

2012 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta

By Russell Hardie

The Kettering Model Sailing Club (KMSC) (AMYA Club # 237) hosted the 2012 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta at Delco Park in Kettering, Ohio July 13-14, 2012. Eight V-32 skippers participated in the highly contested regatta under the direction of John Emery, whose home club is the nearby Miami Valley Model Yacht Club (AMYA Club # 73).

We were honored to welcome John Davis, this fine publication's editor who hails from Des Moines Iowa (AMYA Club 142), to this event to race with us. As John Davis kindly put it, "You mates host a great regatta. Tough competition handled as gentlemen sailors should handle it, and most of the different wind conditions one could ever want (or not want!)" Indeed, the wind started light with the biggest and most frequent wind shifts I recall encountering at our pond in several years of racing. The wind built as the day progressed, allowing us to complete 20 races during the official race day on July 14. Scoring was done using the Low Point System with 4 throw-outs.

John Emery changed the course regularly to try to keep pace with the changing wind direction and did an excellent job with course selection and in keeping the regatta moving smoothly. It was a tight competition for the first 3 spots and many skippers moved into and around in these positions as the regatta developed. Four different skippers each took the checkered flag 4 or more times during the 20 race regatta. When the awards were handed out, no one (except the score keeper) was sure how the positions would unfold.

In the end, Russell Hardie, Ralph Kanko, and Rob Hill finished as the top three with Dave Eckard in close pursuit having 4 aces in a row. The KMSC awarded handsome plaques and AMYA chevrons to the top three finishers and custom event T-shirts to all. The KMSC would like to thank John Emery as RD, all the volunteers, and all the outstanding skippers for making this a terrific event with great sportsmanship.

On a technical note, the top boats were setup very similarly. All were Victor-built with Victor supplied brass boom vang, they all employed the optional topping lift and had battened sails reinforced as per the class rules. The sail reinforcements on some of the top boats were done by 2010 V-32 National Champion Scott Rowland of Windjammin Sails.

Summary

Event: 2012 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta
Class: V-32
Date: July 13-14, 2012
Location: Delco Park, Kettering Ohio
Host Club: Kettering Model Sailing Club (#237)
Entries: 8
Winds: Generally SW 2-8 mph
Races Completed: 20
Scoring System: Low Point, single fleet (4 throw-outs)

Race Director: John Emery

Regatta Committee: Steve Pratt, Chair (V-32 Class Secretary); Dave Eckard; Jose' Garcia; Russell Hardie; Ralph Kanko (Commodore KMSC).

Assistants: Jose' Garcia, rescue boat; Dave Eckard, budget, advertising, registration, scoring, and trophies; Scott Eckard, photography; Russell Hardie, weigh in; Sharon Kanko, RD assistant; Steve Pratt, AMYA coordination, lunch planning, and T-shirts.

2011 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta Results

| Place | Skipper | Points (after throw-outs) |
|-------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Russell Hardie | 35 |
| 2 | Ralph Kanko | 37 |
| 3 | Rob Hill | 40 |
| 4 | Dave Eckard | 49 |
| 5 | Dan Minnix | 66 |
| 6 | John Davis | 70 |
| 7 | Steve Pratt | 89 |
| 8 | Mark Camden | 118 |



A close and colorful fleet, hallmarks of the V-32 one-design class. 2012 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta in Kettering Ohio (photo by Scott Eckard).



The full line-up (left to right): Dan Minnix, Russell Hardie, Rob Hill, Dave Eckard, John Davis, Mark Camden, Ralph Kanko, Steve Pratt (photo by Scott Eckard).