

2011 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta

By Russell Hardie and Ralph Kanko

The Kettering Model Sailing Club (KMSC) (AMYA Club # 237) hosted the 2011 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta at Delco Park in Kettering, Ohio July 15-17. It was a hot one with temperatures in the 90's and light wind, but still fun for all. Our Race Director (RD), John Emery, whose home club is the nearby Miami Valley Model Yacht Club (AMYA Club # 73), was gracious to take on the event. He did an outstanding job setting up courses and keeping the event moving smoothly.

We opened the course for practice races on Friday, followed by pizza at the park. Formal racing began Saturday Morning at 9:30 AM with 11 skippers in light but sufficient wind of approximately 2-5 mph. We sailed as a single fleet using the Low Point System with a total number of throw-outs equal to 1/6 of the number of completed races. Our RD worked hard to ensure we had a beat in the course and a fair start line. The wind shifted, faded, and filled in frequently, allowing for come-from-behind passing and never-secure leads. The conditions demanded constant attention and a keen eye for the wind.

Scott Rowland of Centerville Ohio led the fleet much of the day sailing in a borrowed Tennessee-orange V-32 that he had completely reworked with new rigging and sails just a few weeks before the race. By 4:00 PM we had amazingly completed 20 races, with several skippers in close contention for second and third place. We started racing again on Sunday at 9:30 AM, but only managed 5 races before the end of scheduled racing, giving us a grand total of 25 races for the event. The current national champion, Scott Rowland, took first followed by Russell Hardie and Rob Hill. Gene Wisner, representing the Indianapolis Admirals, made a run for third place in the light air on Sunday, but fell just one point shy and finished fourth. Ralph Kanko (Commodore KMSC) took the fifth spot. Steve Pratt (V-32 Class Secretary) had a servo failure that took him out of the regatta on Sunday.

The KMSC awarded handsome plaques to the top five finishers that were engraved with a V-32 line drawing. Also awarded were AMYA red chevrons to the top three finishers and travel coffee mugs to all participants. The KMSC would like to thank the RD, all the volunteers, and all the outstanding skippers for making this a terrific event with great sportsmanship.

Summary

Event: 2011 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta

Class: V-32

Date: July 15-17, 2011

Location: Delco Park, Kettering Ohio

Host Club: Kettering Model Sailing Club (#237)

Entries: 11

Winds: Generally SSE 0-5 mph

Races Completed: 25

Scoring System: Low Point, single fleet (throw-outs equal to 1/6 of the total races)

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, advertising and registration; Scott Eckard, photography; Karen Hardie, lunches; Don Peacock, Brian Freeh, & Dale Spicer, RD assistants.

2011 V-32 Region 4 Championship Regatta Results

Place	Skipper	Points (after throw-outs)
1	Scott Rowland	25
2	Russell Hardie	57
3	Rob Hill	68
4	Gene Wisner	69
5	Ralph Kanko	81
6	Jose Garcia	108
7	Dan Minnix	117
8	Dave Eckard	137
9	Mark Camden	141
10	Franklyn Day	211
11	Steve Pratt	



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



Heading for the first mark are Rowland, Hardie, Ekard, Kanko, Minnix, Pratt, Day, Garcia (photo by Scott Eckard).



Rob Hill, Russell Hardie, Scott Rowland, Gene Wisner, Ralph Kanko (photo by Karen Hardie).



The full line up: Steve Pratt, Dave Eckard, Jose Garcia, Ralph Kanko, Scott Rowland, Gene Wisner, Rob Hill, Russell Hardie, Dan Minnix, Franklyn Day (photo by Scott Eckard).