

GREAT LAKES SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY
2024 LAKE MICHIGAN SOLO SCRAMBLE

NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

1. MANAGEMENT

1.1 The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society (GLSS) is the Organizing Authority (OA) of the 2024 Lake Michigan Solo Scramble. The event shall be under the management of the Great Lakes Singlehanded Society Race Committee, who shall have full authority in interpreting the rules and conditions for this event, directing the race management, establishing the event, and establishing the Protest Committee for the hearing of protests.

1.2 The Race Committee shall have the right to reject the entry of any skipper or boat for any reason any time prior the start of the Challenge.

1.3 The Solo Scramble will start on AUGUST 23, 2024.

1.4 The fleets will be divided into divisions or classes according to rating or handicap and other factors at the discretion of the Race Committee.

1.5 Questions can be sent to kb9ric@hotmail.com
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2. RULES

The Lake Michigan Solo Scramble shall be governed by:

2.1 The rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024) including US Sailing Prescriptions (RRS) except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 This Notice and Conditions of Race.

2.3. The Sailing Instructions and any Amendments

2.4. The Inland Navigation Rules

2.5. U.S. Coast Guard Rules and Regulations.

3. QUALIFICATION OF SKIPPERS

3.1 As used in this Notice and Conditions of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the term “Skipper” shall mean the person designated on the Entry Form as “Skipper” and who is operating the boat regardless of ownership.

3.2 An entrant shall be 18 years of age or older prior to the start and shall have single handed sailing experience on a body of water equal to or greater than the magnitude of Lake Michigan.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF YACHTS

4.1 The Solo Scramble is open to single hulled self-righting boats with permanent cruising accommodations, or multihull boats with permanent cruising accommodations. Cruising accommodations shall consist of a marine toilet legal for Great Lake waters, a permanently installed bunk and galley facilities.

4.2 The overall length limits shall be a minimum of 26 feet in length (LOA) and a maximum of 50 feet in length (LOA). Boats exceeding either of these parameters may be considered for acceptance into the Solo Scramble by petition to the GLSS Race Committee.

4.3 The safety of the boat and the Skipper shall be the sole responsibility of the owner or Skipper, who shall insure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and that the Skipper is physically and mentally prepared for the challenge.

5. ENTRY PROCEDURES AND FEES

5.1 The Race Committee shall receive the following items prior to the Solo Scramble

- A). Completed registration on Yachtscoring.com.
- B). Solo Scramble: Entry fee of \$ 70.00 payable in U.S funds to the GLSS
- C). A Waiver and Release form shall be signed and submitted no later than at the Skipper"s meeting.
- D). Evidence of Liability Insurance to cover this event, a copy shall be submitted no later than at the skipper´s meeting. Each boat shall have a minimum of \$300,000.00 Liability Insurance coverage. Insurance shall be valid for the duration of the Challenge.
- E). Rating Certificates: A copy of the boat"s PHRF rating certificate shall be submitted by August 22, 2024. A boat without a current PHRF rating will be assigned a rating and may receive a 6 sec. penalty assessed by the Race Committee.
- F). Signed copy of the recommended equipment shall be signed and submitted no later than at the Skipper"s meeting.

5.2 It is preferred that all the required documents be submitted prior to final registration via Yachtscoring.com or by email to kb9ric@hotmail.com. Please provide boat name in subject line

5.3 Entry fees are non-refundable and cannot be applied to other GLSS events.

6. REGISTRATION AND SKIPPERS" MEETING

6.1 Mandatory Skipper"s Meetings and weather briefing will be held on August 23 in conjunction with a final registration at the following locations:

- A). The location of the skippers meeting for yachts starting in Holland, MI. is TBD.
- B). The location of the skippers meeting for yachts starting in Racine, WI. is TBD.
- C). The location of the skippers meeting for yachts starting in Chicago, IL. is TBD.

6.2 Check-in will begin at 1100 local time in Holland, Racine and Chicago on August 23, 2024 with the Skipper"s Meeting commencing at 1115 hours.

