

GLSS ST. CLAIR SOLO CHALLENGE

September 30, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- RULES AND MANAGEMENT:** Great Lakes Singlehanded Society (GLSS) is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the St. Clair Solo Challenge. The challenge will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing for (RRS), except changes by these Sailing Instructions.
- NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board on Yacht Scoring website.
- CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Changes in sailing instructions, class splits and starting times will be posted after the skipper's meeting on Friday, September 29, 2023.
- ENTRY:** The Challenge is open to all well-founded yachts. Eligible yachts shall be properly registered with the Race Committee by completing the registration form and submitting it with the appropriate race fees in accordance with the registration application instructions, including a properly executed "WAIVER & RELEASE (Rev. 04/05/12). Skippers shall indicate on the registration form either **PHRF (long course) or JAM (short course)**.
- SKIPPER'S MEETING/CLASS ASSIGNMENT:** A skipper's meeting will be held on September 29, 2023 @ 1900 hrs. at GLYC. Final class splits will be posted after the skipper's meeting on the official notice board.
 - Late registration and a complimentary bar-b-que will be held at GLYC prior to the skipper's meeting, approx. 1730 hrs. Donations to help cover costs of BBQ, are welcome and appreciated.
- SCHEDULE OF RACES:** The warning signal for the first class will be at 0859 hours. The Race Committee may make a series of short sound signals approximately one minute before the warning signal of the first class.
- STARTING SEQUENCE:** Starting sequence and number of starts will be announced at the skipper's meeting. Classes will start in the order in which they are listed under class splits on the official notice board. The Class Flag for each class will be designated by numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 etc. that correspond to the class splits. Competitors are not required to fly class flag. **Boats shall remain clear of the starting area until the warning signal for their start!**

STARTING SEQUENCE

0859 11 minutes Repetitive Sound (horn) – Attention Sound first start only
0900 10 minutes Horn Class 1 Flag is raised (white pennant w/ red circle)
0906 04 minutes Horn Prep "P" flag is raised (Blue w/ White square)
0909 01 minutes – Prep "P" flag is lowered
0910 **START 1 HORN**– Lower Division 1 flag & Raise Division 2 flag (blue pennant w/ white circle)
0916 04 minutes Horn Prep "P" flag is raised (Blue w/ White square)
0919 01 minutes – Prep "P" flag is lowered
0920 **START 2 HORN** Lower Class 2 flag & Raise Division 3 flag (red/white/blue pennant)

0926 04 minutes Horn Prep "P" flag is raised (Blue w/ White square)
0929 01 minutes – Prep "P" flag is lowered
0930 **START 3 HORN** – Lower Class 3 flag & Raise Division 4 flag (red pennant w/
white cross)
0936 04 minutes Horn Prep "P" flag is raised (Blue w/ White square)
0939 01 minutes – Prep "P" flag is lowered
0940 **START 4 HORN** Lower Class 4 flag

8. **AGREEMENT TO ASSUME RISK:** In consideration of being permitted to enter this challenge and being fully knowledgeable of the risks of sailing as a competitive sport, all contestants voluntarily assume all risk associated with participating in this event. It shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper of the yacht to decide whether or not to start, to continue or finish the race. The skipper must assure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and know how to use same.
9. **CREW:** The crew will be limited to one experienced, capable sailor. USCG approved PFD must be worn at all times equipped as described in section 9.1.
 - 9.1 **The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society requires that a Skipper wear a Safety Harness designed and constructed for offshore sailing and be tethered to the boat at all times, however a skipper need not be tethered to the boat if they are wearing a self-inflating life jacket, with a Personal Location Beacon (PLB) registered with a current SARTSAT registration sticker, and a DSC capable waterproof VHF radio at all times when they are out of the cabin. Otherwise a Skipper shall be tethered to the yacht from the time of casting off the dock to start the Challenge until the yacht crosses the finish line and returns to the proximity of the dock. Such life jacket is to include a personal strobe and whistle**
10. **IDENTIFICATION:** Yachts shall carry proper sail numbers on mainsails, spinnakers, and sails attached to the head stay which equal or exceed 130% of the "J" measurement. Any yacht which does not have proper sail numbers on its sails must display her sail number on a white background visible from both sides of the yacht. Yachts without proper display of sail numbers may be subject to protest.
11. **MEASUREMENT, RATINGS and SCORING:** Participating yachts must submit a current PHRF or GLMA rating certificate or a rating will be given by the race committee. Yachts without a PHRF certificate may receive a rating by contacting Midwest PHRF at <https://mwphrf.org/>. The race will be scored Time-On-Distance using an accepted PHRF Rating. Entries without a Midwest PHRF certificate may be assigned a rating by the Race Committee, a minimum 6 second penalty will be assigned to the rating.
12. **JAM CLASS REQUIREMENTS:** No spinnakers, or oversize whisker poles are allowed.
13. **RADIO MONITORING:** Yachts shall monitor **VHF channel 72** while racing.
14. **STARTING AND FINISH LINES:** *Sailors should pay close attention to the shoal area South of Navigation Buoy G3! Sailors should sail North of Navigation Buoy G3 when entering or leaving the Harbor!*
 - 14.1 The starting line will be between the Race Committee boat (flying a RC flag) and the Navigation Buoy G3 marking the shoal in front of GLYC.

14.2 The finishing line will be between the Navigation Buoy G3 and a temporary mark approximately 75' North of the G3 Buoy. A description of the temporary mark will be given during the Skippers Meeting. **Mark your finish time!** The race committee may/or may not be on station at the finishing line. **Skippers are to record their own finish time and report it to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.** If possible each skipper is asked to record the finish time of the yacht finishing ahead and the yacht finishing behind.

