

Hello Skippers,

On September 30, 2017, we held the first Fall Circumnavigate regatta. The one held in June has been such a popular event, we decided upon popular request to hold a second one this year. We called it a no-frills regatta, meaning skippers had to bring their own lunch and drink but otherwise HLMYC supplied the rest, including great weather, enough wind, and Kent's great course and RD talents.

I'd also like to thank Chuck Drake. First, he took care of the scoring and tallying up the end results for the different classes. Secondly, he loaned out two of his own boats to other skippers so they could try their hand at yacht racing. Powers Foss, who is awaiting his ODOM from North Carolina, used Chuck's T50. Sam Becker, a new junior member, tried racing with Chuck's US One Meter. Welcome Sam! Thank you Chuck!!

The weather was great for this fall event. We had partly cloudy skies with temps in the mid 60s. Nineteen skippers turned out for this regatta, with another good showing from the Broomfield club. We held starts for four different classes: Victoria, Soling, ODOM, and Open Class. For the Open class, Bill McGregor sailed his EC12, Powers sailed Chuck's T50, and Sam sailed Chuck's US One Meter.

The wind was a bit light for the first race, with doldrums occurring in areas around the lake. The wind direction seemed to be shifting constantly. Upon the completion of the first race, the wind settled into a north-northeasterly direction at about 3-4mph. Inspired by a steady breeze, the skippers decided to do another race before the wind changed its mind.

After two races, we took a 15-20 minute break for lunch and snacks. After two races, there was a tie in the ODOM class for first place between Barry Hight and Tom Q. The wind was still fairly steady so a third trip around the lake was called. The fleet had thinned down quite a bit to 9 boats but it was still another fun race.

The final scoring of the four classes is shown below. The attached spreadsheet has all the details on the individual class finishes and final points.

	Class											
	Victoria			Soling One Meter			ODOM			Open		
FINAL	Points	Sail No.	Skipper	Points	Sail No.	Skipper	Points	Sail No.	Skipper	Points	Sail No.	Skipper
1st	3	030	J Hayes	3	879	M. Kopp	6	479	T. Quisenberry	3	26	B. McGregor
2nd	8	430	R. Dreyphas	13	58	D. Ball	7	511	B. Hight	7	40	P. Foss
3rd				13	237	J. Roth	8	519	D. Verhaeghe	10	1	S. Becker
				15	13	R. Johanson	9	943	D. Hanson			
				17	15	D. McGraw	19	945	S. Williams			
				18	98	R. Woodburn	21	4	G. Paxton			
							24	816	D. Paxton			
							25	217	R. Bryan			
							27	576	R. Sweetman			

Thanks again to everyone for making this a great event! Remember to join us again next year for the 14th Annual Circumnavigate Regatta, currently planned in June.

See you at the pond,  
Don