

September 19, 2015

We held our 7th Annual Rocky Mountain Regatta for the ODOM class today. We had a relatively good turnout with 10 skippers. We sailed all the way until 3:00, completing 18 races.

First I'd like to thank the people that really helped out for this special event today. A very big thank you goes out to **James Hayward** for acting as our Race Director! And a big thanks also to **Kent Broadhead** for helping with the race activities. This duo did a great job setting the course and calling all the races. Thanks to **James** for scoring and calculating the final results. Thanks to **Tom Quesenbery** for supplying the ice and water, and ordering our delicious pizza lunch. I brought the table for lunch and the plates and napkins for our pizza lunch.

The weather today was similar to last week in that we had an absolutely sunny day. The temps this week were slightly cooler than last week, starting around 60 and ending up at about 75 when we were done. The wind forecast was for northeasterly winds in the morning, clocking around to the east and even southeast by mid-afternoon. When we started at 10:30, the northeast winds were blowing, sort of. Throughout the day the winds did indeed move toward the east but only a few races had truly easterly winds.

The wind speed was supposed to start at around 4 and work its way up to about 7. The morning started with about 3 mph winds, but up until lunch after 12:30, they were having a very hard time maintaining any consistency in speed. There were a few races that took a VERY long time since the wind would drop to 0 and we had to wait for the next brief period of wind to continue. We ran a few races as 1-1/4 laps but then decided to curtail that to just one lap since the wind was not cooperating. By 12:30, when the pizza arrived, we had only completed 8 races.

After lunch, the wind remained between east and northeast and slooowly gained some speed. At about 2:00 it finally filled in very steady at about 5mph and the last hour was very fun to race with some actual wind. We ran the last few races as 1-1/4 laps again now that we could depend upon the wind.

The top five positions were as follows:

5th place - Jim Barr - 70 points  
4th place – Dan Paxton – 68 points  
3rd place – Don Verhaeghe – 40 points  
2nd place – Tom Quesenbery – 27 points  
1st place – Denny Hanson – 22 points

See you at the pond,

Don