

Hello Skippers,

On June 25, 2016, Harper Lake Model Yacht Club held the 12th Annual Circumnavigate Race. This is one of HLMYC's invitational events where we race around the circumference of Harper Lake (approximately 1 mile). Kent Broadhead came up with this excellent idea years ago when reflecting on the big boats racing around the world and he continues to direct this special event every year. Thank you Kent!

Before we get to the details I would like to thank the following folks who really helped make this special event happen:

- Kent for setting up the course around the lake and the channel leading from our "harbor" to our "ocean."
- Kent, Terry Britton, and Stew Williams for collecting all those marks again after the 3 races.
- Also thanks to Kent for acting as Race Director and running the different class starts and scoring the races.
- Ken Hegy for bringing the table, paper plates, paper towels and cooler with ice and water. And thanks for the special score sheets for this event.
- Rich Roberts for bringing out the lighthouse to mark the starting line.
- Michael Kopp for bringing shade canopies - we sure used them!
- Tom Quesenbery for ordering our pizza lunch.
- Jim Hayes for supplying safety whistles and cell numbers.
- Sharon Kopp for taking photos of the award ceremony.
- Special thanks to the members of the Broomfield Model Yacht Club who came out to enjoy a day of racing, food, and camaraderie.
- And finally, thanks to Jim Tarr and his wife Penny who traveled all the way from Grand Junction to join us today!

The weather was quite pleasant with temps in the 70s at the start and climbing to around 85 by the end of racing. We had some clouds keeping things from getting too hot, including some distant thunder but thankfully no rain. The wind was fantastic this year. We had ESE winds at about 8mph so the racing was a lot of fun (and tiring!).

We had 21 skippers come out to compete this year - a great turnout. Lee Dong also came out to practice some sailing after a hiatus for the first part of the year. We had 7 ODOMs, 5 Victorias, 5 Solings and 4 boats for the Open Class (a Dragon Flight 95, a Star, a Soling 50, and a Laser/Phantom). This allowed us to have four different start sequences. After the skipper's meeting at about 10:15, we started the first of three circumnavigate races.

The Victorias went first, followed by the Solings, the ODOMs, and then the Open class. The first race was counterclockwise around the lake. The wind was quite good on the lake except at the southeast corner where it had to come off the land. The channel out to the ocean also gave some skippers fits for the same reason.

The first race finished in about 30 minutes. The second race was run clockwise but again the wind was good in most places around the lake.

The second race finished right around noon so Tom Q ordered our pizza. The report from Blackjack's was that it would be an hour before they could get our order out to us. So we decided with the good wind to go ahead and run the third race to make good use of the time. We again reversed direction, this

time sailing in the counterclockwise direction.

We took our break for pizza at about 1:00. After tallying up the scores for all the classes, we had a tie for the Open class between Rich Roberts with his Soling 50 and Jim Tarr from Grand Junction with his Dragon Flight 95. Both skippers were willing to do a short tie breaker race and so that commenced after pizza. The course for the tie breaker was to race out of the channel, turn 180 degrees to the buoy in the southwest corner of the ocean, and then straight back to the finish line where the lighthouse was. Jim was able to navigate through the channel before Rich and then he was off. So Jim won the tie breaker and the trophy for the Open Class. This may be the furthest from Harper Lake one of the traveling trophies will be for a year!

The final scoring of the four classes are shown below. The attached spreadsheet has all the details on finishing order and class finish order and final points. First place winners received a traveling trophy built by Kent Broadhead. Note that Stew Williams and Ken Hegy tied for second in the Victoria class with 10 points.

Class						
Finish	Victoria			Soling One Meter		
	Points	Sail #	Skipper	Points	Sail #	Skipper
1st	6	16	B. Sherrell	3	879	M. Kopp
2nd	10	45	S. Williams	8	237	J. Roth
3rd	10	305	K. Hegy	10	327	D. McGraw
	13	1376	D. Metzger	12	52	J. Hayes
	17	00	J. Barr	13		J. Moores

Class						
Finish	ODOM			Open		
	Points	Sail #	Skipper	Points	Sail #	Skipper
1st	5	943	D. Hanson	5	166	J. Tarr
2nd	6	469	T. Britton	5	16	R. Roberts
3rd	11	519	D. Verhaeghe	8	45	C. Drake
	13	479	T. Quesenbery	12		D. Watson
	15	511	B. Hight			
	18	494	C. Converse			
	21	1	R. Dietz			

Thanks again to everyone for making this a great event!

See you at the pond,

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