

# 2013 Mystic EC12 Regatta

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Forecast for Saturday was for NNW 0-5kts. Well, it did that.

We had 22 boats registered for this regatta and that is a very good turn out and possibly a sign of the economy turning around. As a result, and the course options we seemed to be having, we elected to split the fleet, which turned out to be a good choice.

Dave Brawner had to put on his sales hat to create and sell a course that would some what resemble a windward leeward that folks could follow. Racing got underway with a single non-scored seeding race. This allowed folks to shake out the webs, have a look at how their boats stacked up and make any last minuet changes.

Right out of the gate, it was clear that Jamie Betz had his boat dialed in for the conditions posting two bullets as he climbed from B into A in the seeding heats.

As the day wore on, the SW which is typical for this venue, appeared to our SW and then withdrew while the NW seemed to hold its ground but not without causing fits to the RC trying to keep the course fair. DB commented to the skippers, "at some point during the race, the course will be fair". Finally after lunch, the SW crept in and the course was finally settled.

As the leaders began to emerge, the point spread between first and fourth were very close. Ramos, Dion, Betz and Leo were all in the first pelleton and stretching their lead on the pack.

At the end of 7 races on Day one, before discards, the top four looked like this...

D. Ramos 25pts  
A. Dion 26pts  
J. Betz 29pts  
J. Leo 36pts

Sunday was supposed to be more of the same starting in the NNW. We lucked out as the SW filled in sooner and the breeze was outstanding for the balance of the day. The fleet shrunk to 17 boats and was merged into one. As a result, we were able to get 10 more races in before the hard stop at 2pm. Nice job guys.

Now I am not sure exactly what happened but the information I do have is that Dave Ramos, who was in a position to win this regatta, conceded to Jake Leo's request for him to duck him as he was having sheeting issues. Dave did and I think collided with another boat, which sent him deep in the fleet and out of the top position. Ouch.

After 17 races, here were the final scores...

1-Jamie Betz 43pts  
2-Al Dion 44pts  
3-Dave Ramos 47pts  
4-Jake Leo 55pts  
5-Bob Greer 86pts  
6-Ron Rhault 90pts  
7-Phil Tonks 97pts  
8-Alex Ramos 104pts  
9-Bob Shluger 110pts  
10-Don Barker 118pts  
11-Tim Stone 139pts  
12-Victor Oberg 150pts  
13-Rodger Baldwin 187pts  
14-David Branning 218pts  
15-Rick West 220pts (withdrew)  
16-Jon Pelly 221pts  
17-Chuck Luscomb 246pts (withdrew)  
18-Jack Baldwin 254pts (withdrew)  
19-Kevin MacLellan 256pts (withdrew)  
20-Biff Martin 283pts (withdrew)  
Skip Hall DNC  
Bill Ewing DNC

Congratulations to Jamie Betz for his first EC12 Victory in some very challenging conditions!!!

Thanks to Dave Brawner, Ken Shaw, John Skerry and Judy Skerry for their hard work keeping the fleet going and coping with the crazy winds.