



Lansing Sailing Club - 2011 Laser Regatta

August 20, 2011 Even with cloudy sky's 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 [click here](#) 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!



Results of the Lake Lansing 2011 Laser Regatta

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Race #									
Place	Sail #	First Name	Last Name	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	171628	Ken	Swetka	7	2	1	1	1	12
2	155254	Olav	Messerschmidt	6	5	4	3	4	22
3	158743	Jim	Meyer	1	9	8	5	2	25
4	186565	Chad	Coberly	10	1	5	10	7	33
5	188155	Doug	Carlson	2	4	7	8	12	33
6	168586	Mike	Moody	4	6	12	2	13	37
7	179973	Curt	Miller	5	7	9	6	10	37
8	182737	Isaac	Kremers	13	16	2	15	3	49
9	196089	Susanna	Tellschow	8	3	14	11	15	51
10	198413	Aras	Karaitis	14	12	10	7	8	51
11	0	Brad	Kleihege	20	14	6	4	11	55
12	158712	Steve	Wiseman	3	11	11	21	21	67
13	62175	Ken	Hopkins	19	15	20	9	6	69
14	165907	Bruce	Hansen	25	10	3	29	5	72
15	195129	Scott	Watkins	12	18	15	14	17	76
16	161992	Eric	Ulbrich	22	8	13	16	19	78
17	188671	Jeff	Fullerton	9	17	35\RAF	12	9	82
18	158720	Jim	Sunstrum	18	22	16	24	14	94
19	170706	Ken	Hopkins	16	20	23	17	18	94
20	187376	Jon	Oram	11	13	22	23	29	98
21	161913	Cole	Radenbaugh	28	19	18	18	16	99
22	184396	John	Fishbeck	23	24	19	22	23	111
23	184390	Susan	Peters	24	21	25	19	26	115
24	170804	MacKenzie	Kaufman	32	29	24	13	22	120
25	57421	Tim	Harrod	21	30	21	20	28	120
26	198612	Vytenis	Karaitis	26	31	17	32	20	126
27	138644	Jeff	Hartlep	17	32	28	26	25	128
28	137205	Bob	Miller	27	23	26	27	30	133
29	157794	Andrew	Hopkins	29	25	29	25	27	135
30	153076	Greg	Harrison	15	27	30	35\DSQ	32	139
31	90361	Kelli	Harrod	33	28	27	28	24	140
32	154524	Roy	Toth	31	26	31	30	31	149
33	14726	John	McEnhill	30	33	32	31	33	159
34	27360	Jim	Fletcher	35\DNC	35\DNC	35\DNC	35\DNC	35\DNC	175

Race Committee Chair: John LeFevre

Memories from the 2011 Lansing Sailing Club Laser Regatta

