

Hello Skippers,

Today we held the September Victoria regatta. The weather turned out to be perfect with sunny skies and temps from 70 to 79 when we wrapped up. The wind was forecast again to eventually be from the east - more on that below. Wind speeds were again fairly low. And once again, eight skippers came out to the pond and we got 13 races in. The results are attached and also pasted below.

We welcomed Rodney Pearcey to the club today. He recently picked up a DF65 and was breaking it in while we raced the Victorias. We expect to see Rodney back next week while the ODOM regatta is run. And after about a year of being incognito, Ken Hegy made a return to Harper Lake! Welcome, back Ken!

The course was set up on the south shore. The course again was set up to be a little on the short side since everyone would be confined to remain within the vicinity of their chairs. For the first few races, the wind was coming from the south-southeast at about 2-3 mph. Then the wind shifted a little more to the east so we could start getting some windward work in.

The first six races were run as one lap. With the easterly wind picking up a little, we ran the next four races as 2 laps. As these races progressed, the wind would drop in speed and then start changing direction considerably. But in between the races, the wind would resume from the east and seem to regain in speed. So it tricked your Race Director into trying another 2-lap race.

After four long races, the wind died down and started shifting around before we started the next race, now coming from the southwest. So we ran two single-lap races heading west for the first leg. For our final race, the wind shifted back to the east so we ran a single-lap race heading east.

The racing was competitive again, with the first three places separated by 5 points. You will see places 6 and 7 were separated by only 1 point! Another great day for sailing!

See you at the pond,

Don