

November 18, 2017

Hello Skippers,

We held our final ODOM regatta of 2017 today. The weather was somewhat typical for November: only 40 degrees but sunny. The wind forecast was for 5-6mph winds and we got that eventually, and then more on top of that. Ten skippers came out today for the season finale and we got in 13 races. The results are attached and also posted below.

At 10:00, the lake was like a mirror; not a breath of wind. Eventually a slight south breeze came up. Forecasts for wind direction were quite mixed: S, N or W. Everything but east. So we set up on the west shore again. The wind finally settled in pretty much at southwest which is the worst direction for sailing at the southwest corner of the lake.

We had a standard box course set up, hoping for primarily south winds. With the winds at about 5mph, we ran a few races with the standard box and then 1-1/4 lap races too. Once in a while, we would get the promised west wind, so we threw another buoy halfway down the south shore to use for a tacking leg.

We ran a couple of races with that buoy, but there was still not much tacking involved since the wind would swing back to the southwest. Halfway through our racing the wind started to increase and get a bit more gusty, making the leg to the Barrymuda triangle a challenge. We ran a few races making the start line poison on the way to the finish to make skippers choose their final approach to the finish line. We also had a few races where everyone had to go around the starting line before heading to the finish line in an attempt to get some windward legs in. It was only mildly successful.

By the end of the day, we had winds over 10 mph and gusting a little higher. It turned out to be a great day to finish the season, even though it was a little cool.

This regatta wraps up the ODOM season and the final season results are now complete. The top 7 places for the season are as follows:

7th – Roc Dietz – 6.19 pts (adjusted monthly average)

6th – Bill McGregor – 5.48 pts

5th – Barry Hight – 5.02 pts

4th – Ron Johanson – 4.69 pts

3rd – Don Verhaeghe – 3.46 pts

2nd – Tom Quesenbery – 2.78 pts

1st – Denny Hanson – 1.59 pts

See you at the annual luncheon on December 2!

Don