

## **2017 US12 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA**

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The Sun Coast Model Sailing Club in Punta Gorda, FL was host for the 2017 US12 National Championship Regatta. Saturday morning winds were a race committee's nightmare being a light breeze with constant direction changes. Competitors got plenty of exercise walking around the pond searching for a favored course. Defending champion, Alan Perkins, maintained an impressive lead at days end with 16 races sailed. Unfortunately Sunday's winds were no better and the regatta was called after the 5<sup>th</sup> race of the day. Alan Perkins continued on his winning streak. Jack Ward, Art Hawes, Howard Means and Bill Croft rounded off the top five finishers.

### **Summary of 2017 US 12 National Championship**

Date: April 1 and 2, 2017

Location: South County Regional Park, Punta Gorda, FL

Host: Sun Coast Model Sailing Club

Entries: 15

Winds: Saturday, E-SE-NE-N-NW-NE-W-NW-W-SW 0 to 4 knots. Sunday, more of the same.

Races Completed: 21

Scoring: Low point

Regatta Committee and assistants: Paul "Slip" Newfield, RD; Dave Peterson, Assistant RD; Joe & Barbara Hitchings, Bruce Bradfute, Doug Jones, Mike Rodeheaver, Pauline Lacroix.

### **US 12 National Championship Results:**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Alan Perkins	41
2	Jack Ward	54
3	Art Hawes	71
4	Howard Means	109
5	Bill Croft	113
6	Don Ouimette	113
7	Kent Burgess	118
8	Dick Maiese	140
9	Don Haines	148
10	Brian Engle	154

Remaining Finishers: Liz Perkins, Chuck Millican, Nick Chavasse, Frank Valla, David Martens.

