

The ninth annual Rocky Mountain Regatta for ODOM's was held on September 23, a week later than scheduled. Originally scheduled for the third week in September, the regatta was postponed for one week due to the unfortunate passing of our long-time member and good friend, Jim Barr, whose memorial service was held on September 16. We all wish Jim fair winds and good sailing in the next world. God bless.

Eleven skippers turned out on a cold September day to compete in a total of fifteen races. The results are summarized below. Special thanks to Dick Ball for serving as race director and to Bill McGregor for serving as race committee member. Also thanks to Chuck Drake for tabulating the results and to Ken Hegy for his ever faithful efforts in keeping us hydrated and furnishing the table, cooler, napkins and plates. And, as ever and often, thanks to Kent Broadhead for his exceptional buoy placements.

The forecast for the day was for cold temps and rain. The weather forecasters were almost correct. It was a cold day for September in Colorado, but the rain was intermittent until after we had sailed the minimum fifteen races. Given the lower temps and the impending rain, the consensus was that fifteen races was enough! So at the suggestion of our kind and capable race director, Dick Ball, we all agreed to stop racing early by the clock, but not so early in terms of the number of races.

We struggled in weaker easterly winds in the first few races. But as the day wore on, Mother Nature took favor upon us and blew responsibly. Our course was set on the southern shore and the prevailing easterly winds provided a course that usually required at least one tack to the eastern windward mark. Most times, the downwind leg to the leeward mark was fraught with variable (read "fickle") winds making steady wing-on-wing sailing more challenging than desired. But the race to the eastern finish line in the middle of our course was always exciting given the tacking and strategy required by those easterly winds.

All in all, it was a great day for racing model yachts at the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

### **2017 Rocky Mountain ODOM Regatta Results**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Tom Quesenbery	18
2	Barry Hight	25
3	Denny Hanson	28
4	Ron Johanson	35
5	Ken Hegy	63
6	James Hayes	77
7	John Wyss	78
8	Stew Williams	82
9	Roc Dietz	92
10	Kent Broadhead	102
11	Chuck Drake	116