

May 14, 2022

Hello Skippers,

The second ODOM regatta of the season was held today. We had great weather with temps fairly steady in the 70s and partly cloudy skies. Seven skippers came out to compete; unfortunately, Jim Asbury's boat suffered a mechanical breakdown after the first race and he had to withdraw for the day. We completed 14 races. The results are shown below and are attached to this email also.

Three different websites had 3 different forecasts for the wind and they were all correct! The wind direction was all over the compass. Wind speeds were predicted to be about 6-7mph which we only experienced occasionally with a gust; we generally had wind speeds of 1-5mph, and mostly in the lower half of that range.

Before we started racing, the lone fisherman (who may have been the same guy as last week) packed up from the south shore and left. (It appears the lake has been fished out already.) We set up on the south shore, with a nice breeze from the east (it was relatively short-lived). On a hunch we were going to have some SE winds, I also threw a buoy off the middle of the west shore; that turned out to be useful.

Once we started, the winds were anywhere from the NE through the south and up to the NW. Just about every race featured a different course as we chased the goal of getting some windward legs in the mix. A few times we could sail the standard box course starting to the east and even a few starting to the west. We had one race with northeasterly winds. Quite a few races had a southeast wind where we utilized the west shore buoy coming back to the finish line on a windward leg. For the races with a south wind, we were able to use that west shore buoy and the near-shore western buoy for a windward leg; sometimes two laps for two windward legs. Skippers had to stay sharp to remember each new course!

The wind kept all of the skippers searching for the best track to get to the finish line. It was quite an interesting and fun day at the pond.

See you at the pond!

Don