

2012 Wisteria Cup Regatta / Region 3A Championship

On the weekend of October 13th and 14th, Sixteen skippers showed up in Charleston, SC to participate in the 25th Annual Wisteria Cup Regatta which also happened to be the EC-12 Region 3A Championship. We were blessed with near perfect weather with blue skies, temperatures around 80 degrees and NE winds which is the best direction for our lake.

On Saturday, the nearby Charleston Harbor forecast had called for winds blowing 10-15 mph gusting to 20 and that is what we saw. We made it to the starting sequence of the last race before lunch when the first big gust hit. One mast came down after a nose dive and two other boats entangled rigs near the start line. At that point, the clock was stopped and everyone was sent to shore a few minutes early for lunch and to change rigs. For the rest of the day it was B rigs and just about every skipper had some practice at executing field repairs. There were a handful of skippers whose B rigs had seen little or no use so there were quite a few DNS and DNF's on the score board. After sailing ended for the day, everyone rested up and met for dinner in a private room at a local restaurant.

Sunday morning started off light and variable for the first race or two before filling in from the NE again with a much more manageable 5-10 mph. In the end a total of Twenty one races were sailed all in a single fleet and the two worst scores were discarded. Past National Champion Baron Bremer prevailed after leading just about the entire regatta, with World Champion Rick Gerry in second and John Bottensek of John B Sails in third. The Wisteria Cup was awarded to David Linville, who in his second EC-12 regatta, struggled with his boat in Saturdays strong winds but managed to complete every race. Rick's wife Becky who is 4th place finishing Alan Perkins' daughter sailed her first ever model yacht regatta and finished in 11th place. There was much jubilation each time she beat both her father and husband in races including a first place finish and two third places. Congratulations to all skippers, it was a pleasure to host and we hope to see you again next year.

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Charleston Model Yacht Club

1	Baron Bremer	Jacksonville, FL	55
2	Rick Gerry	Charleston, SC	66
3	John Bottensek	Jacksonville, FL	87
4	Alan Perkins	The Villages, FL	90.4
5	Scott Vernon	Atlanta, GA	95
6	Fran DiTommaso	Sun City, SC	114
7	Jim Donohoe	Hilton Head, SC	125
8	Tom Phillips	St. Augustine, FL	131
9	Martin Gray	Jacksonville Beach, FL	136
10	Mervin Jones	Charleston, SC	142
11	Becky Gerry	Charleston, SC	162
12	Jim Rutherford	Peachtree City, GA	211
13	David Linville	Peachtree City, GA	228
14	John Muhlhausen	Marietta, GA	251
15	Rodney Leathers	Brandenton, FL	291
16	Tom Evens	Peachtree City, FL	296