

## 2016 DragonForce / Micro Magic Region 7 Championship

By Jeff Hawley

A combined Micro Magic / DragonForce 65 Region 7 championship regatta was held at South County Regional Park in Punta Gorda Florida on December 17- 18<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Sun Coast Model Sailing Club. The weather (85°) was excellent, with good SE winds on both days, 2-10 mph. At one point, some of the MM boats moved to a B rig, but the wind did not hold at that level for long, and a B rig became a disadvantage.

There were 14 Dragon Force entries and 6 Micro Magic entries. The Micro Magics were able to complete 21 races while the Dragon Force Fleet completed 22. That means that if you sailed in both classes, you sailed 43 races in 2 days! Bill Croft was the race director and ran an excellent Regatta, ably assisted by lots of volunteers from the Suncoast Model Sailing Club which made the Regatta run smoothly. Racing was very close and very exciting. In the Micro Magic fleet only one point separated second and third. Some additional excitement was provided by a water moccasin that was spotted in the weeds along the shore. Happily, he/she? did not affect any of the racing.

The class secretary for the Micro Magic class, Greg Norris, and the class secretary for the Dragon Force class, Darrell Krasoski, were both in attendance. Greg had travelled all the way from Colorado! Also, the vice president of AMYA Ron Stephanz, who came all the way from Alabama, sailed in both fleets. Other Florida sailors came from Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale and the Villages.

SCMSC: Jeff Hawley, Race Chairman; Bill Croft, Race Director; Art Hawes, Course Manager and chief scorer; Paul Newfield, Dave Peterson, Start, Finish and Protest committee; Doug Jones, Crash Boat; Joe Hitchings, Scorer with Barbara Hitchings and Janice Anderson; Mike Rodeheaver, Lunch; Eric Miller, Ron Lacroix, Pauline Lacroix, Jim Vandenberg, Phil Sanders, Joe Hamilton, Course Marshals; Richard And Joyce Greenwald, hosts for great party and lighted boat parade Saturday evening.

Date: December 17-18

Location: Punta Gorda, Fla

Host Club: Sun Coast Model Sailing Club

Scoring: One Fleet, low point, three throwouts

Winds: 2-10

### Results of the DragonForce Region 7 RCR:

Entries: 14

Races: 22

Place	Name	Points
1.	Tony Gonsalves	34
2.	Martin Grey	63
3.	Jack Ward	71
4.	Ron Stephanz (AMYA VP)	85
5.	John Steacy	113

Also competing, in order of finish: Darrell Krasoski (DragonForce Class Secretary), Jeff Hawley, Ron Lange, Bruce Bradfute, Pete Ashton, Dick Maise, Doug Jones, John Hall, Graham Brewster (Sunday only)

### Results of the Micro Magic Region 7 RCR

Entries: 6

Races: 21

Place	Name	Points
1.	Jack Ward	32
2.	Greg Norris (MM Class Secretary)	49
3.	Ron Stephanz (AMYA VP)	50

Martin Grey

John Hall

Dick Maise