



**International Laser Class Association North American
2014 Laser Great Lakes Championships
HOST: District 18 and Vermilion Boat Club
VERMILION, OHIO
July 19-20, 2014**

Greetings Laser Sailors! The Vermilion Boat Club is pleased to host the 2014 Laser Great Lakes Championship. Once known as "the city of sea captains," Vermilion remains a favorite summer destination along the southern shore of Lake Erie. Vermilion brings you an open water venue ideal for Laser sailing, and The VBC looks forward to providing you a range of accommodations during your stay and we look forward to your attendance July 19th-20th!

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES: The regatta will be governed by the 2014 Racing Rules of Sailing, the current rules of the International Laser Class Association (ILCA), the Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1 This regatta is open to all ages of competitors sailing in the Laser and Laser Radial, and Laser 4.7 class.
- 2.2 Current ILCA memberships is required.
- 2.3 Registration will be open Friday, July 18th from 5:00-7:00pm, July 19th from 7:00-9:45am. First Race will begin at 11:00am on Saturday.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, July 18th 2014

8am-4pm Junior Laser Regatta (*See 16*)
4pm, Arrivals and Meet and Greet
Social Hour and hors d'oeuvres
Pool, bar, restaurant, tenting, and lake access available

SATURDAY, July 19th 2014

Registration: 0730 – 0945
Skipper's Meeting: 0945
Harbor start: 1000
Warning Signal 1100
Dinner party to follow races

SUNDAY, July 20th 2014

Harbor Start 0900
Warning Signal 1000
Races followed by awards
No race will be started after 1500

4. FEES:

- 4.1 Early Registration Fee is \$65.00 per competitor and registration is online at www.regattanetwork.com.
- 4.2 Late Registration Fee is \$85 (If registered after 06/30/14)
- 4.3 Registration Fee includes Friday evening welcoming party, breakfast sandwich Saturday and Sunday, water and light snacks throughout the event, lasagna dinner Saturday and draft beer on tap throughout the event. Trophies, daily awards, and giveaways are also included in registration.
- 4.4 Vermilion Boat Club is providing guests access to all amenities including pool, bar, restaurant, restrooms, and tent space with access to outdoor grills.
- 4.5 An International Laser Class Association membership is required to compete in this event. See www.laser.org for registration details.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES: The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and online.

6. SCORING: The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except that each yacht's series score will be the total of all her scores. A minimum of one race will constitute a regatta.

7. RADIAL & 4.7 CLASS: The Radial and 4.7 Classes will have their own individual start.

7.1 Each fleet must have (3) or more boats to constitute a class.

8. PRIZES: The Laser class will award the top 3 placers, as well as Top apprentice, master, great master, and great grand master as well as top finishing junior (Under 18 years old).

- 8.1 Prizes will be awarded to top 3 finishers in the Radial class.
- 8.2 Prizes will be awarded to top 3 finishers in the 4.7 class (if applicable).

8.3 Daily awards and fun giveaways are to be expected!

9. LAUNCHING AND HAUL-OUT: Launching will take place from the East parking lot of Vermilion Boat Club. There will be a ramp and dock in place for boats. Boats should only be launched when one intends to leave for racing, unless pre-arranged to dock elsewhere along the river. Boats should not hold up others from launching. Some boats will tow to and from the racecourse. There will be some volunteers assisting in pulling out the boats, however is mostly done by fellow competitors.

10. LODGING/HOUSING:

- Hotels, Motels, Bed and Breakfast, Tenting, and Aboard Vermilion Big Boats:
- Holiday Inn Express just south of the intersection of Rt. 2 and Rt. 60 on your way in. Phone: 440-967-8770.
- Motel Plaza about 1/2 mile east on Liberty Ave. Phone: 440-967-3191
- Lakeland Lodges about two miles west of town on Liberty Ave. Phone: 440-967-4497
- Gilcrest House B & B about one-half mile to the west of marina just north of downtown. Phone: 440-967-1237
- Camping: VBC is allowing our competitors to tent on the grounds for free, we simply ask that you respect our club and its members. Grass area located in between the west parking lot and VBC club house.
- Stay on a local keel boat may be arranged: Contact John Shockey or Terry Freeman (contact info below).

11. DIRECTIONS:

From the East, West or South: From OH-Rte. 2 exit onto OH-60 N/State Rte 60 N. Proceed North on Rte 60 until you come to the 2nd stoplight. Turn right on South Street then immediate left onto Main Street and cross RR tracks before coming to a stoplight (Liberty Ave.). Turn right on Liberty Ave and the Vermilion Boat Club is on the left at 5416 Liberty Ave. Vermilion, OH. 44089.

12. PARKING: Parking for Cars must be on the West Parking lot of the Vermilion Boat Club, or parallel parked in front of the Vermilion Boat Club, or across the street (areas marked by signs). Only the Lasers and dollies will be left in east (main) parking lot as members reserve the right to park in these spaces.

13. SOCIAL: Vermilion Boat Club restaurant and Bar will be open Fri. and Sat. Evenings. Competitors are encouraged to arrive Friday evening to practice and enjoy a social hour and hors d'oeuvres. Breakfast sandwiches and juices will be available each morning prior to racing. Following races Saturday enjoy an included hardy lasagna dinner (additional tickets available), free social party with sponsored draft beer, and enjoy the daily giveaways from our sponsors.

14. TOURIST ACTIVITIES:

14.1 Cedar Point Amusement Park (#1 in the World) is just a 25 minute drive from Vermilion. www.cedarpoint.com

14.2 Vermilion's Historical Harbor town and corner stores.

14.3 Historical Vermilion River Tour on the Mystic Belle river boat. <http://donparsonsmarina.com/MysticBelle.html>

16. Friday Junior Regatta: I-lya Traveler Series

16.1 "OH Boy" Junior Regatta July 18th 2014. Open to 18 and under (Laser Radial, Opti, 420, and Thistles)

16.2 More Information can be found at Vermilion Boat Club Regatta Network page or Terry Freeman.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION:

John Shockey. D18 Class Secretary and Co-Chair: e-mail: johnrshockey@gmail.com or phone (216) 386-1920

Terry Freeman . VBC event Co-chair: e-mail: terry@freeman-eckley.com or phone (440) 653-1083

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