for the classes from the waiting list for the previous series and he expected some more. So this series is a go.

Greg Morrill may be the lead instructor for this series of classes, he has to check his schedule when he gets back from traveling. If it turns out he can't do it, we'll have someone from our little group of experienced instructors, perhaps me. I'd like to put out the usual call for assistant instructors. It seems to work well to have a lead instructor and two assistants, and I would like to get one of those assistants each day from outside the group of Vern, Keith, and me. As you may note in the minutes from the last general meeting, we would like a day off.

The classes run from 10AM to 4PM. (We changed the hours from the 9 to 3 that the previous classes had been advertised for in the hope of getting better wind.) If you can't be there for the full day, we can use people at the start of the class to help the students learn rigging. We should be aiming at having the students do the rigging as much as possible, its part of learning. However, particularly at the beginning its good to have some sailors there to guide them, perhaps demonstrate or tell if the students are doing it right or wrong. Even if you don't know exactly how to rig a Topper or El Toro, you should pick it up more quickly than the beginners and can then guide them.

So if you can help out on one or more of those days, please contact me at (408) 735-8765, or email me at [jordan\\_roy\\_s@yahoo.com](mailto:jordan_roy_s@yahoo.com).

Roy Jordan

## Sailing Classes Added at the Request of the City of Fremont

Greg would like help setting up the El Toros. Please let him know if you can help or just come to the lake at 8:30 am on the dates listed below.

Aug 22 Greg Morrill (lead instructor)  
Vern Tucker  
Keith O'Hara  
Kathleen  
(anyone else we can get)

Aug 29 Greg Morrill (lead)  
Roy Jordan  
Kathleen  
(anyone else we can get)

Sep 12 Greg Morrill (lead)  
Roy Jordan  
Kathleen  
(anyone else we can get)

We have a woman named Kathleen who I think has been crewing on FJ's (Vern knows her) who has offered to help out with at least some of the classes. She has in mind being the "demonstration" sailor. Greg would like help setting up the El Toros. Please let him know if you can help.

## Historian's Corner

October 10, 1960 The Fremont Sailing Club was formally incorporated..

Submitted by Doug Hamilton, Historian

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## Treasurer's Report

	<u>July, 2009</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Membership	\$57.00	\$1,799.00	\$2,000.00
Ships Stores	\$31.00	\$102.00	\$250.00
Interest	\$0.80	\$6.73	\$15.00
Non-Member Fees	\$15.00	\$140.00	\$135.00
Bailer's Ball			<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$103.80</b>	<b>\$2,047.73</b>	<b>\$3,900.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Windjammer			\$300.00
Gen Mtg/Club BBQ		\$115.27	\$425.00
Bailer's Ball			\$1,500.00
Trophies			\$200.00
P.O. Box			\$75.00
Fleet Mail		\$7.14	\$50.00
Club Promotions		\$82.06	\$100.00
Membership Office			\$25.00
Boat Locker			\$500.00
U.S.Sailing		\$125.00	\$125.00
Racing Expenses		\$22.95	\$250.00
Secretary of State			\$25.00
Coffey Cup			\$100.00
Treasurer's Expenses			\$10.00
Ships Stores			\$65.00
Fremont Relays			<u>\$150.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$352.42</b>	<b>\$3,900.00</b>
Checking Balance	\$3,536.51		
Savings Balance	\$3,973.56		
Respectfully submitted, Kathy Federico, Treasurer			

## Ladies Luncheon Returns

A special event--revival of the Ladies' Luncheon on Wednesday, October 7, noonish. And yes, gentlemen we will allow you to also attend--at your own table, of course. Place to be announced next time-- See ya there--Gwen

# Fremont Sailing Club General Meeting Minutes

Sunday July 26, 2009

Commodore Roy Jordan called the meeting to order at 16:49 hours on what used to be called "FJ Hill" at Lake Elizabeth.

The minutes of the May General Meeting were approved as printed in the June 2009 Windjammer.

**Commodore's Report:** It was announced that the current sailing class had eight students. We started with ten, but one dropped out due to a family death and the other just did not return after the first class. All eight students received their certificates and are now qualified to sail El Toro's and Toppers' on Lake Elizabeth.

