

May 1, 2021

Hello Skippers,

We had really great spring weather for our May Victoria regatta. We had mostly sunny skies with temps starting in the low 70s and going up into the low 80s by 1:00. We had 9 skippers initially that were going to race but unfortunately Denny had some electrical issue with his boat that could not be fixed at the lake. So we had 8 folks racing today and we completed 13 races. I sent out the results earlier and the season summary spreadsheet is attached to this email.

The lake has been filled up somewhat from two weeks ago but there is still about 8-10' of lakebed exposed. The lake was a sheet of glass when we first arrived and one weather service was predicting southerly type of winds while another said maybe we would get some easterly wind. Soon after, a slight breeze started filling in from a southeasterly direction. So we set up a course on the south shore. For a little insurance against south winds, we also threw one buoy off the west shore.

The breeze freshened up to about 3-5mph and we even had some higher gusts. It was primarily from the southeast and occasionally we had an east wind. We sailed about 5 single lap races when the wind shifted a little more to the south. Then we ran a couple of races using the buoy off the west shore to create an upwind leg back to the finish line.

The wind then shifted back to the east and became steady enough to run a few races as 1-1/4 laps, finishing between the windward marks. Then the wind let up a bit so we ran a few more single lap races. The final race invoked the west shore buoy again.

Despite the wind shifting around a bit, it was actually of reasonable strength most of the time during the regatta. It turned out to be quite an enjoyable day of racing!

See you at the pond!

Don