

2012 Gone With the Wind Regatta – Atlanta, GA

Seventeen skippers from five states came to Atlanta, GA on the weekend of September 22 and 23 for the 2012 edition of the Gone With the Wind Regatta. Blue skies and a westerly breeze made sailing conditions ideal on Saturday. All seventeen skippers sailed in one fleet and were able to complete fourteen heats that included long upwind and downwind legs with short offset segments. At the end of the day, the leader was Rick West with 44.8 points followed by Reichard Kahle with 48 points and Baron Bremer with 53 points. Ricky Gerry had 54 points and Joe Walter rounded out the top five with 63 points. Later that evening all of the skippers and their crew converged on the Allen's house to relax a bit and enjoy the "Low Country Boil in the Atlanta Hills". With drinks amply flowing along with king crab, shrimp, sausage and whatever else was in the boiling pot going down empty bellies, fun and merriment was enjoyed by all. Sunday, typical inland lake sailing around the Atlanta area made itself present. Whatever wind was present was swirling all around making a good sailing course impossible. As soon as a thought to change the course came about, the very mild wind changed directions. Everyone maintained their composure though as the fleet was able to complete six more heats. At noon, the final heat was concluded and the final scoring resulted in Reichard Kahle winning the event followed by Rick West, Baron Bremer, Ricky Gerry and Joe Walter. The entire finish positions for the regatta are as follows.

Reichard Kahle	66
Rick West	67.8
Baron Bremer	69
Ricky Gerry	76
Joe Walter	92
Alan Perkins	96
John Bottensek	133
Tony Shoaf	140
Tom Phillips	157
Martin Gray	170
Scott Vernon	174
Tom Germer	187
Jack Shepard	197
Chris Kakavas	201
David Linville	228
Bob Larsen	239
John Muhlhausen	254

Congratulations to everyone who competed in this year's Gone With the Wind Regatta.