

The Villages EC12 Gator Regatta

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The Florida EC12 Association holds monthly regattas in several locals around Florida each year from December through April. The first regatta in the series this year (The EC12 Gator Regatta) was held by The Villages Model Yacht Squadron at Ashland Pond in The Villages, Florida on December 1st and 2nd, 2018. After several days of below average temperatures the competitors were met with average to above average temperatures. However, the weather front brought showers on and off most of Saturday. The promotion-relegation format started Saturday with the B fleet racing in light air. Heavy showers and no wind then caused a hold. As the wind returned and the showers lessened rain gear, transmitter protectors, eager competitors, and RD and Commodore John Goldsworthy were able to execute six races (12 heats).

At the end of the first day, Alan Perkins, Past-Commodore was in first place with 18 points, Jon Luscomb was in second with 20 points, and Dave Linville was in third with 27 points. Chuck Millican was in fourth place with 31 points and Joe Walter, Class secretary, was in fifth with 35 points. Sunday the rain held off and the wind blew across the pond reducing the length of the first upwind leg. The consistency of the top competitors was reflected in the fact that the top three positions didn't change from the previous day and 4th and fifth swapped places and required a tie-breaker.

Place	Skipper	Points
1	Alan Perkins	18
2	Jon Luscomb	36
3	Dave Linville	43
4	Joe Walter	45
5	Chuck Mlilican	45
6	Jim Kaighin	54
7	Ricky Gerry	58
8	Earnan Scavella	67
9	Calvin Obara	80
10	John Santoro	82

Remaining finishers: Brenda Pardee, George Balashak, Don Hain, Jim Rutherford, Dan Pearce, Liz Perkins, Frank Lignon, George Willis, Chuck Young, and Steve Griffin.

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Left to right: Joe Walter-4th, Dave Linville-3rd, Jon Luscomb-2nd, Grand-daughter of, and Alan Perkins-1st, and Chuck Millican-5th.