

Lansing Sailing Club District 19 Laser Regatta

August 22, 2009. Another great day at the Lansing Sailing Club was enjoyed by all that participated in the 2009 LSC Laser Regatta. While the weather and wind conditions changed throughout the day, feedback from the 23 Laser Sailors that participated from both sides of the State proved this to be one of the best LSC regattas ever.

This years fleet included two previous LSC Laser Regatta winners, Tom LaBelle from Rochester Hills (2001 & 2004) and Sean Fidler, from Royal Oak (2005). While the racing was close and competitive throughout the entire fleet this was especially the case among Tom and Sean. So close that the two sailors were tied with six points apiece as the final race began. - each having two firsts and two seconds and throwing out their worst result. The winner of the final race and regatta came down a tacking duel between the last mark and the finish line which was won by Sean Fidler giving him his second LSC Laser Regatta win.



Lake Lansing's Doug Carlson sailed consistently all day registering all 3rd place finishes except for his throw-out and ended up 3rd for the regatta. This year there was also a woman's class consisting of four competitors. Mary Vorel from Grand Rapids finished 5th in the regatta to top this woman's group. Mary was also the only competitor other than LaBelle or Fidler to get a 1st place finish. Prior to Saturday's racing there was a special ceremony for LSC's Ron Marshall and his brand new Laser christening her the "Jane M" before she was put in the water for the very first time.



For the second year John Fishbeck led an efficient Race Committee consisting of John LeFevre, Neil Harrison and Stephen Wagner. The team did a great job of keeping the starting line and race course in line with the shifty winds small lakes like Lake Lansing are known for.

Maribeth and Jim Fletcher with assistance from Julie Pierce set up all the fixings for the post racing "cook-it-yourself" BBQ that included steak, chicken, baked potatoes, ice cream and beverages provided by Michigan Brewing Company. After the BBQ trophies provided by Polar Bear Cools were presented to the top finishers and fantastic door prizes provided by Avon Sailboats were awarded to the lucky ticket holders. The regatta was also supported by many fleet members before and during the regatta in getting the facilities ready for hosting this annual event

Participants were very appreciative of the contributions made by all our Regatta sponsors including; **Avon Sailboats, Michigan Brewing Company, Polar Bear Coolers and Dusty's Cellars.**

Visit the Lansing Sailing Club Website at www.lansingsailing.org for complete race results and to view over 200 pictures of the event taken by Stephen Wagner.

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



Action Pictures from the 2009 Lansing Sailing Club Laser Regatta