Roy also announced that the board had met with Damon Sparacino, the new director of Lake Elizabeth. It came out in our meeting that Lake Elizabeth is now open on Wednesday's from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The FSC will conduct a third session of beginning sailing on Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>. (We will skip conducting a class on Labor Day weekend). Again the board is looking for instructors. (Keith, Roy and Vern would like a day off)

Roy is also looking for a nominating committee for next years officers. Roy has announced that he will only be a candidate for Past Commodore. Since there were no volunteers, it was announced that "the FSC version of Selective Service will soon be calling".

**Vice Commodores Report:** Not present, but we are looking at different venues for this years Awards Banquet.

**Race Chair:** Keith had the summer series results posted at the lake.

**Membership:** Jim announced that we have a new member Adriana Kendricks

**El Toro:** Helga announced that the next fleet pot luck will be on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Art and Cybil Lewis. As usual Pete will be calling you.

Helga also stated that the El Toro fleet likes the idea of Beck's Restaurant for the Awards Banquet.

**Lido:** Jack will send out an e-mail regarding the next Lido pot luck.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Gwen Locke announced that there will be a ladies luncheon on October 7, 2009. The men who drive their ladies to the luncheon will have their own luncheon at a different table.

The next General Meeting will be held on Sunday September 27, 2009 during or after the races.

There being no new further business the meeting was adjourned at 16:15 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vern Tucker, Secretary.

## ET Report



Congratulation to Art Lange winning the North Americans. Our good wishes at the last Pot Luck helped. I am sure Art would have won it without those wishes. Fifteen sailors participated and five were from FSC. Good show. I gathered from reading the report it was very windy.

There are three race days left of the FSC this year. Thank you Aad Rommelse and Art Lange for volunteering for race committee on Sept. 13.

There is still some Et regattas to enjoy in 2009. The Stampede Oct. 4 and Cork Screw Oct. 17. The Mid Winters start in Richmond Dec.6.

I am looking for our Bull and Bell VHS tapes (2). Please look in your tape collection and if found forward them to me. I have not seen them in my three years of Fleet Captain.

Our next meeting will be at Art and Sybil Lewis on Sep. 12.

Have fun sailing.  
Helga

## Lido Report

Aug 15th was a perfectly warm summer evening. The potluck at the Wolff's made it even better. This fleet meeting brought out "the regulars" as well as those from as far away as Colfax and Sacramento! It was good to see Doug and Joanne Hamilton in good health and good spirits. Jack and Carolyn Navarra brought great Lido stories from past as well as car-sickness stories! Bruce and Betsy McDevitt traveled all the way to Fremont and told great stories of El Toro and Lido sailing. We all enjoyed his sentiment that the best Lido racing in Northern California happens at Lake Liz where we always get our own starts! Robert and Joanne Bradley gave us an update on their epic restoration of their Lido... third coat of primer!!! We can't wait to see that boat in the water! Mark Dawson came all the way from Sacramento and reported on the goings-on of the Sacramento fleet. Mark also gave us top tips for sailing in next year's Nationals at Huntington Lake! Hans and Helga showed us their beautiful remote controlled model sailboat. That thing was a lot larger than I expected!.. and beautiful! And, last but not least, Maria and I brought our usual cheer and awarded the Lido District 2 trophy to our very own Jack and Jim Navarra. We also announced this year's Estuary Cruise on Saturday October 10. This event, sponsored by the Lidos, is open to all Fremont Sailing Club sailors (and non-sailors). We will have Doug Hamilton in his big sailboat as the safety boat and he can accommodate passengers as well. We will launch from Alameda's Grand Street boat ramp at 10am (please arrive earlier to rig your boat!), sail up the Estuary and then head over to Quinn's Lighthouse for lunch. Non-sailors are invited to meet us at Quinn's - we'll likely show up around 1pm. In the afternoon, we'll have a fun reach back to the launch ramp as the wind picks up! Stay tuned for more info as the date nears.

## Lido Report continued

Lastly, congratulations to Jim and Sarah Mackey, previous Fremont Sailing Club members, for winning this year's Silver Fleet at Lido Nationals in Mission Bay, San Diego! Butch Michel and McKenzie Cook finished 10th in the Silver Fleet and Hugo and Mary Schmidt was one point way in 12th place. Congrats all for making it down to Nationals and putting on a good showing!

