**The Florida Championship**

**The Florida EC-12 Association sponsors a special trophy for the EC-12 Class. This award will go to the captain who has the best over-all score for the regattas held in Florida. The Chairman has volunteered to keep track of the scores and maintain a running total that will be posted after each event. The purpose on this award is to increase attendance at regattas without punishing the very people that make our hobby possible, the RD’s and staff members. Just think what our sport would be like if no one wanted to be RD.**

**Florida Championship Rules**

1. All scheduled regattas in Florida are part of this series.

2. Only regattas scheduled at the beginning of the year shall qualify. Last minute regattas for locals only will not qualify.

3. All qualifying regattas will be 2-day events.

4. All EC-12 Captains who are dues paying members of the Florida EC-12 Association are eligible. You do not have to be a Florida resident.

5. Points will be awarded to each skipper in the regatta using the National Seeding List (NSL) Formula:

a. 1st place gets 100 points, last place gets 10 points.

b. All other skippers get a proportional score between 100 and 10 points (see NSL formula)

c. Non participants get zero points

6. The Regatta Director and ONE of his staff that would normally sail in the event will be awarded points equal to a 3rd place finish for administrating the event.

7. In the event the RD and/or some of the staff also sail in the event, they shall be awarded points like all the other entrants.

8. An RD or staff member may only receive points for administrating one event per season.

9. At the end of the year, each Captain’s points for the four (4) regattas in which they scored the most points will be totaled and the captain with the highest points will win the trophy. The top five (5) will qualify for the Championship’s Regatta. If one or more of the top 5 Captains cannot attend the event, the next Captain(s) in line will fill the slot until the 5 slots are filled. Only skippers among the top 10 may compete in the Champions regatta.

10. In the event of ties, weight will be given to bigger regattas to break ties. A win in a 30-boat regatta will beat a win in a 25-boat regatta. Points RD’s and staff members received shall not be used to break ties. If there are still ties, Racing Rule A8.1 for breaking series ties will be used.