

The Harper Lake News

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3rd Annual ODOM RMR Hugh Success

By Ken Hegy, HLMYC Secretary

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I would once again like to give a **Special Thanks** to **Regatta Chairman Dick Ball** for putting on a very successful 3rd Annual ODOM Rocky Mountain Regatta. It takes a lot of time and effort to coordinate the necessary individuals to make this event the success it is, not to mention that just a week before, he was the Regatta Chairman for the Victoria RMR. Thanks again Dick – Outstanding!

Thanks goes to **James Hayward** who volunteered his time as **Race Director** and **Scorekeeper**. James did a great job of keeping score and for calling various course changes which made the regatta all the more interesting. Thanks James. It sure makes it easier when there is a dedicated person scoring and watching the line.

Thanks again to **Barry Hight** and **Dick Ball** for bringing out ice, water, soft drinks and coolers. Thanks to **Jim Battersby** and **Bill Sherrell** for taking pictures, which will be posted on our web site. Thanks to **Mary Louise Ball** for coming out and taking care of the pizza, and assisting when needed. Thanks to all for setting and retrieving the course buoys, and thanks to all those members who showed up to make this another successful event. Without your participation the regatta would not be the success it was.

We had a good good turnout, with 14 boats on the water for most of the races. The line was run by James, and we encountered few problems. We did complete 20 races, which made for a full day of sailing. **Chris Converse** had to leave early due to previous commitments. **Bill Mansfield** and **Roger Tracy** had to retire due to boat problems.

The skies were blue to start with, and the temperature just about perfect, with the winds fickle as usual. It did cloud up in the afternoon, with the threat of a storm, but it passed to the south of us. The temperature was around 70 when we started and in the high 70's when we finished. The winds were predominately out of the east-northeast between 1 and 5 mph for the morning races. We sailed the "club course" off the south shore. James added some twists by making the start line poison on the leeward leg, and occasionally making the leeward course buoys a gate. We broke for lunch at 12:00 and devoured pizza which was delivered to us at the Lake. We started racing again around 1:00 and about mid-way through the afternoon the winds shifted around to the west, so the course was reversed for the rest of the day. We finished racing at 3:00 as scheduled.

Congratulation to **Gred LaLiberte** for his first place finish. A total of 20 points after throw outs is

pretty remarkable. As can be seen by the final scores there were only 7 points separating second through fifth place. Now that is close and exciting racing. A total of five skippers had first place finishes which once again shows the level of competition. Plaques and Green chevrons were awarded to the top three finishers.

Congratulation to:

Greg LaLiberte	1st place	20 pts.
Tom Quesenbery	2nd place	55 pts.
Don Verhaeghe	3rd place	56 pts.
Terry Britton	4th place	57 pts.
Barry Hight	5th place	62 pts.

Hope to see you all out next year.

Fair winds,
Ken Hegy