

# **Florida EC-12 Association By-laws**

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## **1. NAME AND PURPOSE**

- A. The name of the organization is “Florida EC-12 Association”.
- B. The Florida EC-12 Association is an unincorporated organization operated on a not-for-profit basis.
- C. The purpose of the organization is to promote radio-controlled model sailboat racing. This purpose includes sponsorship of model sailboat racing regattas in the East Coast 12-Meter class among the Florida and non-Florida participants under the auspices of the American Model Yachting Association and under the current class specifications and racing rules of that association.
- D. All regattas will adhere to the Racing Rules of Sailing as modified by Appendix E and the Sailing Instructions.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Membership/Participation is open to all AMYA members who own an EC-12 registered with AMYA.
- B. Annual membership dues are \$10 and are to be paid in full to the Chairman or Secretary prior to the first scheduled regatta of each year.

## **3. OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected at the annual meeting.

## **4. CLASS OF YACHT**

The class of yacht will be the East Coast 12-Meter as manufactured by a class approved AMYA hull manufacturer (Kit or Assembled). All boats must be properly registered with the Class secretary.  
See Class Rules.

## **5. FEES/ASSESSMENT**

- A. Regatta entry fees. Two-day regatta = \$30; One-day regatta=\$15  
There will be no refund of entry fee to a skipper for a no show. Regatta entry fees will be reviewed each year at the annual meeting.
- B. The proceeds from the sale of raffles or other fund raising activities will go to the Florida EC-12 Association.

## **6. NUMBER OF REGATTAS PER YEAR.**

The Association will always strive to schedule a minimum of 6 regattas each year.

## **7. LENGTH OF EACH REGATTA**

- A. One and a half days—Saturday and Sunday
- B. Saturday=9:00 am to 3:30 pm Sunday=9:00 am to 12:30 noon
- C. One-day regattas may be scheduled by any club and the host club is free to set the start and end time of the regatta. One-day regattas are not part of the Florida Championship. See Florida Championship Rules.

## 8. Regatta Formats & trophies

The host club and RD will adhere to the Two-Fleet scoring system as adopted by a majority vote of the membership, with the following exceptions:

- A. Less than 16 skippers: All skippers may race together in each heat. Three heats will be sailed followed by a short break.
- B. For Regional or National Championship regattas hosted by the Association, the Promotion and Relegation (EORS) system will be used.

For the Two-Fleet system or A above, prizes will be awarded to the top three positions in each. In the case of B above, prizes will be awarded to the top five or more positions based on the number of entrants.

Changes in a Regatta's format may be made only with the approval of the Chairman of the Florida EC-12 Association.

## 9. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System will be used. Each boat starting and finishing in a race, and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified, will be scored 1 point for first place, 2 points for second place, 3 points for third place, and so on. Each boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores. If at least 8 races are sailed, a boat's worst score will be excluded. For every increment of 8 additional races sailed, one additional worst score will be excluded from her overall score. The lowest total score wins. Note: A disqualification may not be discarded.

## 10. FLORIDA CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The Championship Trophy will be awarded at the end of the scheduled sailing season and will be determined by a points formula for the number of races participated in and the number of boats beat in each race. See Florida Championship Rules.

## 11. SPORTSMANSHIP

In the case of a gross infringement of the rules, a gross breach of good manners and/or sportsmanship, or when the actions on an individual cause repeated disharmony among the other members, the Chairman may take disciplinary action against the individual(s) which can include suspension of racing rights or expulsion from the Association.

## 12. ANNUAL MEETING

An annual meeting will take place during one of the two-day regattas on the schedule, usually towards the end of the year. It shall be announced at the beginning of each season. The election of officers and changes to these by-laws may be made at the annual meeting and by a majority vote of the active members present or by a vote of the majority via the Internet or paper ballot.