

The Silent Knight Conquers Dixie

2009 Wisteria Cup Regatta Report

With 18 boats registered for Charleston Model Yacht Club's 22nd Annual Wisteria Cup Regatta, the last event for the 2009 Dixie Cup Series sailed on October 24th and 25th, Baron Bremer of Jacksonville Florida did not even need to sail the event to win for the year. Second place Gerry Cobley could have tied him with a win in the regatta if Baron was a no show but Bremer had the breaker in his pocket. Of course Baron was here and in good form dominating the event.

It was a tricky weekend of sailing in Charleston with gusty SSW winds and in your face shifts making it difficult to stay in phase on the weather legs. With the typical long 2 ½ lap courses set, it was A rigs for the entire weekend but close to borderline B. Baron took control early with a pair of bullets in the first two races with all 18 on the line. At the end of the event with 20 races completed, Baron took 8 first place finishes, Rick Gerry (winner of the Morgan Black International Regatta two weeks prior) had 4 firsts as well as Reichard Kahle, Scott Vernon had 3 and Gerry Cobley had 1 which rounded out the top five in order. Paul Bowen from Elon, NC was the recipient of the Wisteria Cup, the trophy which wins you a free entry to the next year's event.

This was a busy fall season for the EC-12 Class and the Wisteria Cup was tucked between the Worlds and the Nationals so we were grateful for the 18 boats that showed. A big thank you goes to Bill Coates for acting as RD so I could get on the water and for donating his time and skills to produce the beautiful trophies that were given out. Also thanks to Ron and Pauline Lacroix for taking on the important task of score keeping. We could never pull this event off as smoothly without you guys. The fleet was also very well behaved so I also want to thank all skippers for making this a fun and easily managed event.

Reichard Kahle Jr.
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