

August 6, 2022

Hello Skippers,

We held the August Victoria regatta today in seasonal weather. It was quite warm again with clear skies and the sun beaming down on us at about 90 degrees. We had mostly good wind - more on that below. We tied our record for Victoria turnout with 14 skippers coming out today as they did in April. We completed 11 races and the results are shown below and attached to this email. I also should mention that since Isai Franco has not officially joined the club yet, I have re-worked the June regatta results and those can also be seen in the attachment. The season summary has been updated to reflect this change as well.

Before we started racing, Karl and Brian helped out by untangling two buoys that came in from the ODOM regatta as one tangled mess. Thank you Karl and Brian!

We set up on the south shore anticipating the mostly east winds that were predicted. After the start line was set up, more skippers showed up and we needed to use Denny's new buoy launcher boat to make the start line longer. Thanks Denny!

The wind started out from the east and came in at about 4-5mph. The wind speed was up and down a bit during the regatta. We ended up sailing the standard box course quite a bit with some interesting windward legs, i.e., sometimes they were broad reaches or runs to the "windward" mark. At times when the wind shifted slightly northerly, we just used the offshore buoy on the windward leg.

About halfway through the regatta, the thermal activity really kicked in and we had some starts with a south wind. That happened more than once and was unfortunate, but that's Harper Lake. The last race I recall was quite long since the good wind we had most of the day just seemed to have petered out. The wind direction ended up swinging to the northwest. What surprised me was the wind speed had to be about 1/2mph but it was steady! All down the "leeward" leg, the wind direction was steady and the boats just ghosted along with no wind on the water and I could not even feel any wind on my face. That was kind of surreal.

Despite the hot weather, the wind at least made a reasonable appearance today. Thanks to everyone who helped collect buoys at the end of the day.

See you at the pond!

Don