

## 2019 EC12 Gator Regatta

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The annual and popular Gator Regatta for EC12 was held at Ashland Pond, The Villages, FL, on November 9,10. Nineteen skippers had registered for the regatta. This event kicks off the EC12 regatta season for the Florida EC12s. Skippers were divided into two fleets, A and B. The promotion/relegation system was used. Entries included many fine skipper and past national champions so competition was tight.

Ashland Pond provides perfect sailing conditions for all wind directions but north. Saturday morning arrived with strong and gusty winds from the north. Though it took some creativity, the race team managed to set a reasonably fair course which included a reaching start to a leeward mark and then a beat to weather. Competitors sailed this course two and a half times around before finishing at the weather and offset marks. Nine races were completed Saturday before we retired to a local eatery for a fine meal.

Sunday dawned with no major changes to the sailing conditions. Winds continued from the north, but they were light and variable. Each heat had 10-11 sailors as 4 were promote from B and four relegate down from A. This made for tight and competitive racing. Three skippers from the local fleet sailed their first regatta. A significant number given the aging population within the EC12 class.

### Summary of the 2019 EC12 Gator Regatta, Green Chevron

Date: November 9-10

Location: Ashland Pond, The Villages, FL

Entries: 19

Winds: Saturday 10-12, gusting to 20+, Sunday: variable 4-8 from the north

Races Completed: 13 for each fleet

Scoring System: low-point with 2 throw-outs

Regatta Committee and volunteers: RD: John Goldsworthy; Asst. RD: Bruce Farr; Score Keeping: Dayna Weinman, Joe Devine, Bill Kenifeck and Judy Clark; Food: Francoise Goldsworthy; Rules Officials: Ken Morrison and Tom Germer; valuable helpers: Sal Serio, Terry Reynolds, Gary Weinman, John Rumplach, Chuck Young, Karen Luscomb

### 2019 EC12 Gator Regatta Results:

Place	Skipper	Points
1.	Chuck Millican	24
2.	Alan Perkins	28
3.	Earnan Scavella	39
4.	Joe Walter	42
5.	Martin Grey	49
6.	John Luscomb	60
7.	Bob Greer	65
8.	Calvin Obara	73
9.	John Santoro	95
10.	Brenda Pardee	105

Remaining finishers: George Balaschak Dan Pearce, Liz Perkins, Frank Ligon, Gary Weinman, Sal Serio, Chuck Young, Don Hain, Ricky Gerry