

April 2, 2022

Hello Skippers,

We kicked off the 2022 sailing season today with the first Victoria regatta. We had sunny skies but it was a bit cool, at least compared to last week. The temperature was about 45 when we started and rose to about 55 by 1:00. When the wind came off the lake, it was quite cool. We had 14(!) skippers come out for the first regatta. We managed to complete 11 races. The results are attached and also shown below.

The forecast was for east or SE winds ranging from 3-7mph. We set up the course on the south shore and I threw an extra buoy off the west shore in case we did get those predicted SE winds. We started with NE(?) winds at about 2mph. Occasionally we would get some puffs of 3-5mph but they did not last for an entire race.

The wind then shifted to the west for 1 race so we started that race heading west. A northwest wind appeared and we used the extra buoy off the west shore and shortened the course to essentially a half lap.

The wind then settled in from the NNE and we ended up sailing most of our races just using the offshore buoy as the windward mark and then completing one lap. The wind was still quite light. We did get some shifty winds at times heading to the leeward marks where we ended up beating on the "downwind" leg.

At about 12:30 the wind finally shifted to the east and we could use the standard box course. Only two races were able to be sailed with that course before time expired.

Congratulations to Jim Asbury and Rodney Pearcey who notched their first bullets today! Bill McGregor sailed a great regatta today also. Bill and I tied for first on points and the tie breaker went to me based on the number of 1st places today. We also had a tie breaker invoked between Richard Sweetman and Chuck Drake for 9th place. It was great racing today to start off the season. Well done everyone!

See you at the pond!

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