

EC12 Green Mountain Regatta

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Stowe Yacht Club held this annual event on the 3-½ acre pond behind the Commodores Inn, in Stowe, Vermont. The regatta is part of the *New England Cup Championship Series*. There were 17 competitors, with the usual strong contingent from Connecticut.

The forecast for Saturday was ominous at best: very light & variable winds, with an 80% probability of rain throughout the day. What a pleasant surprise to have the rain let up for the skippers meeting! We decided to proceed on schedule, despite the very light southerly breezes. We continued to luck out – nothing more than a brief sprinkle on several occasions, and the breeze held, gradually building throughout the day. By the last race, there were even a few mutterings about B rigs.

With 17 boats, we made the decision to run with two heats, and breaking with Stowe tradition, we used the Equal Opportunity promotion/relegation system. (Dave Brawner gave us a “clinic” during the winter while he was up skiing; Frank Angel provided a most helpful guide to the system, with a walk-through narrative and forms). With this assistance, the system worked smoothly. We anticipate using it at this year’s EC12 NCR’s, to be sponsored by the Stowe Yacht Club this September.

From the first seeding races, the pattern began to emerge. There would be a good battle between Mark Rinehart, Dave Brawner, Dave Ramos and Chuck Luscomb. At the end of the day, Mark’s high throw-out (9th) provided the edge he needed for his 3-point lead over Dave Brawner. After Saturday’s racing, a number of the competitors took a 5-mile road trip to visit Waterbury Center State Park, the site for this fall’s NCR’s. The reservoir provides a large body of water, with stronger and steadier winds than found on Commodores Pond. The facilities are nearly ideal for RC sailing, and Stowe Yacht Club is looking forward to hosting this event. The Commodores Inn will still serve as “Regatta Central”.

Sunday’s forecast was even more dire than Saturday’s, and this one unfortunately held true. A steady rain with very little breeze forced a postponement, and then a cancellation, of any further racing. During the awards presentation, the rain intensified and the wind grew even lighter, reaffirming that the correct decision had been made!

Summary Version:

Event: Green Mountain Regatta

Class: EC12

Date: June 5 & 6, 2010

Location: Commodores Inn, Stowe, VT

Host Club: Stowe Yacht Club (#159)

Entries: 17

Winds: SW 3-12

Races completed: 9

Scoring System: EORS Promotion/Relegation; 2 Heats

Regatta Committee: Charlie Berry, George Dean, Paul Fixx, Rosemarie Fitzhugh, Bob & Suzan Letwenski, Joel Bilodoe

Regatta Results

<u>Place</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Rinehart, Mark	17
2	Brawner, Dave	20
3	Ramos, Dave	23
4	Luscomb, Chuck	28
5	Dion, Al	36
6	Nourjian, Bruce	45
7	Jobson, Brian	48
8	Tonks, Phil	56
9	Baldwin, Jack	57
10	Hill, Rob	79
11	Shaw, Ken	80
12	Walton, Bruce	82
13	Amsbary, Doug	84
14	Stone, Tim	89
15	Mortgu, Nick	106
16	Walton, Ed	112
17	Oberg, Victor	112