

**2012 Victoria Rocky Mountain Regatta**  
by Ken Hegy

I would first of all like to THANK **Bill Sherrell** and **Bill McGregor** for scoring ALL the races and watching the start line. **Bill McGregor** also brought his lap top, which made on site scoring a lot faster and easier. Having a full time score keeper sure makes it a lot easier for those racing. Thanks again to you both.

Thanks to **Mark Story** for the tent. The shade was welcome during the lunch break.  
Thanks to **Don Verhaeghe** for ordering the pizza, and **Ken Hegy** for bringing the refreshments.  
Thanks to all the skippers who made this a great regatta.

Plaques and AMYA Green Chevrons were awarded to:

1st Place	<b>Denny Hanson</b>	1.31 pts.
2nd Place	<b>Don Verhaeghe</b>	2.38 pts.
3rd Place	<b>Kent Broadhead</b>	3.13 pts.

Good sailing guys.

It was an absolutely beautiful day with the temperatures in the mid to high 70's. The winds were extremely variable, which kept everyone on their toes. There were times when the winds shifted several times by 180 degrees, on any windward or downwind leg, which did get frustrating at times. You had to keep focused all the time.

We had a light turnout of only ten skippers, but the upside was a start line that was not crowded. This also resulted in a minimum of fouls all the way around the course. In fact, I think we had some of the cleanest races of the year. The biggest problem seemed to be crossing the start line early. Unfortunately, **Roy Tanner** and **Rich Roberts** had to retire early due to mechanical problems.

We started around 10:30 in the morning with winds out of the east around 2 mph. We sailed the standard rectangular course, heading east to the windward marks. There seemed to be several dead spots around the course as the wind was constantly shifting. We took a lunch break around 12:15, and enjoyed pizza, water and soft drinks. We started up again around 1:00. By this time the winds had increased to 4 to 6 mph. With the increase in wind, we lengthened the course by moving the finish line to the windward marks. That gave some of us an opportunity to make up some previously lost ground, or not.

It was a great day for sailing, and I believe everyone had a good time.  
Congratulations to all.....

Fair winds,  
Ken Hegy