

June 4, 2022

Hello Skippers,

The third Victoria regatta of the season was held today under mostly cloudy skies but very comfortable temps in the 70s. The wind was again a bit flaky although the last 45 minutes or so the wind filled in nicely. We had another fantastic turnout of 13 skippers. We completed 10 races in the very light wind; the results are shown below and are also attached.

We welcomed Ken Hegy back from Arizona and we also welcomed a new member, Isai Franco, sailing #378. Congratulations on joining the club, Franco!

A number of years ago, past-commodore Tom Quesenbery established the first regatta after Memorial Day as one where we would observe a moment of silence for the skippers no longer with us. This past winter has been especially rough on our club when we lost 3 members. Before we started the regatta, the following skippers were remembered, may they rest in peace:

Art Parmalee

Ken Earnshaw

Kurt Plache

Lee Dong

Jim Barr

Kent Broadhead

Rick Schmunk

Bill Bogusky

The wind was light and out of the south, but forecast to switch to the east, when we started setting buoys off the south shore. Even as the buoys were being set, the wind began swinging eastward so perhaps the forecast was going to be right this time. Just in case we got saddled with a south wind, one buoy was thrown off the west shore.

The first race started with a mostly south wind at about 2mph. Since the wind was coming off the shore, there were plenty of swirling breezes which caused skippers staying close to shore battling for consistent propulsion. We sailed the standard box course. Over the next few races the wind clocked around to essentially the southeast, giving us some more swirling conditions getting to the windward marks. The wind was only about 1mph and sometimes disappeared completely during the race.

A few races had mostly east winds so we could get more tacking in on the first leg. We even had an ENE wind for one of the races. But these were all long, slow races with the very light winds. Just after noon, the wind settled in from the east and finally picked up a little bit to about 3-4mph. The last few races were finally a bit less chaotic in terms of wind.

Congratulations to Stew Williams who sailed an excellent regatta, earning 5 bullets and first place for the day!

See you at the pond!

Don