

District 19 – Michigan

Photo - MBYC-ChadCoberly.JPG

Chad Coberly rounding the weather mark at the Master's US Championships Photo by Robert Osterholt

Summer is winding down but we still have some Fall regattas and frostbiting to look forward to. Be sure to browse www.d19laser.org for more stories/photos, links to results, and so on. Also be sure to "like" our facebook page called Laser District 19 (Michigan). Here are some stories from regattas that happened over the summer.

July 16-17 Leland Laser Regatta - Allen Northcut

Leland Yacht Club is a bit further north than Traverse City. Leland is fondly known as Fishtown since it has a long history of being a fishing village on Lake Michigan. Leland Yacht Club is located on Lake Leelanau. This picturesque lake is located on a peninsula with Lake Michigan on one side and Grand Traverse Bay on the other. It is a great place to visit since it is much more peaceful than the tourist crazy Traverse City. All the folks at this club are great hosts and always put on a fun event.

Pl Skipper Div - R1 - R2 - R3 - R4 - R5 - R6 - R7 - R8 - TOTAL

1 LaBelle Thomas - M - 2 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 1 - 1 - 10

2 Ragains Jeff - O - 1 - 5 - 2 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 2 - 2 - 13

3 May Chris - O - 7 - 4 - 4 - 4 - 5 - 1 - 5 - 3 - 26

4 Meyer Jim - GM - 5 - 3 - 9 - 5 - 4 - 5 - 8 - 4 - 34

5 Paine Tom - GM - 3 - 10 - 3 - 3 - 11 - 7 - 4 - 5 - 35

6 Martin Scott - O - 8 - 1 - 11 - 9 - 6 - 4 - 3 - 8 - 39

7 Makielski Mark - GM - 4 - 8 - 5 - 10 - 3 - 6 - 6 - 10 - 42

8 Moody Mike - GM - 6 - 6 - 6 - 8 - 8 - 10 - 12 - 6 - 50

9 Randall Bruce - M - 10 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 7 - 14 - 9 - 9 - 56

10 Phelps Dirk - Jr - 9 - 9 - 10 - 12 - 13 - 8 - 15 - 7 - 68

11 Grogan Tom - GGM - 11 - 11 - 8 - 11 - 15 - 12 - 7 - 13 - 73

12 Heslop Fred - M - 16 - 12 - 15 - 6 - 9 - 16 - 14 - 11 - 83

13 Watkins William - Jr - 13 - 14 - 13 - 16 - 12 - 11 - 11 - 12 - 86

14 Workum Lee - GGM - 12 - 15 - 12 - 13 - 10 - 13 - 16 - 14 - 89

15 Nickels Timothy - O - 15 - 13 - 14 - 14 - 14 - 19 - 19 - 19 - 108

16 Zimmerman Katy - Jr/Fem - 17 - 16 - 18 - 15 - 17 - 15 - 13 - 17 - 110

17 Northcutt Allen - GGM - 19 - 19 - 19 - 19 - 19 - 9 - 10 - 15 - 110

18 Gerber Colton - Jr - 14 - 17 - 16 - 17 - 16 - 17 - 18 - 16 - 113

19 Ragains Andrew - Jr - 18 - 18 - 17 - 18 - 18 - 18 - 17 - 18 - 124

July 29-31 Masters US Championships - Macatawa YC

Since this regatta was in D19 there was a pretty strong showing of participants from Michigan. As usual Macatawa Yacht Club did a great job hosting this event. Results can be found at www.yachtscore.com

August 20 Lake Lansing Annual – story by Doug Carlson

Photo: 2011LansingRegatta.jpg

All the competitors under one of the sponsors banner - Photo by Stephen Wagner

Even with cloudy skies and a forecast of showers and thunderstorms throughout the day, 34 Laser sailors from two countries and three different states showed up to participate in the 2011 Lansing Sailing Club District 19 Laser Regatta.

The morning started with light winds from the south with the fleet sailing Olympic courses. Not having sailed on Lake Lansing since 2003, Ken Swetka from St. Clair Shores, MI got off to a slow start posting a 7th in the first race. But he soon found his way posting a 2nd and then winning the next three races to earn his first LSC Regatta title. Olav Messerschmidt from East Lansing, MI also started slow, but his consistency paid off in the remaining races earning him 2nd place overall and finishing the highest finish among LSC members. The only other racers to post 1st place finishes in the regatta were Jim Meyer from Pinckney, MI and Chad Coberly from Grand Rapids, MI who finished 3rd and 4th for the day.

There was special recognition again this year for both women and junior competitors. Susanna Tellschow from Haslett, MI and a LSC member finished 9th in the regatta to top the woman's group. Isaac Kremers from Ada, MI fresh off of his recent win at the Western Michigan Yachting Association Championship finished 8th overall to lead the juniors.

