

# The Harper Lake News

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## Skippers Enjoy Beautiful Day With Consistent Winds During November ODOM Regatta

By Ken Hegy, HLMYC Secretary

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This was the last formal Regatta for 2011, but we *will still have open sailing* on Saturdays until such time that Harper Lake freezes over, and/or there is too much snow on the ground. I will **not** be sending out any reminders. The formal Regatta season for the Victoria and ODOM will start again in April of 2012.

I would like to thank **Bill Sherrell** and future new member, **Richard Housden**, for calling the line and scoring today's races. Thanks guys.

**Rodney Percy**, another new potential member came out with his son today to watch the festivities. Rodney already has his new Vic, so I am sure he will be out with us this coming Spring.

We only had eleven skippers turnout for the this last Regatta, but this is becoming a busy time of year. The weather for the Regatta was a far cry from what was forecast, which were winds of 10-25 mph. The temperature was in the mid 40's when we started with the winds out of the east about 2-4 mph. When we finished the temp. was around 48 to 50 and the winds still out of the east at 2-6 mph. With the glorious Colorado sun shining, it did not seem that cold. It has been a long time since we have had such consistent winds., which allowed us to get in 18 races.

We started the day sailing the standard rectangular course with the windward leg heading east. As the morning progressed we only used the north ball on the windward leg, and increased the length of the course by making the finish line the windward marks. We finished the day, by sailing the full rectangular course again, while keeping the finish line at the windward marks. What fun!

The winds were so good, we did two additional races just for fun after the 1:00 cutoff time. How long has it been since we have done that ??????????

Congratulations to the top five ODOM finishers for 2011.

<b>Barry Hight</b> .....	2.39
<b>Denny Hanson</b> .....	2.42
<b>Don Verhaeghe</b> .....	3.72
<b>Greg LaLiberte</b> .....	3.79
<b>Chris Converse</b> .....	4.41

The point spread between first and second (.03 )and third and fourth (.07) is about as close as it gets. Thanks to **ALL** the skippers who participated and made the 2011 ODOM Regatta season a success. Thanks to Kent Broadhead who did his fair share of carrying the buoys and setting the course.

Thanks to **ALL** who helped set the courses, scored the races, and make the club as vibrant as it is. It is truly a team effort, and we would not be as successful as we are without everyone pitching in to help.

Dec 3, 2011 --- Annual meeting at Carrabba's Italian Grill 12:00 – 3:00pm. I will send out a reminder.

Fair winds and Happy Holidays,  
Ken Hegy