GREAT LAKES SINGLEHANDED SOCIETY

2020 PORT HURON and CHICAGO TO MACKINAC SOLO CHALLENGES
2020 PORT HURON SUPERMAC / CHICAGO SUPERMAC
2020 PORT HURON / CHICAGO SUPERMAC and BACK

NOTICE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

1. MANAGEMENT

1.1 The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society (GLSS) is the Organizing Authority (OA) of the 2020 Port Huron to Mackinac and Chicago to Mackinac Challenges. The Challenges 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 Challenges will start on June 20, 2020.

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 racechair@solosailors.org

2. RULES

The Challenges shall be governed by:

2.1 The rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020) 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 of the Challenge and shall have at least 1000 miles of sailing experience on a water body equal to or greater than the magnitude of Lake Huron or Lake Michigan.

3.3 New entrants shall document that they have made at least one nonstop singlehanded passage under sail, on the boat being entered in the Challenge, covering a distance of no less than 100 statute miles and requiring a passage time of no less than 24 hours. If a different boat is used for the solo qualification passage, a complete description of the type of boat intended to be used in the Challenge, is to be provided to the GLSS Race Director for consideration and approval.

3.4 Entrants other than GLSS members must submit a completed GLSS Sailing Experience Resume Form showing that they meet the qualification requirements listed above.

3.5 Entrants applying for a Super Mac or Super Mac and Back Challenge must already be a GLSS member.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF YACHTS

4.1 The Challenge 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 Challenge 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 Challenge.

a. Completed registration on Yachtscoring.com A link and instructions can be found on the GLSS Mackinac Challenge web page www.solosailors.org/mac

b. **Current dues paid GLSS Members**: Entry fee for the Solo Mackinac Challenges is $250.00 payable in U.S. funds to the GLSS due by May 20, 2020.

c. Applicants must be a **current dues paid GLSS member** to enter the Super Mac or Super Mac and Back Challenge.
    a. Entry fee for either Super Mac is $325.00.
    b. Entry fee for either Super Mac and Back is $425.00
    c. Fees are due by May 20, 2020 is $425.00

d. **New Entrants Solo Mackinac Challenge:** Entry fee of $300.00 payable in U.S funds to the GLSS due by May 20, 2020.

e. A late entry fee of $50.00 in U.S. funds shall be required for any entry received after May 20, 2020. Non-GLSS member applications shall not be accepted after May 31, 2020. Entries for current GLSS members shall be accepted until June 6, 2020. However, ANY entry received after May 31, 2020 shall have a late entry fee of $100.00.

f. A **Waiver and Release** form and the **Required Equipment** list shall be signed and submitted no later than at the Skipper's meeting.

g. **Evidence of Liability Insurance** to cover this event, a copy shall be submitted by May 31, 2020.

h. **Life Raft inspection Certificate**. A valid certificate shall be submitted prior to the Skipper's final registration. A skipper may substitute a survival suit that provides appropriate thermal protection and floatation for the requirement of a life raft provided s/he also carries a Personal Locator Beacon with built in GPS positioning, 406 MHz signal, and 121.5 MHz homing capability, SPOT or the equivalent.

i. **PHRF or GLMRA Rating Certificates:** A copy of the boat's **2020 PHRF** or **GLMRA** rating certificate shall be submitted by May 31, 2020 or a penalty may be assessed by the Race Committee. A PHRF certificate that is no less than 3 years out of date shall be accepted, however a penalty of 6 secs will be assessed to the rating.

j. **New Entrants**: The completed GLSS Sailing Experience Resume Form shall be submitted no later than **May 20, 2020**. The GLSS Documentation of Solo Passage Form shall be submitted no later than **June 15, 2020.**

5.2 It is preferred that all the required documents be submitted prior to final registration via Yachtscoring.com or by regular mail to the GLSS Race Chair, Elisabeth Reichling, P.O. Box 362, Richland, Michigan 49083-0362

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

6. REGISTRATION AND SKIPPERS' MEETING

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

a. The location of the skippers meeting for yachts starting in Port Huron, MI. is TBD.

b. The location of the skippers meeting for yachts starting in Chicago shall be the Columbia Yacht Club, 111 N. Lakeshore Drive, Chicago, IL 60601.

