

July 9, 2022

Hello Skippers,

We held the July Victoria regatta today. It was quite hot (in the 90s) and we had sunny skies the whole day. Surprisingly, the wind manifested itself and it was a great day for sailing the regatta. We had 10 skippers come out to brave the heat and we completed 13 races.

The wind was forecast to be out of the east starting at 2mph and increasing to about 6mph by 1:00. Also surprisingly, WeatherUnderground's forecast was pretty much spot on. I certainly hope this means they have a new prediction model that will be more accurate in the future. We set up the standard course on the south shore with no extra buoys since there was not an anticipation of difficult wind directions.

We started with an ENE wind at about 2-3mph so we just used the offshore buoy for the windward leg for the first few races. The wind did back off a few times making for a longer race. But soon, the wind shifted to be out of the east so we started running the standard box course. The wind speed also improved to about 4mph with some puffs coming in at 6mph. Toward the end of the regatta, we had an ENE wind again, with some gusts that were better than 10mph, but short lived.

Barry put in a solid performance and secured 1st place for the day. Stew and I tied for 2nd on points, but due to Stew's 4 second place finishes to my three, Stew took 2nd place and I took 3rd. Even though it was a very hot day, the wind surprised me by being so steady in direction and even speed for most of the morning. It turned out to be an excellent day for the regatta.

See you at the pond!

Don