

1. RULES

The challenge will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 20013- 2016, except as any of these are changed by these Sailing Instructions as amended by the **Great Lakes Singlehanded Society**,

2. CREW

- 2.1 The crew will be limited to one experienced, capable sailor.
- 2.2 **Each sailor is required to wear a safety harness and have it attached to properly secured port and starboard jack lines 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 is not acceptable.**

3. ENTRIES

Well-founded boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority and with a properly executed "WAIVER & RELEASE (Rev. 04/05/12).

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Great Lakes Yacht Club. Notices will be posted before 0800 hrs. October 1, 2016.

5. DIVISION ASSIGNMENT SHEETS

The division assignment sheets will be prepared Friday night, September 30, 2016 at the Great Lakes Yacht Club clubhouse. Skippers shall indicate on the registration form either PHRF (long course) or JAM (short course).

The skippers meeting will be held on September 30, 2016 @ 1900 hrs. at the GLYC club house. Final splits will be posted after the skippers meeting.

Late registration and a complimentary bar-b-que will be held on the patio at GLYC club house prior to the skippers meeting, approx. 1730 hrs.

6. COURSE LOCATION

The starting area will be between the Race Committee boat (flying a RC flag) and the Navigation Buoy G3 marking the shoal in front of Great Lakes Yacht Club. ***Sailors should pay close attention to this shoal as the water levels are particularly low at this time! Sailors should sail North of Navigation Buoy G3 when entering or leaving the Harbor!***

7. THE START

Races will be started using RRS 26 and numbered flags designated in Final Division Splits as modified by these sailing instructions. The raising of the class flag for the first start on the course will be at 0900 hours.

Boats not starting in the next immediate division shall remain out of the starting box!

8. STARTING SEQUENCE

- 0859 11 minutes Repetitive Sound (horn) – Attention Sound first start only
 0900 10 minutes Horn Division 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 DIVISION 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 DIVISION 2 –HORN Lower Division 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 DIVISION 3 HORN – Lower Division 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 DIVISION 4 –HORN Lower Division 4 flag

9. RECALL

Code Flag “X” (white field w blue cross) shall be displayed to signal an individual Recall in accordance with Rule 29.2. In addition to the requirements of the Rule, the Race Committee **may** hail or announce on **VHF channel 72** sail numbers or yacht names subject to the individual recall. The flag “X” will be displayed until all early starters have restarted properly, or until one minute before the start of the next division. **Early yachts failing to restart will be assessed a 30 minute penalty plus the elapsed time between the time started and the proper starting time.**

10. COURSES**10.1 PHRF LONG COURSE**

Proceed from the starting line southerly to Red Navigational Buoy #18 (R18)
 Second leg is to Thames River Entrance Buoy “XT2”
 Third leg is to Red Navigational Buoy #28 (R28)
 Fourth and final leg returns to Navigation Buoy G3
 Overall distance approx.. 39.3 nautical miles

ROUND ALL MARKS TO PORT**10.2 JAM SHORT COURSE**

Proceed from the starting line southerly to Red Navigational Buoy #18 (R18)
 Second leg is to the Environment Canada Weather buoy #45147
 Third leg is to Red Navigational Buoy #28 (R28)
 Fourth and final leg returns Navigation Buoy G3
 Overall distance approx.. 19 nautical miles

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10.3 SHORT COURSE

A. PRIOR TO THE START

The Race Committee shall display a Code Flag “AP” (Red/White/Red/White/Red Pennant): Sail to the first mark, passing it on the port side, then directly back to the finish.

B. AFTER THE START

1. When a Race Committee boat (w/ RC flag) in the vicinity of a mark display Code Flag “J” (horizontal blue over horizontal white over horizontal blue): Sail around the mark leaving it to Port and then sail directly to the finish
2. When a Race Committee boat (w/ RC flag) in the vicinity of a mark displays Code Flag “S” (white flag w/ blue square insert): Finish the race by sailing between the nearby course mark and the Race Committee boat.
3. The Race Committee **may** announce the shorten race by VHF channel 72.

11. COURSE MARKS – APPROXIMATE COORDINATES

Navigation Buoy G3 Start & Finish mark

Lat N 42 28.30

Lon W 082 51.30

R 18

Lat N 42 25.742

Lon W 082 48.160

Thames River Entrance Buoy “XT2”

Lat N 42 20.70

Lon W 082 28.16

R-28

Lat 42 29.671

Lon 082 42.913

Environment Canada “45147

Lat 42 25.80

Lon W 082 40.980

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be the Navigation Buoy G3, **leave mark to port.**
Mark your finish time!

12.2 Each yacht will attempt to notify the race committee on VHF channel 72, 15 minutes prior to finishing the challenge.

12.3 **The race committee reserves the right to finish the race at any mark of the course prior to finishing the challenge.**

12.4 **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.**

13. TIME LIMIT

There is no time limit on the challenge.

14. 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.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 A yacht protesting another in accordance with ISAF rule 61.1 (hail protest and must display, in the rigging, a red orange pennant within a reasonable time after the alleged violation) must file a written protest with the Race Committee at GLYC after finishing and meet the requirements of ISAF.

15.2 The protesting yacht must notify the Race Committee immediately upon finishing.

16 RADIO

The GLSS Race Committee will attempt to monitor VHF Channels 16 & 72 throughout the race.

17 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 \$20.00 per person. Please reserve the number of dinners in your party in advance. BYOB

18 MOORINGS

Overnight docking (Friday & Saturday nights) is available at GLYC. Upon arrival at the club, 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.

REMEMBER

- **Early registration makes the whole thing run smoother!**
- Friday, 9/30/16
 - Late registration and Bar B Que – GLYC @ 1730 hrs.
 - Mandatory Skippers Meeting – GLYC @ 1900 hrs.
- Saturday 10/1/15
 - 0859 hrs Warning Horn for race start
- Big Al's Steak Roast Dinner approximately 1900 hrs.
- BYOB
- HAVE LOTS OF FUN

2016 St. Clair Solo 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.