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Hello Skippers,

We held our annual Rocky Mountain Victoria Regatta today, the 9th such event now. Twelve skippers came out to compete and we got 15 races in. The day was partly sunny to start but then the clouds started moving in during the afternoon. Temps ranged from the mid 70s at the start to the upper 80s by 2:30 when we finished. The results are attached and pasted below.

Before we get to the recap, I want to thank a number of people who made this special regatta possible. First of all, thanks to Greg LaLiberte for acting as our race director. He certainly had some very interesting courses for us to race. An excellent job! Thank you Chuck Drake for providing the shade canopy and the score sheets and getting everyone registered for the regatta today. Thanks to Ken Hegy for supplying the table, cooler, plates, and ice. Thank you Stew Williams for bringing the water and thank you Tom Quesenbery for ordering our pizza.

The winds were predicted to be out of the east or northeast from 3-6 mph. They did fill in just after 10:00 from the east at about 3 mph. But throughout the day the winds shifted more to the southeast. Near the end of our racing day, the winds were pretty much out of the south and reaching up over 10mph.

We started the racing with the standard windward offset buoys and a leeward gate. Just before lunch Greg gave us a very different course to try, using the three shoreside start pins as a channel we had to sail through. After lunch we had a few more different race courses, consisting of no offsets at either end of the course, or making the starting line position so we had to sail around it, or the windward gate option. A few courses had us doing multiple legs over half the course. Greg was kind enough to remind skippers of the course during the race when we had a very new one to sail.

After 8 races, we stopped for lunch at about 12:30. Afterwards, Greg decided we would either end the regatta after 15 races or 3:00, whichever came first. The wind for the last two races of the day was getting over 10 mph and making the final beats back to the finish line quite challenging.

We had some tight racing again. Places 2, 3, and 4 were separated only by 3 points. You will also see placed 6 and 7 separated by only 1 point and the same for places 8 and 9.

See you next week at the pond for the Rocky Mountain ODOM regatta.

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