

November 5, 2016

Hello Skippers,

We held the November Victoria regatta today, enjoying great weather for the final 2016 Victoria regatta. The temperature was about 60 when we started and climbed to the upper 60s when we finished. We had sunny skies at least until about noon and then some clouds did start to build up. Twelve skippers came out for this final regatta and we got twelve races completed. The results are attached and also shown below.

It was surprising how low the water is now - about 20 feet of lake bed is showing. It took us a while to set up the marks since the wind direction kept shifting on us at 10:00. We finally decided the wind was going to be southerly for the day so we set up on the west shore. We also expected southeast winds so Kent threw two buoys off the south shore so we could get a windward course to the southeast from the west shore.

The winds started at 3mph but dropped to about 1 for the first three races or so. Sailing into the Barrymuda triangle on the windward leg was quite the challenge with the light wind. From the beginning we used those extra buoys Kent tossed out since southeast was the primary wind direction. After about five races we extended the course to finish at the windward buoys since the wind had finally settled in at a more steady speed. Only one race had primarily south winds for which we used the close in buoys off the west shore. For all the other races we headed out to the further buoys for the windward leg. The one furthest away was allowed to be touched without a penalty since it was so far from the west shore.

I should also mention that one of our new members, George Gielow, came out to observe the regatta. He's finishing up his Victoria and should be out with us at the start of next season. Thanks for stopping by George!

The Victoria season results are now complete. We had 17 skippers race at least one Vic regatta this season. The top 7 finishing positions are shown here:

7th – Stew Williams – 5.25 pts (adjusted monthly average)
6th – Ken Hegy – 5.01 pts
5th – Kent Broadhead – 4.96 pts
4th – Barry Hight – 4.04 pts
3rd – Tom Quesenbery – 3.03 pts
2nd – Don Verhaeghe – 1.74 pts
1st – Denny Hanson – 1.37 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