

LAKE SUPERIOR 2017 SOLO CHALLENGE

2017 Trans Superior

Single-Handed Division Special Sailing Instructions

These instructions are intended as amended instructions to the 2017 Trans Superior Notice of Race (NOR) and Sailing Instructions (SI's) pertaining only to the Single-Handed Division. All requirements stated in the Trans Superior 2017 Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall apply, except as modified herein.

1. Safety Requirements and Recommendations

- 1.1. The Single Handed Division shall comply with all requirements outlined within the **GLSS Required Equipment List and Its Use (2017)** as posted on the GLSS Website. Further it is strongly recommended, but not required, for the single-handed division participants to comply with the other safety requirements for the crewed divisions.
- 1.2. **Safety Harness and Tethers:** Refer to GLSS Safety Requirements. ~~The GLSS requires that all Skippers shall wear a safety harness designed and constructed for offshore sailing. The harness must be worn and properly secured to the yacht at all times when out of the cabin from the time the boat leaves the dock to start the challenge until the boat crosses the finish line.~~

2. Other Regulations

- 2.1. **"Mandatory Radio Log and Call-in"** to report current position and operational status. Skippers shall attempt to make radio contact with other Single-handed skippers on VHF Channel 72 every 8 hours after the start of the Challenge. Skippers missing a call-in shall be subject to penalty. Channel 72 is to be monitored for 30 minutes at the appropriate times. Radio contact with other Skippers is to be logged noting the time, position and other pertinent information. A form for this Radio Log will be provided at the Single Handed Skippers Meeting.
 1. Call in times: 0400, 1200, 2000 hours CDT
 2. Skippers shall maintain a Boat Log noting position and conditions with entries recommend at least every 3 hours.
 3. Copy of the Radio Logs will be turned in to the GLSS Race Committee at the end of the Challenge.
- 2.2. **Mandatory Single-handed Skipper's Meeting**
 - a. In addition to the Trans Superior Skipper's Meeting, the Solo Division will also have a mandatory skipper's meeting to review procedures and safety requirements specific to the single-handed division.
 - b. **Time and Location:** Friday, August 4 at 1400 hours (EDT) hours at the George Kemp Marina in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Exact location to be determined, contact Mike Spence at 612-600-8969 for details.
 - c. A signed waiver and equipment list must be submitted at the GLSS Skippers meeting, unless previously submitted and on file by the Race Committee.

3. Engine Use and Propulsion

- 3.1. **Rule 42 the Propulsion Rule 42**, except as follows:
 - a. A boat that has not yet started may use engine propulsion to proceed to no closer than 200 yards from the starting area after the preparatory signal for its class.
 - b. Engine propulsion may be used to avoid a collision with commercial traffic, provided that such usage does not advance the boat's position from its original position just prior to the hazardous incident.
 - c. An engine may be used for generating electrical power provided that such use does not advance the boat's position.
 - d. All uses of the engine for propulsion must be logged and reported to the Race Committee when reporting in after the Challenge.
 - e. The use of engine power to free a grounded vessel shall be permitted as long as its use does not advance the vessel's position. Upon completion of the challenge the skipper shall be recognized for completing the Challenge, but shall be scored in last position in the division for the purposed of race results and no awards other than the medallion signifying completion shall be given.

4. Power Winches

- 4.1. The use of powered winches and power winch drivers is permitted.

5. Qualifications to Enter the Single-Handed Division

- 5.1. An entrant must be 18 years of age or older and must have a least 1000 miles of sailing experience on a water body equal to than the Great Lakes. Current GLSS members have already met this requirements.
- 5.2. Other entrants must submit a completed GLSS Sailing Experience Resume Form showing that they meet these qualification requirements.
- 5.3. In addition, new entrants must document that they have made at least one nonstop single handed 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 hour. If a different boat is used for the solo qualification passage, a complete description of the type of boat is to be provided for GLSS Board consideration for approval.
- 5.4. The GLSS Sailing Experience Resume Form and Form for documenting the 100 miles / 24 hour passage may be found on the GLSS Web site.
- 5.5. GLSS Fees: In addition to the Trans Superior entry fee, GLSS entries will also be required to paid a GLSS Race Fee of \$50 US. This fee shall be paid directly to the GLSS Treasurer prior to the Skipper's Meeting.

6. Rating – LMPHRF Certificate

- 6.1. Trans Superior Sailing Instructions, Section 6.4 requires a current LMPHRF certificate, however if a single-handed entry does not have a current LMPHRF Certificate, and they do not intend to compete for overall placement (outside of the single-handed division), they can submit what ever rating certificate they currently have to the Race Committee, and the DKC Ratings Chair, in collaboration with the GLSS Race Coordinator will assign an appropriate rating.

7. Seamanship

- 7.1. The GLSS stresses that the spirit of the Challenge is to complete a safe and seamanlike passage. The fact that a race event is being held does not condone un-seamanlike conduct in fog, traffic, or conditions of fatigue.
- 7.2. The Race Committee stresses Rule 5 of the International Rules of the Road. Every vessel shall, at all times, maintain a proper lookout by sight as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions as to make full appraisal of the situation and the risk of collision.

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