

**The first annual Rocky Mountain Regatta**, held on September 12, 2009, was a huge success, despite participation and weather challenges. Eleven Victoria skippers and nine ODOM skippers braved the cool wet weather for some great racing in excellent wind conditions. We enjoyed a relatively consistent northerly wind which provided an almost perfect race course all day long on the western shore. Despite intermittent precipitation and a temperature that felt something below 60 degrees, everyone agreed that it was some of the best racing conditions we have ever had.

The top three finishers in each class were as follows:

**Victoria**

**Odom**

<b>1st Place:</b>	<b>Denny Hanson</b>	<b>Greg LaLiberte</b>
<b>2nd Place:</b>	<b>Dick Ball</b>	<b>Barry Hight</b>
<b>3rd Place:</b>	<b>Tom Quesenbery</b>	<b>Denny Hanson</b>

Congratulations to all participants for a great regatta!

Thanks to all who chipped in to make this a great inaugural event. Special thanks to Mary Louise Ball for braving the weather, carefully scoring each race and for never leaving her post! Great Job!

More special thanks to Dick Ball for all of his time and effort in organizing the event, producing the race documents, conducting the boat weighing, bringing the sodas and everything else he did. It all worked very well.

Thanks to our club secretary, Ken Hegy, for his contributions in designing and ordering the attractive award plaques and chevrons, helping organize the event, and for his kind counsel in absentia.

Thanks to our Race Directors, Chris Converse (Victorias), and James Hayward (ODOMS), for running two excellent regattas.

Thanks to Kent, Barry, and Denny for bringing the tent, the water and the radio.

Finally, thanks to everyone for their participation, contributions and patience. We weren't sure how a two-class regatta would work, but at the last minute, the one-day format seemed to work best for most skippers and increased the overall participation.