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Hello Skippers,

Today we held the second Victoria regatta of the season. The weather was like summer: temps in the 70s and 80s, partly cloudy skies and flaky wind. We had 12 skippers competing and we completed 13 races.

Harper Lake apparently had been stocked with fish recently. Two fishermen were occupying the south shore where we typically throw in the leeward buoys. A bald eagle also made multiple appearances to grab some fish out of the lake! The fishermen were bringing in fish on almost every cast so we could tell they were going to be there for quite a while.

The wind was basically out of the east at about 2mph when we started setting buoys so I created the starting area in the usual spot off the south shore and threw out a couple of windward buoys. Without the typical leeward buoys, we ended up running two-lap races. When we started, the wind had shifted to the southeast so after rounding the two windward buoys, we came back to the starting buoy offshore and then went back to the two windward buoys and then finished downwind.

We ran about 4 races this way and then the wind shifted more to the east and picked up to about 3-4mph. To get more opportunities in windward work, the course was changed to now include the onshore starting pin before heading back to the windward buoys.

Only a couple of races featured the east wind before the wind swung to the south for a few races. Then we had some northeast winds followed by a couple of races with north winds. About this time, the last fisherman finally left and we threw in the leeward buoys. The wind swung around to the northwest and we ended the regatta with a handful of races starting to the west so that the new buoys were actually our windward buoys now.

We had some tight racing today. The top four positions were separated by only 5 points! I managed to be involved with another tie this week but Rich Bryan won the tie-breaker with his 3 first places.

See you at the pond!

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