

May 13, 2023

Hello Skippers,

Today we held the second ODOM regatta of the season. We had a small turnout with only 4 skippers coming out to compete. And Chuck had problems with his boat so he was only to compete in 2 of the 11 races. The weather forecast may have kept some skippers away or folks may have also had work to do around their houses after the torrential rain earlier this week. The weather for racing turned out to be dry; we had temperatures hovering around 60 under mostly cloudy skies. There were dark clouds hanging around the mountains but they never really threatened any rain at Harper Lake. The regatta results are shown below and are attached also.

The wind forecast was for NNE winds at about 6mph. When we first arrived, we had a great easterly breeze, clocking in at 7mph. We set up on the south shore and I had Denny use his buoy setting boat to take a buoy further out than I could throw one in anticipation of some northeasterly winds.

The wind did swing more to ENE when we started racing so we used that far offshore buoy for all of the races. The first few races were run as a single lap around the far offshore buoy and then around the two leeward buoys back to the finish. As the wind started pushing more NE, I threw in an extra buoy about 2/3 of the way down the windward leg, positioned so that from that pin to the far buoy would be upwind.

After the first 3 races or so, we started running 1-1/4 lap races where we finished between the windward buoys. We also started using the extra pin on the final upwind leg, leaving that mark to port and then tacking up to the finish line. A number of races were started in a nice breeze, but almost all the races then finished with light winds at around 2-3mph, sometimes less. The wind became a bit flaky that way, blowing nicely at the start but then petering out during the race, only to pick up again a minute or two after we finished the race.

For a while we even ended up with a northwesterly breeze, so we ran a couple of races heading west for the first leg. We used the extra pin as a rounding mark on the final leg to the finish, leaving it to starboard. The wind today made for some interesting courses.

For the last couple of races, as the wind was having a harder time materializing, we cut back to single lap races again. At about 12:50, with no more wind in sight, we decided to call it a day. After the thowouts were figured in, Denny had a perfect day of racing - congratulations Denny! It was a fun day of racing!

See you at the pond!

Don