

August 6, 2016

Hello Skippers,

The August Victoria regatta was held today. We had 9 skippers competing today which makes it three months in a row we've had 9 skippers for the Vic regatta. The weather today was much cooler than last month. We had steady temperatures in the low 70s under overcast skies. There was a threat of rain today and in fact, at about 12:30 it began to rain and we cut the regatta short. We got in 11 races before the rain drove us away. The results are attached and also shown below.

The winds started from the north-northeast and the prediction was they would clock around to the east by about 11. The wind speed was initially about 5mph but it soon dropped to about 2-3; at least stayed in that range all during the regatta. Since the wind was supposed to move to the east, we set up on the usual south shore. We had to wait a few extra minutes to get started since we had two buoys break their string and Kent went to Lowe's to get some more washers to do the necessary repairs.

The first couple races were run as the standard box course as one lap. With the wind still primarily out of the north, we had only a short windward section between the two windward buoys. The second two races we used only the outboard buoy for the windward leg since the wind started moving northeast.

With no indication we would get an easterly wind, we set up a different course. All of the remaining races were run as 1-1/4 laps. We only used the outboard buoy for the windward leg. After rounding the two leeward buoys, the middle start line was poison for the upwind leg. So skippers had to decide whether to go close-hauled and go offshore to round the starting buoy or stay close to shore before heading up to the finish line. This course change made for a more interesting final leg.

And for the second regatta in a row, all 9 skippers were able to race in all 11 races. We had no DNSs or DNFs today!

See you at the pond,

Don