

July 15, 2017

Hello Skippers,

We held our July ODOM regatta today. It was a nice day for racing, with temps starting in the mid 70s and reaching into the 80s when we were done. We had mostly sunny skies and the winds were surprisingly consistent, at least direction-wise; not quite so much where velocity is concerned. We had 12 skippers come out to compete and we finished 15 races. The results are attached and also shown below.

The wind threatened to be out of the north, but by the time we set the buoys, it was northeast and looking like it would swing east eventually. So we set up on the south shore with an extra leeward buoy so we could use different gates if necessary. All of the races were run only as one lap, owing to the flaky wind speed.

Most of the races would start with about 3-4 mph breeze. But then halfway through the course, the wind would fade off to only about 1 mph. By the time everyone got back to the finish line, the breeze would tease us again and pick up to about 3-4 once again. Then the same crazy loss of wind halfway around would hit. This happened for about the first two hours of racing.

We had a lot of course changes in the beginning since the wind was still trying to decide between NE, ENE and sometimes east. For many races, we only used the far upwind buoy to give us a tacking leg. For the last 45 minutes or so, the wind finally settled into an easterly direction, allowing us to use both windward buoys and make the leeward gate more interesting.

Geri and Dan Paxton joined us again from down south and this was their first ODOM points regatta this season. We would all like to congratulate Geri on her first bullet in race #7! Congratulations, Geri!

See you at the pond,

Don