John LeFevre led the Race Committee for the second year in a row with assistance from, Jonathan Ahlbrand, Merrick Hurlbutt and Stephen Wagner. The team did a great job of keeping the day moving along under the threatening weather conditions and got five races in before the poor weather arrived forcing the participants off the water early to begin socializing under the cover of the LSC pavilion.

Once the rain passed the grills were fired up and the “you cook-it” BBQ began. This year, grilled corn on the cob was added to the menu of huge steaks, chicken, baked potatoes, ice cream and beverages provided by Michigan Brewing Company. No one left the regatta hungry! LSC members Julie Pierce and Jim Fletcher took charge of purchasing and getting the food ready for what was one of the best BBQ’s ever seen at LSC. Along with trophies being awarded to the top finishers, door prizes provided by Avon Sailboats were awarded to the lucky ticket holders.

As always the regatta was supported by many LSC members before and during the regatta in getting the facilities ready for hosting this annual event. Everyone was especially appreciative of our regatta sponsors, Avon Sailboats and Michigan Brewing Company, whose contributions continually make this regatta a special event for everyone that attends.

Visit the Lansing Sailing Club site (www.lansingsailing.org) for complete race results and our Flickr site <Click here> to view over 450+ pictures of the event taken by LSC Photographer Stephen Wagner.

Thank you to all our participants and sponsors. Without you we could not have had such a great day!

Pl Name - Race - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - Total

1 Ken Swetka - 7 - 2 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 12

2 Olav Messerschmidt - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 4 - 22

3 Jim Meyer - 1 - 9 - 8 - 5 - 2 - 25

4 Chad Coberly - 10 - 1 - 5 - 10 - 7 - 33

5 Doug Carlson - 2 - 4 - 7 - 8 - 12 - 33

6 Mike Moody - 4 - 6 - 12 - 2 - 13 - 37

7 Curt Miller - 5 - 7 - 9 - 6 - 10 - 37

8 Isaac Kremers - 13 - 16 - 2 - 15 - 3 - 49

9 Susanna Tellschow - 8 - 3 - 14 - 11 - 15 - 51

10 Aras Karaitis - 14 - 12 - 10 - 7 - 8 - 51

11 Brad Kleihege - 20 - 14 - 6 - 4 - 11 - 55

12 Steve Wiseman - 3 - 11 - 11 - 21 - 21 - 67
 13 Ken Hopkins - 19 - 15 - 20 - 9 - 6 - 69
 14 Bruce Hansen - 25 - 10 - 3 - 29 - 5 - 72
 15 Scott Watkins - 12 - 18 - 15 - 14 - 17 - 76
 16 Eric Ulbrich - 22 - 8 - 13 - 16 - 19 - 78
 17 Jeff Fullerton - 9 - 17 - RAF - 12 - 9 - 82
 18 Jim Sunstrum - 18 - 22 - 16 - 24 - 14 - 94
 19 Ken Hopkins - 16 - 20 - 23 - 17 - 18 - 94
 20 Jon Oram - 11 - 13 - 22 - 23 - 29 - 98
 21 Cole Radenbaugh - 28 - 19 - 18 - 18 - 16 - 99
 22 John Fishbeck - 23 - 24 - 19 - 22 - 23 - 111
 23 Susan Peters - 24 - 21 - 25 - 19 - 26 - 115
 24 MacKenzie Kaufman - 32 - 29 - 24 - 13 - 22 - 120
 25 Tim Harrod - 21 - 30 - 21 - 20 - 28 - 120
 26 Vytenis Karaitis - 26 - 31 - 17 - 32 - 20 - 126
 27 Jeff Hartlep - 17 - 32 - 28 - 26 - 25 - 128
 28 Bob Miller - 27 - 23 - 26 - 27 - 30 - 133
 29 Andrew Hopkins - 29 - 25 - 29 - 25 - 27 - 135
 30 Greg Harrison - 15 - 27 - 30 - DSQ - 32 - 139
 31 Kelli Harrod - 33 - 28 - 27 - 28 - 24 - 140
 32 Roy Toth - 31 - 26 - 31 - 30 - 31 - 149
 33 John McEnhill - 30 - 33 - 32 - 31 - 33 - 159
 34 Jim Fletcher - DNC - DNC - DNC - DNC - DNC - 175

Remaining 2011 D19 Schedule

Sept 18 UofM Fall Regatta - Michigan Sailing Club

Sept 24 No Sweat Regatta - Portage Yacht Club

Sept 24 GTYC Fall Regatta- Grand Traverse YC

Oct 1 Frosty Mug Regatta - Irish Laser Fleet, Little Traverse Bay, Harbor Springs

Oct 15 Pumpkin Head Regatta - Grand Rapids