-Harold Ho



Photo by Tom Lechtner

# Summer Series July 26 Race Results

Daily Results		26-Jul				
<b>El Toro</b>	Sail	Scores			total	Place
Art Lange	11783	1	2	1	4	<b>1</b>
Walt Andrews	11745	2	1	2	5	<b>2</b>
John Marlett	11353	3	3	3	9	<b>3</b>
Pete Blasberg	11401	4	4	DNS	13	<b>4</b>

Daily Results		26-Jul				
<b>FJ</b>	Sail	Scores			total	Place
Greg Miller	4190	1	1	1	3	<b>1</b>
Keith OHara	3756	3	4	2	9	<b>2</b>
Darrel Lager	4097	2	5	3	10	<b>3</b>
Alan & Donald Wyckoff	4338	5	2	4	11	<b>4</b>
Vern & Mary Ann Tucker	4195	4	3	5	12	<b>5</b>

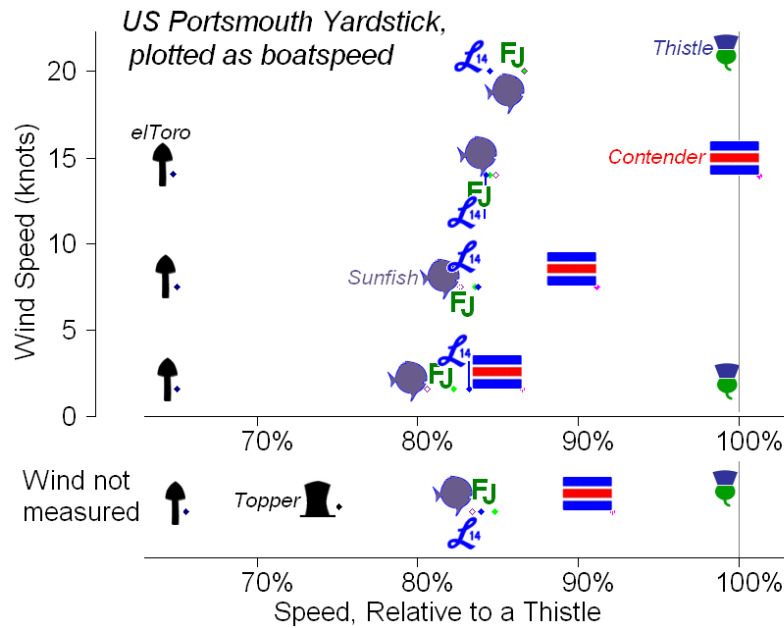
Daily Results		26-Jul				
<b>Lido</b>	Sail	Scores			total	Place
Jack Navarra	4285	2	1	2	5	<b>1</b>
Butch Michel	6166	1	DNF	1	6	<b>2</b>
Sidney Lee	4875	3	2	3	8	<b>3</b>
Jim Lechner	4491	4	DNS	DNS	14	<b>4</b>

Daily Results		26-Jul					
<b>Open Class</b>	Hdcp	Corrected Times			total	Place	
Roy Jordan	—	99.6	78:42	28:22	27:41		
Sunfish 48439			1	1	1	3	<b>1</b>
Russ Klein	—	90.1	83:16	DNF	27:56		
Contender 388			2	4	2	8	<b>2</b>
Chris Cocca	—	91.1	99:18	34:27	33:05		
Laser 16358			3	2	3	8	<b>3</b>
Claude & Kathleen Turner	113.6		DNF	DNS	DNS		
—Windridr 3666			5	5	5	15	<b>4</b>

## Race Captain's Letter

On the last race day of Summer Series, we had very light winds. We saw Lidos passing FJs, and saw the Contender moving not nearly as fast as usual. This made me wonder about the relative speeds of our different boats in different conditions.

The handicapping committee of US Sailing collects elapsed race times for each first place finisher in each boat type from several sailing clubs across the country, along with wind speed during each race. From this data they produce the US Portsmouth Yardstick, a handicap table intended for converting each boat's elapsed time to a corrected time. One can turn the handicap table around to see how fast, on average, those first-place finishers got their respective boats to move; that is what I did to make the accompanying plot.



