



Mark Mendelblatt 2003 Laser Pacific Coast Champion

Jonathan Goldsberry wins in Laser Radials Tracy Usher and Jim Christopher take Masters Honors

Columbia River Gorge - Four countries were represented at this year's Laser Pacific Coast Championships hosted by the Columbia Gorge Racing Association at Cascade Locks, Oregon. Many of the competitors arrived early in the week to take advantage of the great Gorge winds for some heavy air and fresh water sailing.

The first day of racing on Friday was no let down for the heavy air Laser sailing gorillas, with winds averaging 23 mph and some peak gusts to 30. Saturday lightened up to a more typical wind speed of 17 mph, and Sunday gave the lighter sailors a welcomed relief of 12 mph. Mark Mendelblatt from Mosier, OR showed great speed in all conditions winning the PCCs seven points ahead of Andrew Lewis from Honolulu, Hawaii. The top guys legged out on the rest of the fleet when they turned their Lasers into surfboards and surfed down the leeward legs.

Tracy Usher from Palo Alto, CA was 8th overall and 1st for the overall Master class. Jim Christopher of Eureka, CA finished 1st in the Radial Masters division. The overall Pacific Coast Radial champion is Jonathan Goldsberry from Corte Madera, CA.

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Laser Pacific Coast Championships

- 1st Mark Mendelblatt, Moiser, OR - 23 points
- 2nd Andrew Lewis, Honolulu, Hawaii - 30 points
- 3rd Hamish Pepper, Auckland, New Zealand - 37 points
- 4th Brett Davis, Mosier, OR - 39 points
- 5th Mike Leigh, Vancouver, BC- 44 points

Laser Radial Pacific Coast Championship

- 1st Jonathan Goldsberry, Corte Madera, CA - 26 points
- 2nd Abe Torchinsky, Vancouver, BC - 26 points
- 3rd Luke Ramsay, Vancouver, BC - 38 points
- 4th Mark Spector, Santa Clarita, CA - 58 points
- 5th Jim Christopher, Eureka, CA - 67 points