6.2 Check-in will begin at 1600 in Port Huron and 1700 hours in Chicago on June 19, 2020 with the Skipper's Meeting commencing at 1800 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. Current proof of Liability Insurance.
b. Life Raft inspection certificate.
c. Required equipment checklist, to be signed and dated.
d. Waiver, to be signed and dated
e. Anti-Exposure suit certificate dated and signed (if applicable.)

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

8.1The Required Equipment List for the 2020 Challenges shall be posted to the GLSS website: www.solosailors.org/mac

8.2 The Great Lakes Singlehanded Society recommends 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 SARSAT 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.

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

9. **DATE**

The start of the Challenge will be on Saturday, June 20, 2020.

10. **COURSES**

10.1 Solo Challenge

a. Port Huron to Mackinac:
The Challenge shall take place on the waters of Lake Huron beginning from a starting line approximately four miles NNE of the Blue Water Bridge, to Mackinac Island as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

b. Chicago to Mackinac:
The Challenge shall take place on the waters of Lake Michigan beginning from a starting line southeast of the south end of the outer break wall to Mackinac Island as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

10.2 Super Mac Challenges

a. Port Huron to Chicago:
The Challenge shall take place on the waters of Lake Huron and Lake Michigan beginning from a starting line approximately four miles NNE of the Blue Water Bridge to Chicago as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

b. **Chicago to Port Huron**:
The Challenge shall take place on the waters of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron beginning from a starting line southeast of the south end of the outer break wall to Port Huron as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

10.3 Super Mac and Back Challenges:

a. Port Huron to Chicago and back to Port Huron:
The Challenge shall take place on the waters of Lake Huron and Lake Michigan beginning from a starting line approximately four miles NNE of the Blue Water Bridge to Chicago and back to Port Huron as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

b. Chicago to Port Huron and back to Chicago:
The Challenge shall take place on the waters of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron beginning from a starting line southeast of the south end of the outer break wall to Port Huron and back to Chicago as set out in the Sailing Instructions.

11. STRUCTURE OF RACING DIVISION

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

PHRF ratings will be used for handicapping boat performance within each monohull division. GLMRA ratings will be used for handicapping multihull boat performance. The GLSS does not give the roller furling credit (if there is one*).* Any Skipper wishing to participate in the Challenge without a PHRF or a GLMRA certificate issued within the previous three years shall be assigned the base rating for the lake based on supplied information on page two of the Entry Form. A six second/mile penalty shall be imposed to that base 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 Luncheon to be held at the Mackinac Island Yacht Club at 1200 hours on Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

12.2 All Skippers who finish the course within the allotted time and within these rules and the entry conditions set forth by the GLSS directors will be awarded a commemorative GLSS medallion* acknowledging this achievement.

12.3 Flags will be awarded using PHRF or GLMRA time allowances calculated on a time-on-distance basis using a course distance of 230 nautical miles for the Port Huron to Mackinac course, and 287 nautical miles for the Chicago to Mackinac Island course. 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.

***Late entrants may not receive a commemorative medallion.**

12.4 The **President's Challenge Cup** will be awarded to the first time finish challenger with the best corrected time in a monohull boat on each course.

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 Challenge.
b. Boats entered in the Super Mac or Super Mack and Back may be inspected before the start.
c. Boats failing an inspection shall be subject to penalty at the sole discretion of the Race Committee

14. TRACKING

14.1 The use of the SPOT tracking device or the equivalent shall be optional in the Port Huron to Mackinac Solo and the Chicago to Mackinac Solo, but is highly recommended. The GLSS does not provide tracking devices.

14.2 All entrants in the Challenges NOT finishing at Mackinac Island shall use the SPOT tracker for the Challenge and must have its internet address registered with our tracking service. Exceptions to this rule shall only be made by the Race Committee.

15. RISK AND LIABILITY

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 .