15. TIME LIMIT: There is no time limit on the challenge.

16. INDIVIDUAL RECALL: The Race Committee may attempt to hail, or announce on **VHF channel 72**, the sail numbers of yachts subject to individual recall. Failure to transmit or receive such notification and the order in which recalls are announced will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). Yachts identified as being on the course side of the starting at the starting signal and failing to restart will be assessed a 30 minute penalty plus the elapsed time between the time started and the proper starting time.

17. MARKS: MARKS: Marks of the course are **Green Navigation Buoy GS(formerly G3)** (42.28.3'N 082.51.39'W) (Start/Finish Line), **Red Navigational Buoy #18 (R18)** – 42.25.74'N 082.48.16'W, **Thames River Entrance Buoy 'XT2'** - 42.20.410N 082.27.947W, **Red Navigational Buoy #28 (R28)** - 42° 29.67'N 082° 42.91'W, and **Environment Canada Weather Buoy '45147'** – 42.25.80'N 082.40.98'W). Mark locations are approximate.

18. COURSES:

A. PHRF LONG COURSE: Sail from the starting line to Red Navigational Buoy #18 (R18), then to Thames River Entrance Buoy "XT2", then to Red Navigational Buoy #28 (R28), then to finish at Green Navigation Buoy G3. Overall distance approximately 39.3 nautical miles. **ROUND ALL MARKS TO PORT**

B. JAM SHORT COURSE: Sail from the starting line to Red Navigational Buoy #18 (R18), then to the Environment Canada Weather buoy #45147, then to Red Navigational Buoy #28 (R28), then to finish at Green Navigation Buoy G3. Overall distance approximately 19 nautical miles. **ROUND ALL MARKS TO PORT**

C. SHORT COURSE:

I. PRIOR TO THE START - The Race Committee shall display a Code Flag "S" (white flag w/ blue square insert): Sail to the first mark, passing it on the port side, then directly to the finish.

II. AFTER THE START – 1) When a Race Committee boat (w/ RC flag) in the vicinity of a mark display Code Flag "F" (white flag w/red diamond): Round the mark to port and then sail directly to the finish. 2) When a Race Committee boat (w/ RC flag) is in the vicinity of a mark and displays Code Flag "S" (white flag w/ blue square insert): Finish by sailing between the nearby course mark and the Race Committee boat.

III. The Race Committee **may** announce the shorten course by VHF channel 72.

19. WITHDRAWALS: Participants withdrawing from the challenge are required to notify the race committee via VHF channel 72, at the earliest opportunity. If an entrant is unable to notify the Race Committee by radio, notify the nearest yacht and ask them to relay your withdrawal. **Failure to notify the Race Committee may preclude entry in subsequent events of the Society.**

20. **PROTESTS:** Submit a written protest in accordance with RRS to the Race Committee within two hours of finishing. Protests will be heard at the GLYC clubhouse. The Race Committee will inform the parties of the time.
21. **RADIO:** The GLSS Race Committee will attempt to monitor VHF Channels 16 and 72 throughout the race.
22. **AWARDS:** All participants and their guests are invited to the Great Lakes Yacht Club clubhouse following the race for “**The Big Al’s Steak Roast**” and awards presentations. A complete steak dinner will be available for \$25.00 per person. Please reserve the number of dinners in your party in advance. BYOB
23. **MOORINGS:** Limited overnight docking (Friday & Saturday nights) is available at GLYC. Prior to arrival, please contact the race committee via **VHF channel 72** for a well assignment, or call Jeff Neuhalfen @ 734-855-9447 or Jeff Golding @ 248-514-0410. Shower facilities, etc. are available in the club house for your convenience.
24. **INTERFERENCE WITH SHIPPING:** When crossing the shipping channel, yachts are forbidden to interfere with major ships (Federal Law 89-764). Any yacht violating this injunction shall be subject to protest and disqualification. All participants are hereby notified that no restriction is placed on the use of the water by other parties. Participants shall adhere to U.S.C.G. Rule 18 which reads in part "(b) A sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of: (ii) a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver."
25. **RRS 52 Exceptions:** The use of autopilots are acceptable, per GLSS rules.

REMEMBER

- **Early registration makes the whole thing run smoother!**
- Friday
 - Late registration and Bar B Que – GLYC @ 1730 hrs.
 - **Mandatory Skippers Meeting** – GLYC @ 1900 hrs.
- Saturday
 - 0859 hrs Warning Signal for race start
- Big Al’s Steak Roast Dinner approximately 1900 hrs.
- BYOB
- HAVE FUN AND SAIL SAFE

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WAIVER and RELEASE

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby **waive** any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society, the officers and directors, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official or member of such a committee) involved with the event with respect to any and all personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my yacht, including death, as a result of my participation in this event and hereby **release** to the **fullest extent permitted** by law the race organizers from any and all liability associated with my participation in this event .

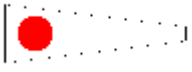

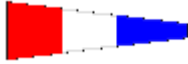





An entrant represents to the Society that his/her vessel is seaworthy, that he/she is 18 years of age or older, competent, and that the Required Equipment is aboard and in operable condition.

Entrant (print)	Signature	Date
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Owner if different (print)	Signature	Date
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If you have submitted your entry for any of the GLSS Solo Challenges via the online entry form, you must signify receipt of this waiver and that you agree with the Waiver and Release contained herein by checking the box on the online entry form. Entrants will be asked to sign this Waiver and Release at the Skippers Meeting for a written record.

Code Flags

	Code Flag Class 1
	Code Flag Class 2
	Code Flag Class 3
	Code Flag Class 4
	Code Flag "AP" Postpone
	Code Flag "P" Prep
	Code Flag "S" Shorten
	Code Flag "X" Over Early