

September 19, 2020

Hello Skippers,

Today we held our September ODOM regatta. The weather was great with temperatures ranging in the 70's throughout racing. We had partly cloudy skies which helped keep the temps from getting too hot. We had our biggest turnout yet for a Covid-19 regatta at 10 skippers. Ten races were completed and Denny sent out the results already; the spreadsheet summary is attached.

The wind was quite the challenge. The direction swung around a bit and the speed was primarily 0-2mph, with an occasional "gust" at 3mph. The first couple of races had the wind from the west so we ran two races starting to the west to begin the regatta. Then the wind swung around to the southeast. For the rest of the regatta, we had mostly southeast winds with an occasional east wind and some periods of southwest winds, too.

All of the races were run as only one lap since the wind speed never materialized. Even with the slightly shortened Covid-19 course, we could only get in 10 races over 2-1/2 hours. Race number 10 was the longest elapsed time single-lap race in my memory ever at Harper Lake. We started at about 12:45 and did not complete the race until after 1:05. The "wind" died halfway to the windward mark and took about 10 minutes to finally climb back to 1/2mph. A few sailors were lucky enough to get a few puffs to get them around the course before everyone else. It was definitely a test of patience.

Greg L. was in fine form, notching 7 out of 10 bullets! Barry scored the other 3 bullets while the rest of us scrapped over the remaining positions. It was an intense day with everyone desperately trying to find some wind. Hopefully, next month will bring us a little more wind!

See you at the pond,

Don