



Laser Class District 18 Grand Prix Regatta: The Laser class' ball of the Fall!
HOST: District 18 and The Vermilion Boat Club
VERMILION, OHIO
October 2nd and 3rd 2010

Greetings Laser Sailors! I am excited to announce that the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd 2010, the Laser District 18 Grand Prix will be held at Vermilion Boat Club, located in Vermilion, OH. This year's District 18 Grand Prix has just recently found its home as the Vermilion Boat Club once again steps up to host this premier Laser event. During the last grand prix at VBC in the spring of 2008, one may recall the great times as 55 Laser sailors took part in what was a light-air yet fantastic event had by all in attendance! For this year's event coming this fall, VBC will welcome all to its famous hot chili following racing, a famous "Oh' Boy" Burger dinner, daily awards, post regatta give-ways, splash photo photography, continental breakfast both days, free water during racing, and Kegs of beer following racing Saturday night. Fall winds on Lake Erie can be very exciting as the wide open venue of Vermilion has produced tremendous waves and phenomenal Laser competition in year's past. On behalf of everyone at VBC and the Laser Class' District 18, we would love your presence at this year's 2010 Laser District 18 Grand Prix!

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES: The regatta will be governed by the 2010 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 Classes.
- 2.2 Current ILCA memberships are not required but are so if one seeks to earn Grand Prix points within the Laser class.
- 2.3 Registration will be held Saturday, October 2nd from 7:30am-10:30am. First Race will begin at 12:05pm on Saturday.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, October 1st, 2010

Arrivals and Meet and Greet
Dinner and Bar available
At Vermilion Boat Club

SATURDAY, October 2nd 2010

Registration: 0730 – 1030
Skipper's Meeting: 1030
Warning Signal Race #1: 1200
Racing followed by Chili, Oh' boy
dinner, daily's, and social event

SUNDAY, October 3rd 2010

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

4. FEES:

- 4.1 Registration Fee is \$30.00 per competitor.
- 4.2 Registration Fee includes light breakfast Saturday and Sunday, Free water throughout the event, hot chili and beer immediately following Saturday's racing, as well as famous "Oh Boy" burgers for dinner Saturday night. Trophies, daily awards, and give aways are also included in registration.

5. OPTIONAL FEES:

- 5.1 An International Laser Class Association membership is not required to compete in this event, however it is strongly recommended that if active in the Laser class, and wish to have ones Grand Prix points compiled into the National Standings. Fees: \$40 for one year, \$75 for two years; Junior Membership for one year \$35 (cannot turn 18 in 2010), two year junior membership is \$65 (cannot turn 18 in 2011).
- 5.2 Additional Oh Boy dinner tickets may be purchased for \$5
- 5.3 Additional Chili and beer social tickets may be purchased for \$5

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES: The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration Saturday October 2nd.

7. 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.

8. RADIAL CLASS: The Radial Class will only qualify as a Grand Prix District Event with a total of 7 competitors. Class will start separately with the recommended 5 competitors.

9. PRIZES: The full Laser class will have awards for the top 3 placers, along with first junior, first female, and first master.

8.1 Prizes will be awarded to top 3 placers in Radial.

8.2 Daily awards and fun give aways are to be expected!

10. 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.

11. 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

Gilchrest 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 it's members. This will be done in between the west parking lost and the grills (next to the pool).

Stay on a local keel boat *may* be arranged: Contact John Shockey or Terry Freeman (contact info below!)

12. DIRECTIONS:

From the East, West or South: Make your way to the intersection of Rt. 60 at Rt. 2. Go North o rt. 60 until you come to the 2nd stoplight. Turn right then immediate left, over the RR track to the stoplight (Liberty Ave.). Turn right on Liberty and the Vermilion Boat Club is on the left at 5416 Liberty Ave. Vermilion, OH. 44089 (Very simple!).

13. 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. 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. Continental breakfasts will be free both mornings prior to racing! Following racing Saturday we will serve Hot Chili, Beer, Oh' Boy Dinner, and daily awards directly outside of the club depending on weather.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION:

John Shockey. D18 Class Secretary and Co-Chair: e-mail: johnrshockey@gmail.com or phone (614) 256-2254

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www.laser.org

www.vermilionboatclub.com

www.vbcsc.com

<http://d18.laserforum.org/>

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District 18 Secretary Note: It is of my intention to make this regatta as fun as possible. Laser sailing has taken my brother and I around North America where we have seen, met, and sailed against terrific people of all ages, class, gender, and the like. The unique thing about the Laser class is one's ability to toss the boat on a trailer or car-top, and go to whichever venue is calling. This regatta calls to you at late notice for many reasons, and because of this, I want to be as accommodating as possible to ensure a terrific turnout and a terrific time to be had by all. Many events overcharge for registration and the sailor often feels the financial burden after everything is added up; travel, lodging, food, beverage, etc. This is why VBC has opened its doors to you, providing many of these things at cost, or no cost, making *this* trip and regatta highly desirable! Our club's slogan reads, "VBC is the place to be." It is of our sincerest hopes that you feel this way through the duration of your time while attending the 2010 Laser Grand Prix in Vermilion, Ohio!

-John

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