

On Tuesday April 21, TVMYS (The Villages Model Yacht Squadron) Soling Fleet hosted a one-day Regatta. We had fifteen enthusiastic racers representing six different RC clubs. Some skippers flew burgees representing more than one club membership. Our Race Director was Bruce Farr, American Sailing Hall of Fame Member. Bruce set some great courses and clearly outlined the racing rules pertaining to our Ashland Pond here in The Villages.

With the sun shining and breezes of 7/9 knots we sailed as one fleet with 8 races before a club provided lunch and 8 races after lunch. A stunning First Place Trophy was earned by and presented to John Santoro of TVMYS. John was followed closely by Alan Perkins also from The Villages. Nick Cavasses, Doug Roe and Terry Reynolds rounded out the top five places and each received a trophy with the first three also receiving chevrons provided by the AMYA.

The regatta provided the opportunity to showcase our newly acquired Lowe's Jon Boat and to provide the inaugural use of the club's new aluminum launching dock. Soling RC sailboats are alive and well in The Villages with organized sailing three mornings a week at two unique water sites. Visitors to the Villages are invited to join us and reserve a club boat for their use while in town.

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