



Notice of Race

2010 Hobie Fleet 444

Regatta (LLR39)

Aug 14 - 16

Overview:

The 2010 Hobie Fleet 444 Regatta will be held in conjunction with the long-running Leech Lake Regatta in it's 39th year (LLR39).

This is a distance racing event held on the waters of Walker Bay and Leech Lake near Walker, MN.

Open to all makes and models of catamarans, Portsmouth ratings are used so any boat can place well on corrected time. By no means needed, with long reaching legs this is a great event for spinnaker boats.

Although competitive, this is a family friendly event with a wide range of experience and skill levels participating.

Race Format and Expected Schedule:

Each mornings Skipper's Meeting will provide the race course for the day. For the past few years the format has been:

- Saturday—Distance race the length of Walker Bay.
- Sunday—Distance race out on Leech Lake (course in the 35 mile range).
- Monday AM—Big triangle course on Walker Bay.

Monday PM includes awards banquet.

Event has excellent on-the-water coverage including Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Lodging and Accommodations:

Tent Camping: The host resort *The Shores of Leech Lake* has tent camping sites available with shared fire pits and nice rest room and shower facilities. Depending on the catamaran turnout

we may be provided with a separate camping area.

RV Sites are very limited at *The Shores*...reserve early.

Hotels: Walker has several hotels.

Please check the Chamber of Commerce website for options. <http://www.leech-lake.com/placestostay/>

Note: This is the same weekend as Walker Bay Days, so make reservations early if possible.

Restaurants and Groceries: Walker has several restaurants, a well stocked grocery store and several liquor stores within 5 minutes of the regatta site.

There is a great fresh fruit and veggie stand on the north side of town...stop by and get a bunch of wonderful corn on the cob.

Meals

Besides the coffee and donuts at the skipper's meetings, and the Monday awards banquet, all meals are on your own. We will have a campfire and gas grill to share. LLR does host a Sat night BBQ for those interested (see LLR link for details).

Registration:

All registration fees go to LLR39. **Hobie Fleet 444** will not collect any fees for this event.

- Pre-Register (until Aug 7th): \$75
- Registration (after Aug 7th): \$100

Includes event registration and 2 tickets to Monday's awards banquet (additional tickets available)

For additional event details and racing instructions go to: <http://www.shoresofleechlake.com/regatta.htm>

What you need:

- Dress for the conditions...Bring a wetsuit just in case. As with any event conditions can be highly variable.
- Food and drink...you could be out on the water for the better part of the day, so stock up appropriately to get you through the race and back to *The Shores*.
- VHF Radio - Recommended...If conditions change during the race, the RC can change the course. The radio is nice to be able to keep up with changes...and if you are on a cat, let them know that you are already four miles past the mark they are talking about using as the new finish line.
- GPS - Recommended...As a distance race, the little orange marks can be over the horizon, and on a cat you might be leading the parade to the next mark...it is nice to know where you are going. Basic ability to enter waypoints and input a course really helps.

Fleet Activities

TBD, but options include a group sail out to the big lake on Friday PM or a possible night sail. Class trophies for one-design groups of 5 boats or more.

We are also expecting to have our usual (several hundred dollars) door prizes to share with participants.

Please watch our website: www.fleet444.com for additional details as the event approaches.