6.3 Skippers shall be required to ensure that all required documentation has been provided. The following shall be submitted at registration if not previously provided:

- A). Completed registration on Yachtscoring.com.
- B). Entry fee.
- C). A Waiver and Release form.
- D). Evidence of Liability Insurance.
- E). Rating Certificate.
- F). Signed copy of the Required equipment list.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the mandatory Skippers" Meeting. The Sailing Instructions will also be available for downloading from Yacht Scoring at www.yachtscoring.com.

8. REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

8.1 The Required Equipment List for the 2024 Challenges shall be posted to the GLSS website: www.solosailors.org/mac This Required Equipment List is Highly Recommended for this race however items are not required unless listed as required in Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.

8.2 The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society requires that a Skipper wear a Safety Harness designed and constructed for offshore sailing and be always tethered to the boat. However, a skipper need not be tethered to the boat if they are wearing:

- A). A self-inflating life jacket with personal strobe and whistle AND a
- B). Personal Location Beacon (PLB) registered with a current SARTSAT registration sticker, AND
- C). A registered DSC capable waterproof VHF.

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.

8.3 The use of powered winches and powered winch drivers shall be permitted

8.4 A VHF marine radio-telephone with at least channels 6, 9, 16, 22 and 72.

8.5 Properly secured port and starboard jacklines or other appropriate method allowing the skipper to travel fore and aft on deck while remaining secured to the yacht. Securing to the yacht's life-lines to meet this requirement will not be acceptable.

8.6 All boats are required to have a functional mechanical (wind vane) or electrically operated auto-pilot installed and ready for use while racing. Wheel and tiller locks do not meet this rule.

9. DATE

The start of the Solo Scramble will be on Friday August. 23, 2024 at 1400 hrs local time.

10. COURSES

Holland

Start, 1 mile off Pier (approx N 42 46.425 W 86 14.278) to NOAA Mid-Lake Buoy ODAS "45007" (N 42 40.416' W 87 01.572') leave to Port and then proceed to finish at Michigan City Buoy "A" (N 41 45,331' W 86 58.563') Leave to Port (90.4NM)

Racine

Start, Green Buoy "1" (N 42 43.551' W 87 46.023') Leave to Port then proceed to NOAA Mid-Lake Buoy ODAS "45007" (N 42 40.416' W 87 01.572') Leave to Starboard, and then finish at Michigan City Buoy "A" (N 41 45,331' W 86 58.563') Leave to Port (87.9NM)

Chicago

Start, South end of Navy Pier break wall (N 41 52.810' W 87 35.432') Leave to Port, then proceed to the Tri State boarder (N 42 29.617' W 87 01,250') Leave virtual mark to starboard and then finish at Michigan City Buoy "A" (N 41 45,331' W 86 58.563') Leave mark to Port. (98 NM)

11. STRUCTURE OF RACING DIVISIONS

Boats entered in the event will compete in several Monohull or Multihull divisions TBD.

PHRF ratings will be used for handicapping boat performance within each monohull division. GLMRA ratings will be used for handicapping multihull boat performance. Any Skipper wishing to participate in the Solo Scramble without a PHRF or a GLMRA certificate issued within the same calendar year. If none is provided a rating will be assigned by Race Committee based off information from the Entry Form, and any other information requested by Race Committee. A six second/mile penalty shall be imposed to that rating.

The GLSS Race Committee, at its sole discretion, may assign ratings for this event.

12. AWARDS

12.1 Skippers and their guests are invited to attend the Awards dinner to be held at the conclusion of the race Saturday August 24, 2024. There will be a \$10.00 charge for each guest.

12.3 Flags will be awarded using PHRF time allowances calculated on a time-on-time basis. Flags will be awarded by using the following criteria:

Two boats in a division – 1st place.

Three boats in a division – 1st and 2nd place.

Four or more boats in a division – 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

The GLSS reserves the right to provide additional awards for exceptional passage or seamanship.

13. SAFETY INSPECTIONS

A). Each boat may be inspected upon finishing the Solo Scramble. Boats failing a post-finish inspection shall be subject to penalty at the sole discretion of the Race Committee

14. TRACKING

The use of the SPOT or Garmin InReach tracking device or the equivalent shall be optional in the Lake Michigan Scramble, but is highly recommended. The GLSS does not provide tracking devices.

15. RISK AND LIABILITY

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I “the participant” 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 .