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The Villages Model Yacht Squadron was fortunate to host the EC12 District 7 Championships. The opportunity proved sporting since Saturday arrived with winds in excess of 20mph. Everyone started with B-Rigs, but even they proved challenging. Our Race Director, Bruce Farr, set a twice around course using most of Ashland Pond. We had a total of 23 EC12 skippers which were initially divided into A and B Fleets using our National Seeding List. As usual, B fleet went first with 15 starters – four top finishers to be promoted to A Fleet. The more experienced A Fleet skippers seemed to have less trouble coping with the high wind and higher gusts, but they had their problems too. At days end, only four points separated the leaders.

Saturday evening, we all met at Arnold Palmer Legends Country Club for an excellent meal and a perfect opportunity to exchange sailing experiences and reinforce camaraderie.

Well some say opposites attract and they certainly did Sunday. We could see our reflections in the water. NO wind at all. We delayed starting until a little (very little) wind came in. The first couple of races took forever, but gradually the wind built to about 4mph. We finished the regatta with a total of 13 races (26 heats) allowing us to drop 2 races. Alan Perkins, defending champion, once again sailed consistently and won the regatta.

Summary of 2020 EC12 District 7 Championships

Dates: January 11-12, 2020

Location: The Villages, FL

Host Club: The Villages Model Yacht Squadron - AMYA#220

Entries: 23

Winds: 3-20+mph

Races Completed: 13

Scoring: Low Point, with 2 throw-outs

Race Committee: Brice Farr, RD; Ken Morrison & Tom Germer, Rules Officials;

Bob & Kim Disspenett, Scoring; Gary Weinman, Rescue Boat; Jim Kelly, Line Judge

2020 EC12 District 7 Championship Regatta Results

<u>Place</u>	<u>Skipper</u>	<u>Sail #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Alan Perkins	14	23
2.	Joe Walter	24	28
3.	Peter Feldman	40	46
4.	Jon Luscomb	2045	50
5.	Chuck Millican	31	51
6.	Earnan Scalava	147	57
7.	Bob Greer	1980	60
8.	Calvin Obara	1101	79
9.	Liz Perkins	217	103
10.	John Santoro	2150	105

Other competitors in order of their finish: George Balachak, Brenda Pardee, Jim Rutherford, Martin Gray, John Goldsworthy, Ken Williams, Dan Pearce, Sal Serio, Thomas Smith, Frank Ligon, Chuck Young, John Rumplach, Bill Kenifeck.