Handicapping is concerned only with relative speeds, and in the US system everything is relative to a Thistle. So for example the Toro is 2/3 as fast as a Thistle in light winds, and just a hair less than 2/3 as fast as a Thistle when the wind picks up. Most of our boats do better relative to the Thistle as the wind gets stronger.

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## Summer Series Final Race Results

Summer 2009																					
El Toro	Sail	Scores for each Race										Points for each Race	total	Place							
Art Lange	11783	1	7	3	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	[5]	[2]	1	[3]	1	1	2	1	7	<b>1</b>
Walt Andrews	11745	2	6	6	5	1	4	2	1	2	2	[4]	[4]	[3]	1	3	2	1	2	11	<b>2</b>
Paul Tara	11827	5	4	4	2	2	3				4	3	3	2	2	2	[9]	[9]	[9]	16	<b>3</b>
Pete Blasberg	11401	DNF	8	DNS	6	6	DNS	4	4	DNS	[9]	[6]	[9]	4	4	5	3	3	4	23	<b>4</b>
John Pacholski	11815	3	1	2							3	1	1	[9]	[9]	[9]	9	9	9	32	<b>5</b>
Patrick Tara	11787	8	3	7							5	2	5	[9]	[9]	[9]	9	9	9	39	<b>6</b>
Art Lewis	11456	9	DNS	DNS							6	[9]	[9]	[9]	9	9	9	9	9	51	<b>7</b>
Jim Lechner	-	10	DNF	DNS							7	8	[9]	[9]	[9]	9	9	9	9	51	<b>8</b>
John Marlett	11353							3	3	3	<i>guest sailors in daily standings</i>										
Fred Paxton	11649	4	2	1																	
Mackenzie Cook	11711				3	4	2														
Bruce Bradfute	11746	7	5	5																	
Dan Cook	11821	6	9	8	4	5	5														

Summer 2009																					
FJ	Sail	Scores for each Race										Points for each Race	total	Place							
Keith OHara	3756	1	1	3	4	5	2	3	4	2	1	1	3	[4]	[5]	2	3	[4]	2	12	<b>1</b>
Vern & MaryAnn Tucker	4195	3	3	1	1	4	3	4	3	5	3	3	1	1	[4]	3	[4]	3	[5]	14	<b>2</b>
Mark Phillipps & Dana Rowley	4337	2	2	4	5	3	4				2	2	4	5	3	4	[6]	[6]	[6]	*20	<b>3</b>
Neil van der Plas	4247	4	4	2	3	2	5				4	4	2	3	2	5	[6]	[6]	[6]	*20	<b>4</b>
Greg Miller	4190							1	1	1	[6]	[6]	[6]	6	6	6	1	1	1	21	<b>5</b>
Patrick Tara	31				2	1	1				[6]	[6]	[6]	2	1	1	6	6	6	22	<b>6</b>
Darrel Lager	4097							2	5	3	[6]	[6]	[6]	6	6	6	2	5	3	28	<b>7</b>
Alan & Donald Wyckoff	4338							5	2	4	[6]	[6]	[6]	6	6	6	5	2	4	29	<b>8</b>
John Christman	4067	RC	RC	RC							[6]	[6]	[6]	6	6	6	6	6	6	36	<b>9</b>

*\*tie broken by RRS A8.2*

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So Lidos catching FJs is not a peculiar phenomenon of Lake Liz; on historical average across the country, the Lidos are a bit faster in the light stuff. (Probably most of the data came from indirect matchups, Lidos racing Lasers at club A, Lasers racing FJs at club B, etc., and through the magic of statistics we infer how the Lidos would do against the FJs.) The Contender is an extreme example; I don't see any other boat with so much variation in wind-corrected handicap in the Portsmouth Yardstick tables.

When we score the open fleet at Fremont, we do not take wind speed into account. We start with the Default Portsmouth Number (D-PN) and we have occasionally adjusted them based on past results. These default handicaps correspond to the speeds labeled "wind not measured" in the plot. This simple handicapping method does a sufficient job, I think, of giving each open fleet boat a chance to win races through skillful sailing. I was just curious to see the wind-corrected handicaps in a plot.

