

2016 Micro Magic National Championship Regatta  
by Dan Pearce and John L. Santoro

Bright sun and brisk breezes greeted skippers at the Micro Magic NCR in January. This major event was hosted by The Villages Model Yacht Squadron, AMYA # 220 and Squadron Vice-Commodore John Santoro served as Race Director. Friday Afternoon was dedicated to weigh in and practice. The winds came directly from the west at 10-15 with gusts up to 20. Many of the sailors participated in the informal racing, which allowed for practice with a variety of sail configurations(A-D). Heavy gusts provided challenges for the boats and skippers as pitchpoles could be seen a number of times during the day. Emptying the boats of water was a common theme.

Twenty four entrees from seven states plus Sweden and the UK suited up to get racing underway Saturday morning. The program began with four seeding races to divide the fleet. Thereafter a Promotion/Relegation format went forth. Westerly winds of 6 to 10 MPH provided ample steam for the crafty Micro's. Building air in the afternoon had some B rigs appearing on the pond. After twenty four races three skippers were perched well ahead of the others and at days end with 6 first place finishes Mike Eades of Wickenburg, Arizona was leading the way.

Saturday night had the sailors and their guests enjoying casual banter and excellent cuisine down the road at the Arnold Palmer Country Club. Martin Gray, outgoing MM Class Secretary took the opportunity to introduce Greg Norris the incoming Secretary. Greg is from Paonia, Colorado.

Sunday brought stiffer winds gusting to 16 MPH and B rigs and several C's were the order of the day. The RD kept things moving along and with several withdrawals, moved to a single fleet scheme to conclude racing for Sunday. With the final race approaching three skippers had a chance for the crown. Two Floridians Alan Perkins and Martin Gray were nipping at the gunnels of Mike Eades. The cream rises and the long journey from Arizona paid off with Mike Eades taking home another NCR first place medal. Alan Perkins The Village of Amelia was second, followed by Martin Gray Jacksonville Beach Florida, Ron Stephans Madison Alabama and Jack Ward from Punta Gorda Florida. Five trophies were awarded and commemorative coffee cups were presented to each skipper. The Corinthian Spirit prevailed and Race Judge Ken Morrison hardly moved from his chair. The event ran smoothly from beginning to end with the help of the Assistant RD John Goldsworthy and local Squadron volunteers who did another super job on the sidelines. Thanks sailors and volunteers all for a terrific event!

#### Summary of the 2016 Micro Magic NCR

Dates: January 15-17

Location: Ashland Pond, The Villages Florida

Host: The Villages Model Yacht Squadron (TVMYS.org)

Entries: 25

Winds: 2-16

Races Completed: 32 (4 seeding, Sat 9 each A,B, Sun 10 combined)

Scoring: Low Point (3 total throw-outs)

Race Committee and Volunteers: **John Santoro** and **John Goldsworthy**, Race Directors; **Tom Engle** and **John Rowley**, Scorekeepers; **John Rowley** Measure; **Ken Morrison**, National Judge; **Dan Pearce**, Publicity; **Brain Engle**, Mark Observer; **Jim Kelly**, **Dodie DeVine**, **Linda Hall**, Finish; **Joe DeVine** and **Sal Serio**, Crash Boat; **Michele Santoro** and **Sue Kelly**, Lunch and Snacks;

#### 2016 Micro Magic NCR Results

<b>Place</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Home State</b>	<b>Point</b>
1	Mike Eades	Arizona	42
2	Alan Perkins	Florida	45
3	Martin Gray	Florida	52
4	Ron Stephanz	Alabama	76
5	Jack Ward	Florida	79
6	Gerhard Kelter, Jr	Florida	92
7	Noel Donaldson	Florida	102
8	Al Stiewing	Arizona	114
9	Liz Perkins	Florida	121
10	Ricard Azzam	Alabama	143

Remaining Finishers in order: George Balaschak, Greg Norris, Darrell Krasoski, Frank Vella, John Hall, Tony Lawrence, Henry DeWolf, Ulrike Kelter, Mike Wyatt, Frankie Novak, Tom Fenosseff, Jim Rutherford.