

## 2012 EC12 Green Mountain Regatta

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Stowe Yacht Club and The Commodores Inn held this annual event on the pond behind the Inn, in Stowe, Vermont. The regatta is part of the *New England Cup Championship Series*. There were 20 competitors, covering a broad geographic area in addition to the New England area, including Florida, Wisconsin, Illinois and, for the first time, Nova Scotia.

Conditions were as challenging as they were variable. We did have wind, but it never established a consistent direction. Toss in a fairly steady rain for Saturday afternoon, followed by some welcome sunshine on Sunday, and you have typical New England springtime weather!

With 20 boats, we elected to use the EORS two-fleet system, moving four boats up and down. We modified the seeding race process by using the new Class Ranking System to set up the initial heats, and then used the first race to adjust the seeding. This race did not count in the scoring.

Prior to Saturday's Skippers Meeting, Doc Greer brought out the champagne bottle to christen his brand new boat. The brand of champagne happened to be Suzan's absolute favorite. Suzan was one of the Race Scorers. Coincidence? Also of note, we had three skippers who were racing in their first EC12 regatta: George Townsend (Stowe), Jim Goddard and Boots Boutillier (both hailing from Nova Scotia).

Saturday's races were held in light-to-moderate southerly breezes. Al Dion, with his new Chuck Luscomb built boat, dominated the day. Bruce Nourjian held 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 10 points behind Dion. Dave Brawner had uncharacteristic equipment problems, taking him out of two races. He still managed to hold onto third, one point behind Nourjian.

At the Saturday evening dinner, we held a "rigged raffle" set up by Dave Brawner. We had a "set of Danny Thomas sails" to raffle off, and had 20 names in a hat. The set up was this: all the names in the hat were "Nick Montgu", and the sails were for a Santa Barbara, not an EC12. Dave has been secretly building a Santa Barbara for Nick, and a group of East Coast guys are heading out to San Diego this summer to race their brand new Santa Barbara's. Nick will be joining this group, willing or not!

On Sunday, Brawner put on a come-back clinic, winning four of the six races and taking over a solid lead for the regatta. Dion, though, was hanging tough until the fifth race of the day, where he was over the line early. He never recovered in that race, and remained in the B Fleet for the final race. That sealed the deal for Brawner. Nonetheless, Al Dion knows he has a hot boat. Jim Goddard, racing in his first EC12 regatta, had major equipment failure early Sunday. But he has a new boat that was delivered to him in Stowe by Dave Brawner – watch out for him in the future.

### **Summary Version:**

Event: Green Mountain Regatta

Class: EC12

Date: June 2 & 3, 2012

Location: Commodores Inn, Stowe, VT

Host Club: Stowe Yacht Club (#159)

Entries: 20

Winds: Light-to-Moderate; Variable  
Races completed: 12 (24 Heats)  
Scoring System: EORS Promotion/Relegation; 2 Heats; 4 up/down  
Regatta Committee: Charlie Berry, George Dean, Rosemarie  
Fitzhugh, Bob & Suzan Letwenski, Louise Townsend

**Regatta Results- All Positions:**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	Brawner, Dave	31
2	Dion, Al	40
3	Nourjian, Bruce	44
4	Walton, Bruce	49
5	Greer, Bob	55
6	Shaw, Ken	59
7	Barker, Don	61
8	Skerry, John	63
9	Hill, Rob	76
10	Ward, Jack	76
11	Tonks, Phil	95
12	Mueller, Gary	104
13	Oberg, Victor	110
14	Branning, Dave	120
15	Townsend, George	126
16	Boutillier, Boots	137
17	Mortgu, Nick	142
18	Stone, Tim	158
19	Amsbary, Doug	181
20	Goddard, Jim	187