2014 EC12 Green Mountain Regatta

By: Charlie Berry

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 23 competitors, including three from Nova Scotia.

This regatta easily retained its reputation for providing variable conditions for the competitors, both in terms of wind velocity and wind direction. While Saturday's breezes were often moderate, the weather front couldn't make up its mind, and we ended up with easterly breezes (blamed on the "Nova Scotia low" out in the Atlantic) competing with northwesterly breezes from a high coming in from Ontario. Either way, we blamed the Canadians! On Sunday, we experienced light breezes that kept trying to fill from the southwest, but with many lulls and holes out on the pond.

With 23 boats, we used the EORS two-fleet system, moving four boats up and down. We used the Class Ranking System and added one seeding race, which did not count in the scoring. A total of 13 races (26 heats) were run over the two days. On Saturday, it looked like a repeat of last year, with Dave Brawner and Chuck Luscomb having a virtual match race within a regatta. They were tied for 1st, each with 13 points. Mark Rinehart, who hadn't been to Stowe since 2011, was in 3rd with 19 points. Al Dion and Bruce Nourjian were 10 and 12 points back, in 4th and 5th respectively.

The lighter breezes on Sunday stirred up the standings a bit. Mark Rinehart put on a clinic in consistency in trying conditions, throwing out a 3rd for the 6 races. This gave Mark a 4-point victory for the regatta. Chuck Luscomb held off Dave Brawner by 2 points for 2nd and 3rd respectively. Bruce Nourjian moved up to 4th, followed by Dave Van Cleef in 5th.

There were three skippers from Nova Scotia this year, a group that is gradually building up its EC12 fleet. (A boat from Jim Linville was going back to Nova Scotia with the group).

Summary of the Green Mountain Regatta:
Class: EC12
Date: May 31 & June 1, 2014
Location: Commodores Inn, Stowe, VT
Host Club: Stowe Yacht Club (#159)
Entries: 23
Winds: Variable; Light to Moderate
Races completed: 13 (26 Heats)
Scoring System: EORS Promotion/Relegation; 2 Heats
Thanks to Race Committee: Charlie Berry, George Dean, Rosemarie Fitzhugh, Bob & Suzan Letwenski, Louise Townsend, John Dick
Green Mountain Regatta Results:

Place	Skipper	Points
1	Rinehart, Mark	28
2	Luscomb, Chuck	32
3	Brawner, Dave	34
4	Nourjian, Bruce	67
5	Van Cleef, Dave	68
6	Walton, Ivor	68.3
7	Barker, Don	80
8	Dion, Al	83
9	Branning, Dave	85
10	Shaw, Ken	114
11	Boutillier, Boots	118
12	Kerrigan, Brian	144
13	Oberg, Victor	146
14	Townsend, George	150.3
15	Goddard, Jim	153.2
16	Tonks, Phil	154
17	Shluger, Bob	168
18	Baldwin, Roger	173
19	Pelley, Jon	176
20	Bugden, Doc	190
21	Langdon, JD	208
22	Kohler, Ken	221
23	Stone, Tim	230

L-R: Bruce Nourjian 4th, Dave Van Cleef, 5th, Dave Brawner 3rd, Chuck Luscomb 2nd, and Mark Rienhart 1st.