

April 29, 2023

Hello Skippers,

Today we held the first ODOM regatta of the new season, rescheduled from April 15 when there was too much snow on the ground. Today was a gorgeous day for racing with temps in the upper 60's and low 70's and mostly sunny skies. We had 9 skippers come out for the inaugural ODOM regatta of this 2023 season and we completed 14 races. The results are shown below and also attached to this email.

When Karl and I arrived at the lake about 9:40, there were quite a few fishing folks already there, mostly on the west shore, but one family spread out on the south shore. Before we started racing the people on the south shore had left so we could set up our usual course, although it was shifted a little to the east. The wind started from the ESE at about 2-5mph. On the first few races the wind tended to be a bit swirly at the windward mark, causing some frustration in trying to get around it without touching it.

After a few races, the wind started shifting to the east and ENE. The wind speed also picked up to about 9-10mph for some of those races which made it a lot of fun. When the ENE direction came in, we just used the offshore buoy as the windward mark to try to get more of an upwind leg. Once it seemed the wind was going to hold at a steady speed, we ran some of the races as 1-1/4 laps, finishing between the windward marks.

After about 3 of those longer races, the wind suddenly dropped off and we finished the day with one-lap races. For the last 5 or so races, the wind shifted more to the northeast which did not allow for much windward work. The wind speed also dropped back down to around 4-5mph. We also had some attrition due to mechanical and electrical failures.

Greg L. sailed an excellent regatta and ended up with an almost perfect score. Great job Greg! Barry and Greg N. tied for 4th but Barry won the tie-breaker thanks to his second-place finishes. Overall, I would say it was a fun day of racing!

See you at the pond!

Don