

April 3, 2021

Hello Skippers,

Under gorgeous, sunny skies and warm temperatures, we held the first Victoria regatta of the 2021 season. Temperatures were in the low 60s at the start of racing, rising to the mid-70s by the end of our day. We had 9 skippers come out for the regatta and we got in 14 races. The results are pasted below and attached also to this email.

The lake is still very low with about 20 feet of lake bed exposed to get to the water. Weatherunderground.com predicted the winds would swing from the south-southwest to an easterly direction around 10:00 so we set up on the south shore as usual. When we started racing at 10:30, the wind was more SE, and a few races were run under south winds, not ideal for good racing. Wind speeds were around 3-5mph.

Eventually the winds did swing more to the east, but most races were dealing with SE winds which made fetching the windward mark relatively easy, sometimes with no tacking involved. Winds freshened a little bit on occasion but they did also like to die during the race, both at the windward mark and down in the Barrymuda triangle. All races ended up being a single lap since the wind never became steady enough to run any longer courses.

One of the races was conducted with a northeasterly wind, at least at the start. Unfortunately, once we all got going, the wind shifted back to an east wind and getting to the outside windward buoy, which was the called course, ended up requiring no tacking. You win some and you lose some. At least the weather could not be beat!

See you at the pond!

Don