

May 15, 2021

Hello Skippers,

We finally got an ODOM regatta into the books. The May ODOM regatta was held today with much better conditions than last week's attempted event. We had six skippers come out and compete under overcast skies and cool temperatures of around 60. We got 14 races completed and the results are shown below and attached to this email.

The forecast for the winds were to be NE at about 3-6 mph. When the course was being set off the south shore, the wind was still primarily from the north so an insurance buoy was thrown off the west shore in case it was needed for a windward leg.

When the racing started, we had northeasterly winds at about 3-4 mph. We ran quite a few races where we just sailed to the offshore windward buoy to get as much of a windward leg as possible. Then we rounded the two leeward buoys and finished a one-lap course. Throughout the day of racing, we experienced many periods of no wind in between races so we waited a few minutes for the wind to come back up to a reasonable level to race again. We did have a few races where the wind came out of the east so we could sail the standard box course.

For the last 45 minutes or so, the wind finally came up to about 6mph and remained fairly steady; this gave us some great conditions for racing. With the overcast skies and the northeasterly wind blowing off the cool lake, it seemed we were racing in San Francisco Bay in the shadow of the Golden Gate bridge! And we never did use the insurance buoy but that's why we set it ; a corollary to Murphy's Law.

Even though it was a bit cool for May, it turned out to be a pretty good day for sailing.

See you at the pond!

Don