

August 20, 2016

Hello Skippers,

Today we held the August ODOM regatta. This is the last "regular" regatta before the September madness starts (back-to-back RMR's on Saturday AND Sunday after Labor Day, and then the ODOM NCR!). Ten skippers showed up today in the cooler weather, which was a pleasant break. The temperature started in the low 60s and reached about 70 under mostly sunny skies. We got in 13 races and the results are attached and also shown below.

The wind was mostly frustrating today. We expected easterly winds but they didn't fill in from that direction with any regularity and velocity except for one race after noon. For the first nine races, the wind would begin from the east or southeast but then it would slack off and drift around with the thermals until the end of the race. Wind speed for these races was about 0-2mph. We ran a single lap course for these 9 races.

Finally, just after noon, the wind filled in from the east at about 3-5mph and it looked like it was going to hold. We ran race #10 as a 1-1/4 lap race which was a welcome break from the usual course. But by the time the race was done, the wind had dropped off again to about 1mph. The final three races had better starting winds, but they did not hold steady during the race. The leeward marks were used as a gate for these last three races since we were getting a good wind direction for a gate.

Hopefully we will get beautiful, steady winds for all of our big regattas in September!

See you at the pond,

Don