

2021 EC12 NCR (National Championship Regatta)

By Donald Hain

While regatta activity up north wanes each fall, the opposite is happening down south. For example, the East Coast 12 (EC12) class, 2021 National Championship Regatta (NCR) was hosted in Florida by The Villages Model Yacht Squadron (AMYA #220) on November 11th to 13th 2021.

While Covid-19 was specifically cited by some skippers, who declined to participate in the event, twenty-four sailors registered. Interestingly, four of the applicants are previous class champions. Three of which have won the title twice and one three times. Despite the lower number of over-all participants than usual, the level of competition was top shelf.

Registration on Wednesday afternoon offered the out of towners a chance to stretch their legs and check their equipment. Thursday morning the competitors were met by a light rain that, fortunately, ended before the skippers meeting. The rain was followed by shifty and intermittent winds—mostly light. The mark-setting crew was kept busy most of the day. For the first time, I can remember, the battery powering the trolling motor was completely depleted. Despite the challenging conditions, sixteen heats, both long enough and challenging enough for a national level regatta, were posted on the scoresheet at the end of the first day. The event was using a two-heat promotion-relegation system. The constantly changing conditions challenged both the race committee and the competitors.

On day two, everyone was welcomed to the pond with fog and no wind. One heat was accomplished that morning and the balance of the morning was spent wondering whether the wind or lunch would arrive first. Light, shifty winds continued for the balance of the day. Eight heats were added to the scoresheet that afternoon.

The morning of day three was spent with more sitting than racing due to lack of wind and a weather front passed through, with rain, to join us for lunch. When the rain passed, racing resumed and five more races (10 heats) were completed.

Saturday evening the awards banquet was held at the Glenview Country Club in The Villages where Peter Feldman was awarded first place. This is the fourth consecutive year that Peter has won this national event—a true testament that his skill and not luck is present in our sport.

Summary of EC12 2021 NCR

Date: November 11-13-2021

Location: The Villages, Florida

Host Club: The Villages Model Yacht Squadron (AMYA # 220)

Entries: 22

Winds: Light and variable to none

Races Completed: 17 (34 heats)

Scoring system: HMS 2016, low point scoring

Regatta Co-Chairmen: Commodore John Goldsworthy and Dan Pearce

Race Committee: Don Hain (RD); Bruce Farr & John Santoro (Assistant RD's); Sal Serio and our two ARD's (mark setting); Judy Clark and Sue Kelly (scorers); Jim Kelly (finish line judge); Terry Reynolds and John Rumphash (finish line recorders); Judy Hanlon (certified US Sailing National Judge) & Brian Engle (protest judges); Françoise Goldsworthy (lunches); Joe Devine (beverages & ice); Karen Luscomb (Peg Lady); Dan Pearce (RO, dinner MC and raffle procurement) and Karen Luscomb & Lynda Pearce (raffle hostesses).

2021 EC12 NCR Results:

Place	Skipper	Sail #	Points	Region
1	Peter Feldman	2240	42	4
2	Alex Ramos	105	56	2
3	Reichard Kahle	67	67	3
4	Jon Luscomb	45	75	7
5	Alan Perkins	14	77	7
6	Danny Thomas	405	77	2
7	David Ramos	5	79	2
8	Dave Linville	2099	112	3

9	Scott Graf	1874	115	2
10	Joe Walter	24	148	7
11	Chuck Millican	31	178	7
12	Liz Perkins	217	181	7
13	Thomas Phillips	65	188	7
14	Jim Rutherford	126	196	7
15	Dom Bonanno	888	198	2
16	George Balaschak	2200	211	7
17	AJ Moritz	1510	216	5
18	Frank Ligon	2210	248	7
19	Don Ouimette	72	251	
20	Doug Nettles	1449	261	7
21	Arthur White	187	292	7
22	Richard Boulay	35	292.8	2

Photo by Judy Bonanno, Official EC12 Class Photographer.
 Regatta photos at: [Nationals 2021 - Judy Bonanno \(smugmug.com\)](http://Nationals_2021_-_Judy_Bonanno(smugmug.com))

The Dave Brawner Corinthian-Spirit award, which is selected by the competitors, went to Frank Ligon this year.

Dave Brawner Award



Frank Ligon