

International Regatta Geographical Information

Charleston, South Carolina is located at the eastern terminus of Interstate 26 and 83 km east of Interstate 95, a major north south route.

James Island is south of the city and accessed by the route 30 causeway. The county park is 11 km from the city and Folly Beach is about the same further south. This is a major summer vacation destination.

Charleston is 536 km west to Atlanta, 614 to Orlando (Disney World) and 880 to Washington, DC. The Charleston airport connects to Orlando, Atlanta and Philadelphia international airports to name a few.

The James Island sailing venue is the finest facility and sailing lake available to the Class on the East Coast. The park is well managed with friendly personnel and has 9 nice cabins arranged comfortably for six and attractively priced considering the area, about ½ to a third when shared compared to surrounding local rates. The EC12 Class secures all of them for an event and will do the same for this one on a no host basis and the stay is recommended. These will be secured one year before the event. It is a popular destination.

The cabins can be seen on Google Earth just west of the lake. You will note they are together in a line. This makes for convenient visiting. While it is not yet determined the cabins could be available Tuesday the 3rd at around 16.00 but certainly on Wednesday. I will coordinate this later and will be responsible for dispensing the keys. There is economically good reason (20%) for letting me make the arrangement and I will gladly make the deposits as well. We are to vacate on the Sunday morning following. International groups could make arrangements with me for up to a week.

As seen on the map on the website there are two long courses with easy access to the water and your vehicle. Wind is generally a bit off the square of the courses but challenging and is from no sailing to 20 knots. November is known to be breezy and sometimes cool. Rain is problematical year round.

Set up is along the palms on the lakeside of the road and parking across the road along the palms there.

Closer to the event I will have a more detailed information sheet. There is not a lot to do on the island in the evenings and eating places or few and often crowded. The cabin group generally invites many to mount and assault on some restaurant like the Crab Shack and Gilligans. There are no eating places in the park but you have a salon, screen porch and kitchen in your cabin. Breakfast snacks, munchies, alcoholic and soft beverages are the norm. There is a coffee maker in the cabin but will need filters. Frank Angel will provide a cabin survival drill later.

It is the facility and the sailing experience that I choose the location. Other locations that would include vacation attractions do not have the championship level we like in a venue for this kind of event. I am confident you will enjoy the sailing along with the comfortable surroundings if not rewarding in your performance. The US EC12 Class is a lot about friendships and visiting while knowing the morning starts will be in large fleets on a tough lake in a top playground. ...Boys and their toys.

Please come. It is a special deal with whatever else you can rationalize.

Sincerely,
Rick West and the US EC12 Class