

August 5, 2017

Hello Skippers,

We held our August Victoria regatta today. The skies were generally cloudy and it was a bit muggy due to all the moisture during the week. With the cloud cover, the temperature was not too bad. We started in the low 70s and ended in the low 80s. We had 11 skippers come out today to compete and we got in 12 races.

Rich Duryea came out today to try out his #430 Victoria. In addition, Powers Foss came out to watch for the whole regatta. After the first few races, I asked Powers to score the races for us and he was glad to. So, thank you Powers for handling this critical task for us! As a side note, Powers is expecting to get an ODOM from a sailor in NC soon so he can join us on the pond.

The wind at the start of the day was practically non-existent. It reminded me too much of last Saturday's practice day which was canceled due to lack of wind. But soon a slight breeze (about 1mph) came up from an easterly direction. So we set up the standard box course on the south shore. The prediction was for 4-6mph. That only happened for about 1/2 of one race as I recall. The wind was only about 2-3 mph all day and it did drop off a few times during racing to really mix things up. It took a lot of focus and some luck to find a zephyr when the wind dried up.

The wind direction was primarily east throughout the day, although the first couple of races had more of a northeast wind so we only used the offshore windward buoy for the windward leg. Almost all the races were one lap as the wind was just too undependable to run longer races. We did run two races as 1-1/4 laps but since the wind did not stabilize, the day was finished with all one-lap races.

Just a side note, I will not be at the August ODOM regatta (Aug 19) so Kent is expected to be the race director that day.

See you at the pond,

Don