

September 12, 2015

We held our 7th Annual Rocky Mountain Regatta for the Victoria class today. This is a green chevron event. We had a light showing of only 7 skippers.

First I'd like to thank the people that really helped out for this special event today. A very big thank you to **Terry Britton** for acting as our Race Director! He did a great job setting the course and calling all the races, scoring and calculating the final results, and mixing things up a bit. Thanks to **Tom Quesenbery** for supplying the ice and water, and ordering our delicious pizza lunch. And a thank you goes out to **Max Verhaeghe** for acting as photographer. I brought the table for lunch and the plates and napkins for our pizza lunch.

The weather today was classic Colorado. We had cloudless skies all day with the temps starting at about 70 and reaching into the mid-80s when we wrapped up. The wind forecast for the day was for easterly winds from 3-7mph. They got the direction correct, but the speed was much below what they predicted. In the morning, we fought the fickle winds of Harper Lake. They were from 0-2mph. In the afternoon, they picked up a little bit with longer breezes but the velocity would drop off at maddening times, like just before the windward mark, or 10 feet from the finish line. The afternoon winds, when blowing steadily, were more in the 4-5mph range.

The course was set up on the south shore. Terry set up had 3 marks on the windward end, set just beyond the point. The 'P' mark was placed around the point for races where we had ESE winds. The leeward marks were set away from the Barrymuda Triangle. Also, Terry placed the two marks about 4 boat lengths apart and we used them as a gate for the whole day. That was a fun change of pace for us.

We held the skipper's meeting at about 10:30 and started racing immediately thereafter. We got in 9 races by noon when we broke for lunch. The first race we ran as 1-1/4 laps, but with the wind so light, it took quite a long time to complete. All remaining races were run just as a single lap. In the afternoon, the wind shifted a little toward the south at times, and so Terry had us use the 'P' mark around the point as our first windward mark for those races.

Once we reached the 20-race mark, Terry took a poll to see if we should continue to 3:00 or not (as posted in the NOR). We all decided we were happy to end with 20 races and so after Terry completed tallying all the results we held our trophy presentation. The final results were as follows:

7th place - Chuck Drake - 126 points
6th place - Jim Barr - 68 points
5th place - Kent Broadhead - 64 points
4th place - James Hayward - 53 points
3rd place - Tom Quesenbery - 47 points
2nd place - Don Verhaeghe - 39 points
1st place - Denny Hanson - 24 points

See you at the lake,
Don