

## Welcome Laser Sailors!

This letter was updated June 6, 2013 to:

- **Correct the days when dinner will be provided.**
- **Note that extra meal tickets may be purchased.**
- **Correct the daily parking fee for Santa Cruz Harbor.**
- **Make clear that no camping is available in the Santa Cruz Harbor.**
- **Add additional housing sources.**



In late January the Santa Cruz Yacht Club was asked to host the 2013 U.S. National Laser Championship Regatta, since Hurricane Sandy badly damaged the earlier planned host site, so we are all getting a late start on this important event. Five months is not a lot of time to plan and execute a national championship regatta, but our experience here at SCYC with major regattas gives us the skills to provide an excellent event on short notice.



On-the-water activities will be outstanding. There are few places in the world with better sailing conditions! However, the on-shore activities are going to require a little patience and creativity from competitors and regatta staff alike. June is a busy time at the Santa Cruz Harbor and the Harbor is still rebuilding from the tsunami damage of last year. All types of space will be in short supply, including space for Lasers on dollies, coach/support boats, trailer storage, and auto parking, but we're confident that by working together we will handle challenge.

Santa Cruz, on the northern coast of Monterey Bay, is known worldwide for its terrific weather, fantastic breezes and world-class sailing conditions. Monterey Bay is host to some of the most beautiful sites in the world. The area is resplendent with a myriad of wildlife. Our sailing venue is one of the cleanest on earth and is protected as the gateway to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. It is well known for the surrounding mountains and gigantic old growth redwood forests. We are only a short drive away from major attractions like San Francisco, Big Sur, Carmel, numerous state parks, world-renowned vineyards and breweries, art galleries and so much more.



The Santa Cruz Yacht Club has hosted many major regattas: several 505 Worlds, Melges 24 Worlds,

Tornado US Olympic Trials, Laser Worlds, Flying Dutchman Worlds, A Cat North Americans, Clipper Round the World Regatta, Moore 24 Nationals, Santa Cruz 27 Nationals, Olson 30 Nationals, as well as a host of other events. You will find our city with its housing opportunities, the proximity to airports and numerous recreational venues a perfect fit for the 2013 U.S. National Laser Championship Regatta.

SCYC runs world-class events every year, and is proud to have a deep pool of very qualified race management, operations and infrastructure volunteers. We do hope to see all Laser sailors and their families enjoy our lovely and exciting venue this year. The club is now hard at work ensuring that your regatta and trip are exciting and memorable. Please accept our invitation to join us for the 2013 U.S. National Laser Championship Regatta. We look forward to helping you experience why Santa Cruz is such a unique, special place for sailors and families.



We will be ready to accept Lasers on dollies in our harbor and store associated trailers starting Monday, June 25. If you wish to arrive before that day, you will need to store your own boat and trailer. During the event, Lasers on dollies will be assigned specific storage spaces at no charge. However, car parking is limited at the Harbor. While space remains, parking permits will be available for **\$10 per day**.

We all know that the social activities are one of the best parts of an event like this. Club based social activities include:



Every Wednesday evening there are informal keelboat races in which many of our members participate. Head down the docks, catch a ride on a big boat, it's a great way to unwind after a day of Laser Racing. You are welcome to join us at the informal after racing Wednesday dinner. Food is purchased from the galley and cooked by members on our outside grill.

Your entry fee entitles you to:

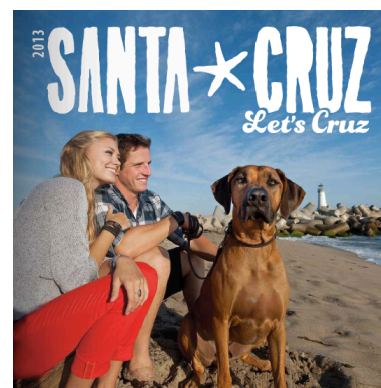
- A continental breakfast every race day from 0800 to 1000 hours.
- Dinner after racing on Thursday and Saturday.
- A commemorative t-shirt.

Purchase extra dinner (\$15) and breakfast (\$5) tickets when you pick up your registration materials. **They run out fast!**

Laser charters are available from Svendsen's Boat Works. Contact Alex Jordan:

- Phone: (510) 332-0470
- Email: [alexjordan@svendsens.com](mailto:alexjordan@svendsens.com)

There is much to discover about Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay.



A good place to start is to visit:

- Visitor's Center <http://www.scccvc.org/>
- The Santa Cruz Harbor web site at: <http://www.santacruzharbor.org>

It is very important that you start looking for housing as soon as possible. There are numerous accommodations of every type in Santa Cruz and nearby locales, including hotels, townhouses, apartments, bed and breakfasts, camping (**No camping is available at the Santa Cruz Harbor**), all available in town and in the surrounding mountains and forests. Some key sources for current lodging information can be found at:

<http://www.scccvc.org/lodg-dine/lodging.php>

<http://www.scccvc.org/lodg-dine/santa-cruz-vacation-rentals.php>

<http://www.vrbo.com/>

<http://www.homeaway.com/>

<http://www.baileyproperties.com/>

Best Regards,

SCYC Commodore

Regatta Chairman

Principle Race Officer

