

## The Second Annual Tilghman Regatta By *Dave Branning* (edited)

The backdrop to our race course was a quiet channel feeding Tilghman's Dogwood Harbor where a couple of dozen waterman returned from crabbing and fishing on the Chesapeake Bay. A couple of Chesapeake Bay Skipjacks also passed our racers offering quite a view of the working boats from the last century.

This was the third leg of the 2012 Colonial Cup for EC12's and Dave Ramos continued his deft hand on the tiller with a 14 point win in 30 races over Delaware's Mark Rinehart. Dave won 16 of the 30 races, while Mark, sailing his first EC12 event of the season, had four firsts. Don Barker, from Chestertown, MD, continued his season of excellent performances in multiple classes with a regatta third place, winning 4 races on Saturday. John and Judy Skerry crossed over the Mason Dixon Line on vacation to join us and Judy ran an excellent show as our PRO while John grabbed fifth with consistent races the entire weekend.

Thanks to the regatta team from the Oxford RC Laser fleet who deployed buoys, chased wayward boats and helped on the dock with launching and lifting of EC12's to anyone who could use a hand. Once again, following the sportsmanship behavior and laughs on the dock from the Mystic, CT regatta, the Tilghman Regatta was a terrific example of honorific sailing with a group of people who enjoy being together. This is a great time of year to be on the Chesapeake Bay and we will do it again same time, same weekend, next year. Mark it down.

### Top Three Skippers/points

Dave Ramos 50  
Mark Rinehart 64  
Don Barker 74

1. Dave Ramos 50
2. Mark Rinehart 64
3. Don Barker 74
4. Jamey Betz 104
5. John Skerry 144
6. Dave Branning 149
7. Doug Hutchinson 155
8. Victor Oberg 159
9. Chris Bock 262
10. Roger Baldwin 267 (new ec12 owner and will sail with MAMYC fleet)
11. Dave Hammett 286
12. Dave Littleton 291
13. Terry Lamb 292

Photo link <https://picasaweb.google.com/jim.flach/EC12RegattaTilghmanMdSept82012>