

November 11, 2017

Hello Skippers,

We held our final Victoria regatta today, postponed a week since last week was predicted to have over 20 mph winds. The final regatta brought out 11 skippers. We had clear skies and temps in the 50s. The winds were pleasant, primarily in the 5-7mph range, but there were some lighter wind races too. I want to particularly thank Denny Hanson for acting as Race Director and for scoring all the races. Denny also graciously lent out his boat to Jay Hermann so that he could compete today while his Victoria is under construction.

A note about the scoring for the races. I originally scored all the races with Jay. Then I decided that since he was not really competing for the season totals, I moved up everyone who finished behind him for all the races. The complete race results are shown below and are attached also.

The winds were primarily out of the northerly direction so we set up on the west shore. A number of the races were the standard box course but 1-1/4 laps since the wind could support a longer race. Denny did mix it up, however. At one point, the wind started shifting northeast, so we had a course set up where we just ran between the start line and the windward buoy for a few laps and then finished at the windward marks.

At one point the wind shifted to the east and we ran a race where we didn't get too much tacking in. So the next race we threw out a buoy from the south shore so we could get a good windward leg into the race. Unfortunately the wind switched back to a northeasterly direction before we reached that leg, but it was still a fun race to try.

Some of the races had lighter winds than 5 mph, but after a few minutes we did get a better breeze. It was definitely a great regatta to end the Victoria season.

This regatta wraps up the Victoria season and the final season results are complete. The top 7 places for the season are as follows (note how close 6th and 7th places were for the whole season!):

7th – Kent Broadhead – 5.14 pts (adjusted monthly average)

6th – Stew Williams – 5.13 pts

5th – Rich Bryan – 4.94 pts

4th – Tom Quesenbery – 4.27 pts

3rd – Barry Hight – 2.10 pts

2nd – Don Verhaeghe – 1.95 pts

1st – Denny Hanson – 1.36 pts

Remember the final ODOM regatta is next Saturday, Nov. 18. And the annual season-end luncheon is Saturday, Dec. 2. Chuck will be sending out details.

See you at the pond,

Don