

2012 White Rose EC12 Regatta

The 2012 White Rose EC12 Regatta was held on May 19-20 in York, PA. Winds were fluky and changeable and strength varied from light to medium. Skipper entries were thirteen for the Race Committee of Doug Wotring (RD), Chuck Aiken, and me (Jarl Wathne) on this gorgeous weekend. We raced a total of 19 heats (11 on Sat, 8 on Sun) with 2 throw-outs.

Dave Brawner annihilated the fleet with a totally dominating performance. Yet, watching the racing on the water rather than the score sheet, he was only occasionally first to the initial mark. Instead he knew he had a fast boat that was well tuned so he chose starts that were first row but middle of the line except for the one port tacking of the entire fleet. Then he just kept the boat moving and avoided trouble so that somewhere on the second lap he would usually gain the lead often when the lead boats would sail into a hole in the wind. Saturday morning he won 2 of the 6 races. Then came lunch. Then came Brawner. He won all 5 races of the afternoon, slept on it, and then won the first 3 of Sunday morning for a total of 8 in a row! I don't think I've seen that before. He ended up with 11 bullets and four 2nds out of 19 races!! His worst place was 6th. Wow.

Meanwhile Dave Ramos and Harry Mote battled back and forth the whole regatta for the runner-up spot. Ramos had 4 bullets and four 2nds to Mote's 3 bullets and five 2nds. Ramos finally gained the advantage when Mote fouled and demasted another boat so he had to withdraw from Race 16. He fought back but it was too late and Ramos bested him by 2 pts. Jamie Betz is new to EC12s this year but has been a very active RC Laser skipper and he is adapting well. He ended a solid 4th place. Don Barker also had a good regatta with a 1st and a 2nd place in heats and so finished in 5th spot. Once again Doug Wotring organized and delivered an outstanding regatta! Thanks Doug.

1. Brawner	26pts
2. Ramos	47
3. Mote	49
4. Betz	60
5. Barker	83
6. Shaw	107
7. Branning	126
8. Boch	136
9. Kircher	145
10. Ewing	151
11. Hall	173
12. Mortgu	180 Sat
13. Bardsley	212 Sat

Submitted by Jarl Wathne