

July 8, 2017

Hello Skippers,

We held our July Victoria regatta today under rather warm conditions. We had primarily sunny skies with temps in the 80s - not quite as warm as during the past week, but pretty close. The wind was predicted to be out of the NE and that turned out to be relatively true. We had 13 skippers compete in this mid-summer regatta, including Richard Sweetman with his new Vic. We completed 11 races and the results are shown below and attached also.

Before I get to the racing action, I want to pass along a couple of announcements that were made shore-side. Ken Hegy had a discussion with the new Louisville Parks and Rec Ranger (Aubrey) earlier in the week. She did not like the metal pole gate being open since it likes to swing into the parking lot and someone could run into it. We found today that we could open it and if we put it on the lakeside of the pole it will not swing into the parking lot. So we are trying that for now. Secondly, she did not like people parking in the area near the gate that says Large Vehicle Parking. She claimed that was for emergency vehicles. So please refrain from parking in that large area by the gate.

Now back to the racing. The wind was about 5mph initially, but then it did decline and averaged about 2-4mph for most of the day with a few higher breezes now and then. The wind was mostly out of the ENE, but there were a few times it ended up swinging north and even NW. With the ENE wind, we just used the outer buoy only on the windward leg to get some tacking action in. And with the NW wind, we even ran two races heading west to mix things up. We ran a mixture of one lap and 1-1/4 lap races, depending upon how steady the wind was. After a few longer races where the wind did not hold for the entire race, we switched back to one lap. We employed a leeward gate for the last few races which did a good job mixing up the action. We did have to wait a few times for the wind to fill back in after a race and that's what led us to only get in 11 races today.

Congratulations to Denny Hanson for scoring a perfect 1.00 (adjusted average). Barry and I tied for 2nd but since I had one first place, the tie breaker went in my favor. Still a lot of tight racing out there.

See you at the pond,

Don