

Chicago 2012

The Chicago RC Model Yacht Club hosted the EC 12 Region IV Regatta on the weekend of June 23/24 at its championship venue in Vernon Hills. Located 20 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, Vernon Hills offers a spectacular collection of interconnected lakes providing near shore weed free venues for any wind direction.

The Chicago club embarked on an EC 12 building program several years ago, and this regatta provided the club fleet an opportunity to compete on home turf. Twelve skippers, including nine locals, completed 28 races over two days in primarily light breezes using a single fleet format.

Saturday's near drifter conditions favored light air guru Dave Brawner with 14 aces out of 16 starts. Chicago's Gerhard Kelter and Bret Biwer battled for 2nd and 3rd with three skippers in close contention behind them, Detroit's Frank Vella and Jim Hale and Chicago's Rob Hill.

Sunday provided moderate breezes and closer competition. First place finishes were spread across the fleet with Gerhard achieving 4 and Frank and Bret two each. In the end, Dave Brawner dominated with a two day point total of 37. Gerhard Kelter had 69 for second place. Bret Biwer took third with 98. Frank Vella was 4th with 107 and Rob Hill 5th with 127.

1-Dave Brawner	37
2-Gerhard Kelter	69
3-Bret Biwer	98
4-Frank Vella	107
5-Rob Hill	127
6-Jim Hale	133
7-Ken Young	136
8-Bob Armbruster	138
9-Gary Mueller	184
10-Jeff Gros	220
11-Allan Thorsen	226
12-Ron Schloemer	251