

May 6, 2017

Hello Skippers,

What a difference a week makes in the weather! Of course, anyone living in Colorado more than a year knows that, but it's still amazing when it snows and rains one weekend, and then hits almost 90 the next. We had absolutely beautiful weather for our Victoria regatta today, with sunny skies and temps going from the low 70's to almost 90 when we finished. We had 12 skippers come out for the regatta and we got in 11 races. The results are attached and also shown below.

WeatherUnderground had been predicting east winds from 4-8mph, but they missed on the wind speed. We did get mostly easterly winds, but there were a few races of SE or NE or even mostly south winds. With the temperatures being quite warm, the thermal activity was ramping up and caused a lot of dead time during the races. The winds started at about 0-2mph and slowly came up to maybe 2-4mph by the end of our regatta. Of course, as we packed up, the wind really did seem to pick up, begging us to stay longer.

All of the races were run as one lap since the wind speed was just too low and fickle to tackle a longer course. Some of the early races took about 10 minutes to complete since we would have a few minutes of no wind at all after the start.

Congratulations to Jim Hayes for taking first place in the 10th race! There's nothing like an adrenaline rush getting to the finish line first.

Just a note in closing. I will be out of town for the ODOM regatta on May 20 and may not make the Victoria regatta on June 3. Kent Broadhead will be your race director for these two regattas.

See you at the pond,

Don