

The Harper Lake News

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Victoria Rocky Mountain Regatta A Hugh Success

By Ken Hegy, HLMYC Secretary

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First a Extra Special Thanks to **Regatta Chairman Dick Ball** for putting on another great Annual Victoria Rocky Mountain Regatta. Dick dedicated a lot of time and effort to make this a fun and well organized event. Thanks again Dick.

A Special Thanks goes to **Chris Converse** who volunteered his time as Race Director and Scorekeeper. Chris did an outstanding job of keeping the course square as possible and maintained a nice pace for the races, as winds permitted. Chris also threw in some fun course variations, which made the day all the more interesting. Thanks Chris.

Thanks to: **Barry Hight** and **Dick Ball** for bringing out water, soft drinks and coolers - sure did taste good after being in that beautiful Colorado sun; to **Kent Broadhead** for the use of the tent – it afforded some much needed shade; to **Bill Sherrell** for taking pictures, which I am sure will be posted on our web site sometime soon; to **Mary Louise Ball** and **Karen Barr** for coming out and assisting where needed; and to **Ben Converse** for helping to retrieve the buoys after the completion of the last race.

I also would like to thank all those members who showed up to make this another successful event. Without your participation the regatta would not be the success it was. It was good to see **Bill Bogusky** out with us again. Welcome back Bill.

We had a really good turnout, with 17 boats on the water for most of the races. I believe everyone had a good time, and enjoyed themselves. The sportsmanship between skippers was at a very high level which contributed to the enjoyment.

The skies were blue, the temperature just about perfect, and the winds were fickle as usual. We completed 18 races, which is fewer than we anticipated. This was partially caused by long wait times between some of the races due to insufficient winds. We sailed from around 10:00 to 12:00 and then took 45 min. lunch break for pizza which was delivered to us at the lake. After lunch we sailed until 2:30pm and called it a day. We had planned to sail until 3:00PM, but we elected to stop a little early. The line was run by Chris, and we encountered few problems. We sailed on the south shore with the windward marks to the east and the leeward marks to the west. Pretty much our standard course. **Denny Hanson** retired early to go to the Buffs game. **Bill Sherrell** suffered electrical problems and had to withdraw. **Bill Mansfield** and **Bill Bogusky** had to leave early due to other commitments.

Congratulation to **Don Verhaeghe** for his first place finish. Don had six first place finishes during the

course of the 18 races. A total of five skippers had first place finishes which shows the level of competition. There were only 29 points difference between the first and fifth place boat.

Plaques and Green chevrons were awarded to the top three finishers.

Congratulation to:

Don Verhaeghe	1st place	34 pts.
John Fisher	2nd place	45 pts.
Barry Hight	3rd place	46 pts.
Dick Ball	4th place	53 pts.

Hope to see you all out next year.

ODOM Rocky Mountain Regatta - September 17, 2011. See NOR on club website.

Fair winds,
Ken Hegy