

October 7, 2017

Hello Skippers,

We held our October Victoria regatta today with 10 skippers coming out to compete. We had clear skies and temps in the 60s. We only sailed 5 races before calling it a day; details below. The results are shown below and are attached also.

The wind was once again an interesting factor. First, we had a west wind which is quite rare at Harper Lake. The wind speed was about 10-12mph, which makes it a little bit tougher to sail the Victoria. We ran the first race just as one lap to see how the fleet would do. The final approach to the finish line proved to be challenging as we started seeing gusts coming down the lake that made tacking difficult. As Denny noted, we had enough wind today for three regattas. Sometimes it's just feast or famine.

The wind direction was very steady so we had 5 similar races which were just one lap and the standard box course. As the racing progressed, so did the wind gusts. They started lasting longer and were definitely getting over 15mph. That speed was our self-imposed limit on racing the Victorias to avoid damage. As it was, the fleet did thin out over this shortened regatta to have only 7 entries for the last two races. But I do think we avoided and sail damage this time.

After five races to make the regatta official, we decided to call it a day. The wind showed no sign of backing off on the gust speed or frequency so by 11:45 the racing was done for the day.

See you at the pond,

Don