

August 15, 2020

Hello Skippers,

Today we held our August ODOM regatta. The weather was great with temperatures starting in the mid-70s and ending right about at 90. We had sunny skies but a lot of smoke from the forest fires out west; Mount Meeker was not visible. We had 9 skippers come out to compete today including Sebastian Mettes with his new ODOM from the Mill Pond Model Yacht Club in Port Washington, NY. And we welcomed back Greg LaLiberte who had been out on the east coast sailing a boat that holds real people for the last 18 months or so. We got in 13 races today and the results are attached to this email.

The wind started as a south wind at about 2-3mph when the buoys got thrown out. The forecast was for the wind to swing to the east and freshen to about 5-6mph. So the buoys were set out off the south shore, hoping the forecast would be correct. As a preventative measure, a buoy was also thrown off the west shore that could be used for southeasterly winds, heading back to the leeward buoys.

For the first few races the winds shifted to the SSE. So that preventative buoy came in handy right away. Since it was very far from our fixed seating positions, we allowed a touch of the mark with no penalty turns. After the first three races or so, the wind did start shifting to the east and we did not need to use that far buoy any more.

The next few races were run as single lap races around both windward and leeward buoys. As the wind picked up a little more speed and became more steady, we started running 2-lap races since the course was already a bit on the short side due to our fixed positions for COVID-19. The wind shifted even further to the northeast for quite a few races so just the outboard buoy was used for the windward mark. The wind did pick up to about 5-6mph and it turned out to be a fantastic day for sailing ODOMs.

See you at the pond,

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