

Summary of Triangle Cup Regatta
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Class: EC12 Date: June 16 & 17th, 2012
Location: Lake Crabtree County Park, NC Host Club: Triangle Model Yacht Club
of entries: 10 Winds: Sat. 5 to 10 mph with strong gusts. Sun. 1 to 5 mph
Races Completed: 27 Scoring System: Low Point
Regatta Committee and valuable assistants: RD – Bob Szczepanski, Race Chairman: Gerry Cobby, Scorer: Karen Szczepanski, workers – Rick Ferguson, John Foust

Place: 1 Jack Ward #81 63 pts 2 Tony Shoaf #47 76 pts` 3 Chris Kakavas #36 79 pts
 4 Gerry Cobby #25 89 pts 5 Chase Thomas #49 91 pts 6 Ron Kellerman
#31 123 pts 7 John Kircher #76 139 pts 8 Rick Ferguson #75 147 pts 9 Alan
Morris #17 190 pts 10 George Morris #55 213 pts.

The 11th annual EC12 Triangle Cup was held at Lake Crabtree on June 16th and 17th. Ten skippers arrived soon after the County Park opened at 8 AM eager to start the regatta. Winds were from the Northeast quadrant which makes for challenging shifts and lolls. Frequent course changes were necessary and skippers were forced to deal with almost constantly changing conditions. The system wind was forecast to be in the 15 to 20 mph range with higher gusts. What managed to reach lake level, over the hill and trees, was 5 to 10 mph with an occasion gear busting gust. Racing started at 9:30 AM and Jack Ward won the first race and continued to have good starts and great boat speed for the entire first day. It seemed the race was on for second and Chris Kakavas and Tony Shoaf sailed very consistently with Chris only ahead by 7 points at the end of racing for the day. On Sunday Jack faltered early and Chris had a string of 3 bullets that allowed him to momentarily tie Jack. Then, Jack regained his Saturday form while Chris ran into early start-itis. Meanwhile, Tony got back in swing with a series of 2nd and 3rd place finishes. While Jack bested the field by 16 points after three throw outs, Tony managed to nudge out Chris for 2nd by 3 points. Chris actually finished ahead of Tony prior to the throw outs demonstrating that if you are going to have a bad race, make it really bad. Many thanks to Karen Szczepanski, Gerry Cobby, Rick Ferguson and John Foust, for organizing the activities, food and beverages.