

Portage Yacht Club's Laser Fleet invites you to
attend its 2023

Fun First - Laser (ILCA) Invitational Racing Series

Notice of Race

1. Schedule of Events:

- Thursday evenings of May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.
- 6:30 pm warning signal of first race, multiple races will be attempted.
- There will be a brief meet-and-greet on the first evening, either as a group, or individually at your boat while you're rigging (and as needed weekly). See 3.1 and 3.2 for additional race logistics.
- Novice Laser sailors are encouraged to participate in the fun, while learning how to handle your Laser better.

2. Rules:

- 2.1 This series will be governed by the rules as described in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2.2 State law requires a USCG approved PFD for each person on board.

3. Eligibility, entry, and fees:

- 3.1 This series is open to all Lasers sailors using either full or radial sails, which may be interchanged, but must be reported to the race manager of the day for record keeping if the sail number is different.
- 3.2 Enter by completing the entry form along with the required fee. ILCA class rules apply, but ILCA membership is not required. You may enter this series at any time with a paid registration.
- 3.3 This series is layered over and is included in the full seasonal racing of the local Laser Fleet.
- 3.4 Visiting racer series fee \$65. Preregistration is encouraged for planning and email of the sailing instruction packet.

4. Sailing instructions:

- 4.1 These instructions are available on site on the evenings of this series, and/or emailed to early registrants.
- 4.2 It has worked well to email a written skipper's meeting instruction packet. This will include a link to the Sailing Instructions, a top 10+ Q&A gleaned from previous skipper's meetings, and a racing rules primer, all designed to get you started on the right foot, especially if you are new to the game.

5. Venue:

- 5.1 Portage Yacht Club (PYC), on Portage Lake, at 8900 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Pinckney MI 48169 734-426-4155 or www.ms-pyc.com or sail@chartermi.net

6. The courses, scoring and prizes:

- 6.1 The races will be sailed around movable buoys being rounded to port and will consist of no less than three legs.
- 6.2 Each evening's averaged total score per skipper will determine their overall placement for that evening.
- 6.3 If all 6 evenings have at least 1 race completed, then the skipper's 2 worst or missed evenings are thrown out. If the series is reduced to 5 evenings by a cancellation, then 1 evening is thrown-out. If reduced to 4 or less, no throw-out. This changes A2.
- 6.4 Prizes will be awarded at the Fleet's fall Invitational No Sweat Regatta Sept 23. Best 3 (minimum), furthest traveled.

7. Launching and boat storage:

- 7.1 Launch at the PYC service ramp west of Clubhouse, or by sea, or by cottage, or otherwise access the racing area.
- 7.2 You may tow-in each evening of the event, or storage is available during this series, which is located immediately across the street and is included for your convenience provided the boat is tied down to its trailer or beach dolly used for launching at the PYC service ramp west of the clubhouse.

8. Visiting participants and spectators:

8.1 Family and guests are welcome to attend and observe from Portage Yacht Club facilities during this evening series, which provide excellent views of the racing area from the upper deck. Sorry no pets, swim area use, or picnicking.

9. Venue notes:

- 9.1 Invitational series participants are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- 9.2 PYC is a tobacco-free premises, which includes any substances similarly inhaled or chewed.
- 9.3 Minimum attire inside the clubhouse is t-shirt over bathing suit and sandals, including using the restrooms.

10. Contact information:

- 10.1 Series Coordinator & Laser Fleet Captain - Rick Lyons rl@chartermi.net or 734-904-9583
- 10.2 Laser Fleet Trustee - Steve Wiseman swwiseman@hotmail.com
- 10.3 Club Office - See 5 Venue

2023 Fun First - Invitational Laser Racing Series Entry Form

Sail number _____ Boat name _____

Skipper _____ email Address _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home/Cell Phone _____ Work _____

Affiliated Yacht Club _____

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry form by Portage Yacht Club, the undersigned agrees to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing, in addition to all other rules that govern this event. Furthermore, the skipper becomes a member of Portage Yacht Club only on the series dates (May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29) from 5:30pm to 8:30, and as such accepts responsibility for the actions of his or her guests. Completion of this entry form is required.

Skipper's Signature

Entry Fee: \$65 per visiting boat

Fee includes entry to the club facility during the described event and times, racing fees and prizes.

Mail or drop off registration with check to/at Portage Yacht Club, 8900 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, Pinckney, MI 48169.