

November 19, 2016

Hello Skippers,

We held our final ODOM regatta of the 2016 season today. We had sunny skies but temps starting around 35! At the end of racing, it had warmed up a little, to about the upper 40s. Eleven skippers braved the cold weather for one final shot at fame and fortune. We got in 8 races (more on that below) and the results are attached and shown below. Bill Bogusky came out to race with us and Michael Kopp made a guest appearance also. Richard Duryea, a new member, also stopped by to chat. Thanks for coming out Bill, Michael, and Richard!

The wind was very flaky today. It was supposed to be out of the east and so we set up on the south shore. While Barry was setting up all the buoys (thanks Barry!) the wind hinted at also wanting to be out of the southeast. So Barry threw one last buoy off the west shore halfway down to the pump house to use for a southeast (or northwest) wind.

The first three races were sailed in sub-1mph winds. The starts had relatively nice wind and then it would die. Even though we only had one-lap races all day, the first three took almost an hour to complete. Finally, the wind came up to about 2-3 mph for the rest of the races with the occasional drop to 0. With such light air, and waiting at times hoping for more wind, we were only able to get 8 races in today. As we expected, the wind did swing southeast for a few races so we used Barry's extra buoy. We sailed around the first two windward buoys to the east and then way out to the far buoy and then to the finish line, which was approximately upwind. It was a nice change of pace for the last regatta.

So the ODOM season results are now complete. We had 19 skippers race at least one ODOM regatta this 2016 season. The top 7 finishing positions are shown here:

7th – Stew Williams – 6.24 pts (adjusted monthly average)
6th – Greg LaLiberte – 5.61 pts
5th – Greg Norris – 5.20 pts
4th – Don Verhaeghe – 3.13 pts
3rd – Tom Quesenbery – 2.71 pts
2nd – Barry Hight – 2.23 pts
1st – Denny Hanson – 1.85 pts

Thanks to everyone for making this enjoyable season. I hope to see you all at the annual luncheon on December 10.

See you at the pond,

Don