

2011 EC12 Green Mountain Regatta

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Stowe Yacht Club, Stowe, VT, sponsored this annual event, which is part of the *New England Cup Championship Series*. There were 15 competitors, covering a broad geographic area in addition to the New England area, including CA, FL, WI & IL. The weekend forecast was discouraging at best: winds from the N at 0-2 each day. Ugh! We were smack in the center of a Canadian high for the full two days. However, (barely) manageable light & variable conditions did materialize for the two days. With 15 boats, we elected to use the EORS two-fleet system, moving just two boats up and down. We also by-passed the seeding race process by using the new Class Ranking System, which helped us complete a few additional races.

By mid-afternoon Saturday, the pattern began to emerge. Dave Brawner had established a dominant lead, with six bullets in the first eight races. Then there was a close pack between 2nd & 5th places (Al Dion, Ivor Walton, Rick West and Jack Ward). This pattern held through the balance of the day, with only one glitch: Brawner slipped down to B fleet in the 10th race, and couldn't work his way out in the 11th race. He'd have to start Sunday in the B fleet. Sunday saw very light air, and we managed to complete just four races. Brawner worked out of his B fleet doldrums, and had three bullets out of the four races. The tight pack from 2nd through 5th had one significant change: West had a very tough day, between being fouled at the start one race, and struggling with a mechanical problem, dropping to 7th overall. Rob Hill had a very strong outing on Sunday, and moved up into the fifth slot with consistent sailing. Full results are posted on EC12 Discussions.

Results:

1. David Brawer, 26
2. Al Dion, 49
3. Ivor Walton, 52
4. Jack Ward, 57
5. Rob Hill, 73
6. Gary Mueller, 83
7. Rick West, 88 withdrew with mechanical
8. Bob Greer, 124
9. Phil Tonks, 139
10. Mark Fleckenstein, 142
11. Dave Branning, 143
12. Nick Mortgu, 146
13. Doug Amsbary, 153
14. Victor Oberg, 176
15. JD Langdon, 187 First EC12 regatta