

RAMYA Victoria Green Chevron Regatta at Carey Lake, August 1-2, 2009

Eight skippers from the United States and Canada participated in the Victoria Regatta at Carey Lake, Walworth, NY, held by the Rochester Model Yachting Association (#193) on August 1st and 2nd, 2009.

Friday afternoon, Carey Lake was opened up for last-minute tuning. Saturday morning, the first day of racing, skippers were greeted by a 3-7 mph winds from the South. The sun was shining, and the temperature was mild – a great day for racing! The courses were set by the Race Director, John Yost, to run North and South, allowing for long legs along the designated skippers area.

The rescue boat volunteer, Walt Bankes, reset several buoys to suit the conditions. John outlined the procedures, and at 9:50 am, the racing began. It was fast and furious, with a number of top contestants closely competing. At lunch, the contestants and volunteers were served hamburgers and hotdogs by the Carey Lake Restaurant personnel. Racing resumed after lunch, ending at 3:00 for the day. Eleven races were held on Saturday.

Sunday the weather again was beautiful, except for a brief rain early in the racing (we retired to the gazebo). The winds were between 5 and 10 mph on the average, and again from the South. Six races were held.

In the final analysis, Bob Szczepanski, John Yost, and David Allsebrook took the Green Chevrons. Charlie Mann and George Neilson were in fourth and fifth places. Trophies and Chevrons were distributed, and skippers began the trip home.

I thank all the skippers, spouses, volunteers, and staff of Carey Lake for making this event a success. The racing was excellent, the spectators saw quite a show, and a good time was had by all.

May you have fair winds,

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