## Summer Series Final Race Results

Summer 2009																					
Lido A	Sail	Scores for each Race									Points for each Race				total	Place					
Butch Michel	6166	2	1	3	2	1	1	1	DNF	1	[2]	1	[3]	2	1	1	1	[4]	1	7	<b>1</b>
Jack Navarra	4285	1	2	1	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	[2]	1	1	[2]	[2]	2	1	2	8	<b>2</b>
Harold & Maria Ho	5850	4	3	2	5	5	4				3	3	2	4	3	3	[5]	[5]	[5]	18	<b>3</b>
Sidney Lee	4875	5	5	DNF	4	6	DNF	3	2	3	[4]	4	[5]	3	4	[5]	3	2	3	19	<b>4</b>
Lido B	Sail										Points for each Race				total	Place					
Hans & Helga Wolff	16166	3	4	DNF				RC	RC	RC	1	1	[3]	[3]	[3]	3	1	1	1	8	<b>1</b>
Jim Lechner	4491							4	DNF	DNF	[3]	[3]	[3]	3	3	3	1	2	2	14	<b>2</b>
Bruce Prickett	4567	6	DNF	DNF							2	[3]	[3]	[3]	3	3	3	3	3	17	<b>3</b>
Joe Davis	5121							RC	RC	RC	[3]	[3]	[3]	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	<b>4</b>
Terry Hensley	4617				6	4	2				<i>guest sailors in daily standings</i>										
Hugo Schmidt	2833				3	3	5														

Summer 2009																					
Open	Boat	Scores for each Race									Points for each Race				total	Place					
Roy Jordan	Sunfish	1	1	1				1	1	1	1	1	1	[5]	[5]	[5]	1	1	1	6	<b>1</b>
Elmar Grom	deWitt	3	3	2	1	1	1				3	3	2	1	1	1	[5]	[5]	[5]	11	<b>2</b>
Russ Klein	Contender							2	DNF	2	[5]	[5]	[5]	5	5	5	2	4	2	*23	<b>3</b>
Chris Cocca	Laser							3	2	3	[5]	[5]	[5]	5	5	5	3	2	3	*23	<b>4</b>
Kathleen Turner	Windrider	2	4	3				DNF	DNF	DNF	2	4	3	[5]	[5]	[5]	5	5	5	24	<b>5</b>
Brian Bauman	Thistle	DNF	2	DNF							[5]	2	[5]	[5]	5	5	5	5	5	27	<b>6</b>

*\*tie broken by RRS A8.1*

## Racing and Event Schedule



Saturday	Sunday	FSC Event, RC duty	Other Events
	Aug 23	Fall 123, Lido	
	Sep 13	Fall 456, Toro	
Sep 19	Sep 20		Totally Dinghy
Sep 26			FLYC all dinghy regatta
	Sep 27	Fall 789 & BBQ, FJ	
	Oct 4		RYC Stampede
Oct 17			eToros CorkScrew Slough
Nov 7			Award Banquet (tentative)
	Nov 8		LWSC Turkey Shoot

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Coming Event:

August 23 Fall Series Begins

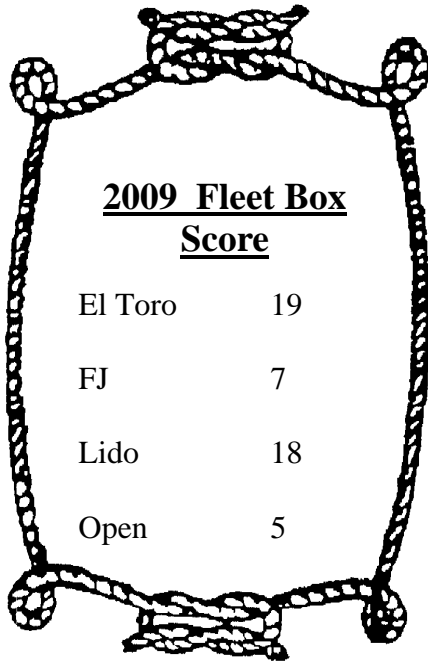
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<u>2009 Fleet Box Score</u>	
El Toro	19
FJ	7
Lido	18
Open	5

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